

## OP29

# Booking of Non-Emergency Patient Transport

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## 1.0 Procedure Statement

1.1 The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust policy is that non-emergency patient transport will be booked based on a **medical need** only.

The aim of this procedure is to:

- Define the eligibility criteria for non-emergency patient transport;
- Define the booking procedure for non-emergency patient transport;
- Define the mobility categories;
- Ensure all staff are aware and understand this Transport Procedure, as well as their role in its implementation.

1.2 The relevant DOH guidance for Patient Transport Services (PTS):

- [‘Eligibility Criteria for Patient Transport Services \(PTS\)’ August 2007](#)
- [NHS Finance Manual – ‘finance arrangements for ambulance services’, January 2008.](#)

## 2.0 Definitions

### 2.1 Definition of Medical Need

*“Clinical need for treatment does not imply a need for patient transport. The principle which applies is that the patient must be able to reach and return from hospital in a reasonable time and in reasonable comfort, without detriment to their medical condition. If this is not possible, patient transport may be provided.”*

### 2.2 Definitions for Patient Mobility

The correct definition of mobility is of the utmost importance when booking transport and an incorrectly booked mobility will result in the patient missing an appointment or a delay in discharge from Hospital.

- Bariatric - Stretcher or Wheelchair

A patient who requires non-standard equipment to accommodate their weight and/or body shape and includes anyone regardless of age.

Bariatric is defined as a BMI greater than 40kg/m<sup>2</sup> and/or body weight equal to or more than 40kg above weight for height (NICE 2006).

- Stretcher

A person required to be transported in a lying down position.

- Wheelchair Patient

A patient requiring for special reasons to be transported either in or with their own wheelchair; if the wheelchair is electric, extra wide or high, you must mention this at the time of booking. It would also be useful to ask the patient if there is purpose-built access at their home.

- Two-Man Lift

A patient who can sit, but cannot walk, and requires to be lifted or carried at some point of their journey. A patient who normally walks unaided at home or hospital may need assistance to climb the steps of the vehicle and be classed as a two-man lift.

- Walking/Car

A patient who requires no more than one member of staff to assist him or her into the vehicle and who, once in the vehicle, occupies one sitting space only. It must be established whether the patient can travel by car.

### 2.3 Definitions of Eligibility Criteria

The Hospital Transport Service is **only** to be made available to patients who have a **medical need** which satisfies **one** of these specific criteria ([Appendix 5](#)):

Stretcher patients

Patients who are being transferred to another hospital

Patients who require continuous oxygen or other medical gases

Patients who require continuous intravenous support

Any patient identified as needing specialist handling

Baby in incubator.

Individual consideration will also be given to patients who have no alternative means of private or public transport available and who satisfy any the following supplementary criteria:

Patients in wheelchairs who are medically unfit to travel by any other means;

Patients with psychiatric problems or learning difficulties who are unable to use public transport;

Patients with a medical condition that would compromise their dignity or would cause public concern if public transport was used;

Patients who cannot walk without the continual support of another person or walking aid (ie.g. Zimmer frame);

Patients who experience side-effects as a result of the treatment they receive which prevents them from using private or public transport.

### 2.4 Definitions for Escorts

#### Outpatient Escorts

The designated transport staff will escort the patient to and from hospital. The Trust welcomes relatives and friends to meet a patient at their point of destination, although they will be unable to accompany the patient on their journey unless they satisfy one of the following criteria:

The patient is under 16 years of age;

The patient has psychiatric problems or learning difficulties and needs constant supervision during the journey;

The Patient is blind / hard of hearing and has requested assistance (guide dogs are accepted with prior notice);

The patient resides in a Residential Care establishment due to their medical condition;

A maximum of only **one escort**, who must themselves be fit to travel unassisted, will be permitted to travel.

### 3.0 Accountabilities

- 3.1 The Chief Executive of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, supported by the Trust Board, accepts responsibility for the implementation of this procedure. Divisional Directors, Divisional Managers and Specialty General Managers have the responsibility for ensuring full compliance within their respective areas.
- 3.2 The Directorate Manager Patient Services will ensure that any change in procedure will be communicated to all users.
- 3.3 This procedure applies equally to all employees of the Trust who have a responsibility for booking and, or assessing a patient's eligibility for non-emergency patient transport and will apply to all sites within the contracted area of the service provision.
- 3.4 It is the responsibility of Trust Managers to keep the Patient Transport Department informed and involved in all organisational / departmental developments which are likely to have an impact upon the non-emergency patient transport service. This will ensure that any changes to service provision and demand can be directed to Black Country and Staffordshire CCG's as they are the contract supplier.

