

Medical Practitioners Guide

Patient has a notifiable medical condition

N.B. any condition which may affect their ability to drive safely

How to keep the DVLA updated
with medical conditions /
medication

Guidance steps for Health Professionals:

- Advise the patient to inform the DVLA of their notifiable medical condition / medication that may affect their driving
- Inform the patient that the advice given will be recorded. Failing to notify the DVLA, may affect their insurance and is illegal
- If there are further concerns that advice has not been followed, ask permission to contact DVLA on their behalf, but if no consent is given and there is significant risk to themselves or others, as a Health Professional, you must notify the DVLA out of duty of care

useful links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/assessing-fitness-to-drive-guide-for-medical-professionals>

or

Visit www.olderdriversforum.com
visit page for GP's under 'Advice'

Yes

Confirmation needed to confirm safe
driving with a medical condition, injury or
disability

Wessex DriveAbility Accredited Driving Mobility Centre

Using specially qualified Occupational Therapists and Approved Driving Instructors, they offer Fitness to Drive Assessments, which include:

- Pre-drive consultation, where appropriate a cognitive exercise, eyesight test, reaction test and driving related physical check
- On road assessment carried out in an appropriate dual controlled vehicle, on a set route designed to assess fitness to drive
- A comprehensive report recognised by the DVLA, which may assist with licence re-application and where any medical investigations are being carried out

Phone: 02380 554100

Email: enquiries@wessexdriveability.org.uk

Website: www.wessexdriveability.org.uk

No

Refresher course and confidence
building required

Driver Skills Scheme 60+ Hampshire County Council

- Assessment and development of older driver skills to help to maintain Independence through safe driving

- Delivered from the driver's home
- Confidential recommendations reported on
- This is not a Fitness to Drive Assessment but can be used to advise medical professional of driving risks in restricted road and traffic situations

Phone: 01962 846100

Email: road.safety@hants.gov.uk

Website:

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadsafety/driver-training

More information can be found at www.olderdriversforum.com

Useful handouts available are 'Driving Safely for Life', 'Managing without a car' and 'Course Flyer'