### 4.0 Procedure Detail

#### Assessment of Eligibility Criteria for Non-Emergency Patient Transport

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of medical or senior qualified clinical staff to assess whether an **inpatient** meets the Eligibility Criteria for Non-Emergency Patient Transport ([Appendix 2](#)) & ([Appendix 5](#)).
  - 4.1.1 **Outpatients** attending New Cross or West Park Hospitals or Wolverhampton Community Clinics will use the Non-Emergency Patient Transport Booking Form ([Appendix 1](#)) to self-assess their eligibility for Non-Emergency Patient Transport against pre-defined criteria (see point 2.3). **Outpatients** attending Cannock Chase Hospital will need to call directly to ERS Booking Office 0330 3800 515. Transport will only be made available to those patients deemed to have met the agreed criteria. Exceptions to this are patients who need to make '**Block Bookings**' for hospital transport (see point 4.1.3).
  - 4.1.2 Patients who require a **Block Booking** for hospital transport (e.g. Renal and Oncology etc.) will need to have their eligibility status assessed and reviewed on a periodic basis. Patients will still need to self-assess their eligibility as described in 2.3. This will be reviewed every 8 weeks as circumstances may change. Medical staff can advise the Patient Transport Department if patients will need permanent transport if their condition will never change.

If continued use of hospital transport is **not** approved, the patient must be informed and advised how to appeal.

#### 4.2 One- or Two-Way Journey

Depending on an individual's circumstances and reason for attending Hospital, patients may be able to travel unassisted to Hospital but require transport after their treatment or vice versa (e.g. Renal and Oncology patients). It is the responsibility of the medical or senior qualified clinical staff to assess if the patient requires a one or two way journey and to book the appropriate journey(s) accordingly.

#### 4.3 Patient Transport Reservations

- 4.3.1 All non-emergency patient transport bookings must be made at least 24 hours in advance. This will ensure that the provider is able to channel

resources necessary to satisfy demands of the service and thus avoid NHS Trust potential delays.

- 4.3.2 It is the responsibility of the authorised member of staff who is requesting the hospital transport to contact the Patient Transport Booking office.
- 4.3.3 Patients in the community attending Trust Hospitals or Clinics are required to use the Patient Transport Booking Form ([Appendix 1](#)). ([Appendix 3](#)) outlines the appropriate booking procedure.

#### 4.4 Quality Standards

The following standards are applied to Patient Transport Services(PTS):

- 95% of planned inward journeys will be on time for the appointment;
- 95% of planned outward journeys must wait no longer than 90 minutes after booked ready time;
- 95% of unplanned journeys must have no more than a 120-minute wait;
- Once the patient has been collected, the journey to / from Hospital will be no longer than 60 minutes within 12 miles of the Hospital.

#### 4.5 On the Day Bookings (Less than 24 Hours Notice)

- 4.5.1 Patients who require same day diagnosis and / or treatment fall within the 'Urgent' and **not** the 'Emergency' patient Transport Category. Booking procedures for this category of movement are detailed within [Appendix 2](#).
- 4.5.2 All other on-the-day bookings will be subject to the availability of staff and vehicles. If transport can be provided, a collection time will be agreed between the patient / member of staff and the relevant provider.

#### 4.6 Authorisation of Non-Emergency Patient Transport

- 4.6.1 Medical staff within the Trust can authorise the use of non-emergency patient transport for any **inpatient**. However, it is recognised that in certain circumstances the assessment may be delegated to another senior qualified clinician such as a Registered Nurse, a Senior 1 Physiotherapist / Occupational Therapist.
- 4.6.2 Using the information contained within the Non-Emergency Patient Transport Booking Form ([Appendix 1](#)), staff in the Patient Transport Office at New Cross will authorise the use of non-emergency patient transport for all patients attending an **Outpatient** Department at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

#### 4.7 Right to Refuse Booking

- 4.7.1 The Patient Transport Department reserves the right to refuse any transport booking.
- 4.7.2 If a transport booking is refused, the Transport Department will give an explanation and suggest any known alternative arrangements, as suggested in ([Appendix 4](#)).

#### 4.8 Readiness to Travel

Patients and escorts (as applicable) must be ready to travel with appropriate attire at least 2 hours prior to their designated appointment time.

#### 4.9 Transport Enquiries

- 4.9.1 All **booking enquiries** for New Cross and West Park Hospitals or

Community Clinics in Wolverhampton must be directed to the Trust Patient Transport Department, Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm:  
 RWH Booking Office: Internal Extension 84999 External **01902 694999**.

All booking enquiries for **Cannock Chase Hospital** must be directed to ERS Booking Office 0330 3800 515.

4.9.2 All **operational enquires**, e.g. delays and any other problems relating to patient transport, must be directed to the Directorate Manager Patient Services:

Managers Office: Internal Extension **85571**, External **01902 695571**.

#### 4.10 Cancellations

4.10.1 If a booked patient journey needs to be cancelled, it is the responsibility of the patient and / or hospital ward or department to ensure the relevant Transport Department is urgently notified.

#### 4.11 Complaints

All complaints, appeals or incidents regarding a **Booking Decision** must be directed to the Directorate Manager Patient Services' General Office, Location A11, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton WV10 0QP. All ambulance provision complaints must be raised with the appropriate ambulance service, WMAS, contact either 01384 246370 or [pals@wmas.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@wmas.nhs.uk) or ERS, 0330 3800515 or [ersmedical.complaints@nhs.net](mailto:ersmedical.complaints@nhs.net)

All complaints will be handled in compliance with The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals Trust Policy for Complaint.

#### 4.12 Out of Hours

The Patient Transport service is a 24-hour, 7-day a week service. Please see [Appendix 6](#), (Wolverhampton) & [Appendix 7](#) (Cannock) for all out of hours contact details.

### 5.0 Financial Risk Assessment

1	Does the implementation of this policy require any additional Capital resources?	No
2	Does the implementation of this policy require additional revenue resources?	No
3	Does the implementation of this policy require additional manpower?	No
4	Does the implementation of this policy release any manpower costs through a change in practice?	No
5	Are there additional staff training costs associated with implementing this policy which cannot be delivered through current training programmes or allocated training times for staff.	No
6	Other comments	None

## 6.0 Equality Impact Assessment

This Policy has been assessed as not affecting the equality and diversity of any one particular group of stakeholders.

## 7.0 Maintenance

This policy and its related procedures must be reviewed every 3 years by the Directorate Manager Patient Services. Any updates will be agreed with the Director Sponsor involved with the Procedure prior to being agreed through Trust Management Committee.

## 8.0 Audit Process

Criterion	Lead	Monitoring method	Frequency	Committee
Monitoring of Incidents input on datix	Patient Services Manager	Routine	Monthly	Patient Services Governance Meeting
Monitoring of contracting standards	Lead CCG	Routine Reporting	Quarterly	Quality review meeting CCG and Ambulance service

## 9.0 Communication and Training

- 9.1 This Procedure once ratified will be displayed on the Trust Intranet site.
- 9.2 All staff involved must be made aware of their roles and responsibilities for application of this Procedure through local induction.
- 9.3 The Directorate Manager Patient Services will ensure that any change in procedures or important information will be communicated to all relevant staff.
- 9.4 Training of new personnel will be undertaken through Trust and Local Induction. Training of existing personnel will be undertaken by Ward and Departmental Managers.

## 10.0 References

The relevant Department of Health guidance for Patient Transport Services (PTS) is:

[‘Eligibility Criteria for Patient Transport Services \(PTS\)’ August 2007](#)  
[NHS Finance Manual – ‘finance arrangements for ambulance services’, January 2008.](#)

Trust reference for booking Transport is included in:

[CP04 Discharge Policy - Appendix 1.](#)

## 11.0 Appendices:

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## Document Control

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<b>Document summary / key issues covered:</b> <b>Booking of Non-Emergency Patient Transport</b> <b>How to book Patient Transport, eligibility criteria, process for inpatient and outpatient, other means of transport into Trust and help with travel costs.</b> <b>Black Country and Staffordshire CCG's and not the Trust are now responsible for</b>			

**contract provision. Payments are made directly with the Ambulance Company who provides the service and the relevant CCG of the patient concerned.**

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### **Ratification Assurance Statement**

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Name of author: Elaine Roberts      Job Title: Directorate Manager Patient Services –

I, Elaine Roberts the above named author confirm that:

- The Procedure presented for ratification meet all legislative, best practice and other guidance issued and known to me at the time of development of the said document.
- I am not aware of any omissions to the said document, and I will bring to the attention of the Executive Director any information which may affect the validity of the document presented as soon as this becomes known.
- The document meets the requirements as outlined in the document entitled Governance of Trust- wide Strategy/Policy/Procedure/Guidelines and Local Procedure and Guidelines(OP01).
- The document meets the requirements of the NHSLA Risk Management Standards to achieve as a minimum level 2 compliance, where applicable.
- I have undertaken appropriate and thorough consultation on this document and I have detailed the names of those individuals who responded as part of the consultation within the document. I have also fed back to responders to the consultation on the changes made to the document following consultation.
- I will send the document and signed ratification checklist to the Policy Administrator for publication at my earliest opportunity following ratification.
- I will keep this document under review and ensure that it is reviewed prior to the review date. Signature of Author: Elaine Roberts

Date:13/10/2021

Name of Person Ratifying this

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Signature:

To the person approving this document:

Please ensure this page has been completed correctly, then print, sign and email this page only to: The Policy Administrator

## Implementation Plan template for Policy / procedural documents

To be completed showing all implementation requirements and attached to the policy when submitted to the appropriate committee for consideration / approval.

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<b>Previous document already in use?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Implementation lead:</b>	<b>Elaine Roberts</b> <b>Ext 85571</b>
<b>If yes, state name, in what format and where located?</b>	OP29/ Intranet/PDF		
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<b>Implementation Issue</b>	<b>Action Summary</b>		<b>Action lead / s</b> <b>[Timescale for completion]</b>
Training Consider 1. Mandatory training approval process 2. Completion of mandatory training form	Medical staff authorise PTS for inpatients/booking office staff authorise PTS for outpatients		Elaine Roberts
Development of Forms, leaflets etc. Consider 1. Type 2. Quantity required 3. Where they will be kept / accessed 4. Where stored when completed	Leaflets are prepared by Medical Illustration and ratified by committee. Booking forms available and completed ones kept for 3 months		Elaine Roberts
Policy / Procedure communication Consider 1. Key communication messages from the policy / procedure, who to and how?	Policy has been in existence for many years and is already established within the Trust - updates are communicated through divisional meetings and intranet. New Procedure will be distributed via email		Elaine Roberts
Financial cost implementation Consider 1. Business case development	No cost implications for implementations		
<b>Other specific Policy issues / actions as required e.g. Risks of failure to implement, gaps or barriers to implementation</b>	Eligibility Criteria set by W'ton and South Staffs CCG's who are responsible for both the contracted provision and payment to the supplier		

**Sample booking form only**

**PATIENT TRANSPORT BOOKING FORM (Wolverhampton bookings)**

**Your Details**

Name:  
Address:  
Post code:  
Contact Tel No:  
Date of Birth:

**Your Appointment Details**

Which consultant/clinic are you going to?  
.....  
Date.....Time.....  
Hospital Number.....  
Contact Tel No.....

**Please tell us why you need Hospital Transport:**

**Please tick any statements which apply to you:**

- |  |                         |                          |                                       |  |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| I can walk                                     | - Without any help      | <input type="checkbox"/> | I must travel in my own wheelchair    | <input type="checkbox"/>                   |
|  | - With 1 person helping | <input type="checkbox"/> | My wheelchair is                      | - Standard <input type="checkbox"/>        |
|  | - With 2 people helping | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                       | - Electric <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| I cannot walk at all                           |                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                       | - Extra wide/high <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I do not have my own wheelchair                |                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is purpose built access at home | <input type="checkbox"/>                   |
| I can travel in a car                          |                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | I need oxygen on the journey          | <input type="checkbox"/>                   |
| I cannot travel in a car and need an ambulance |                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | I need to lie down on the journey     | <input type="checkbox"/>                   |

**Escorts**

I need someone to travel with me Yes  No

If you are requesting someone to travel with you, please tell us why:  
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Do you receive any mobility / DLA allowance to help with your transport requirements: Yes  No

Do you have the use of a mobility car: Yes  No

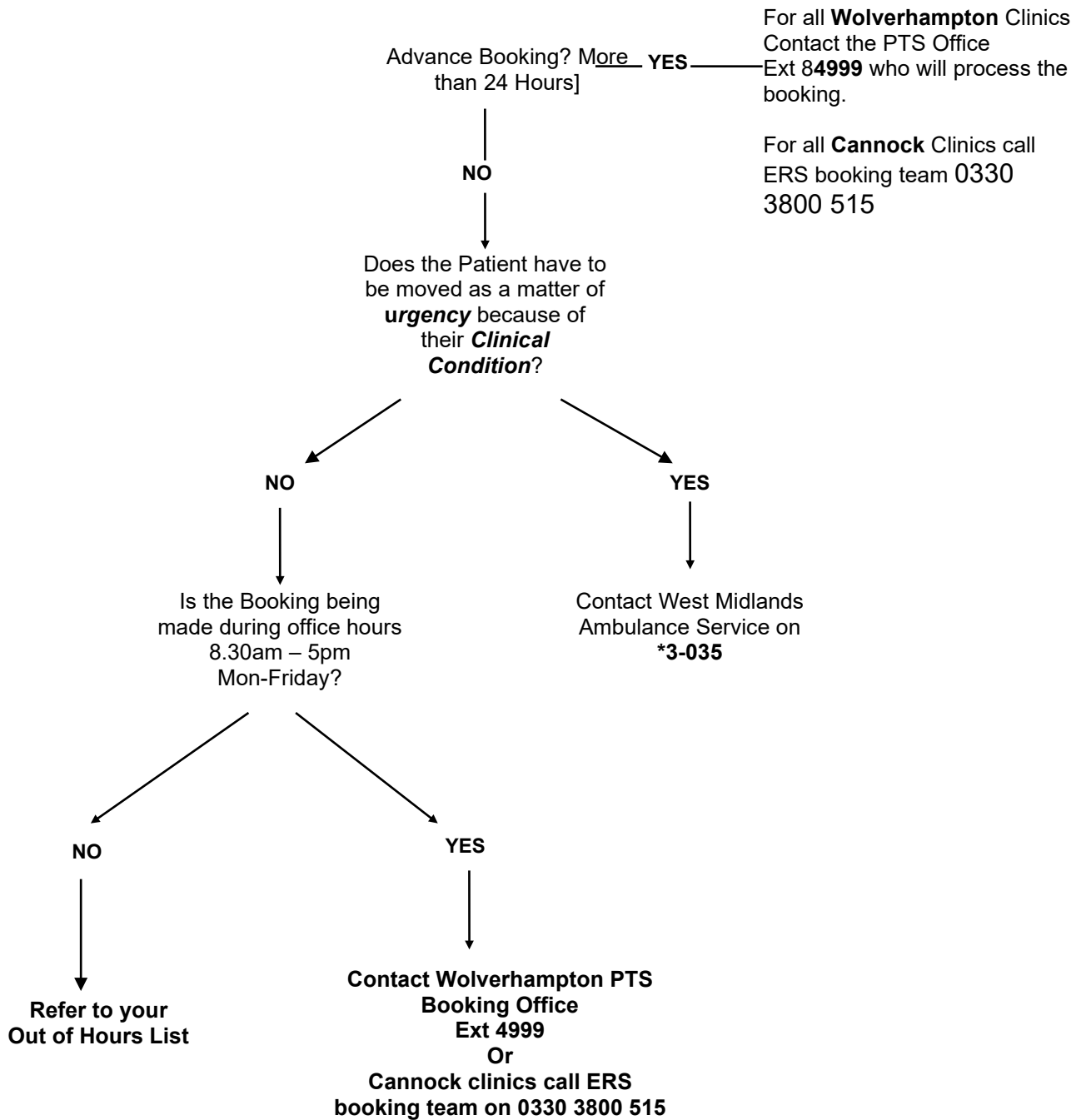
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Mobility of patient.....Department.....

Comments.....

Authorising Officer.....

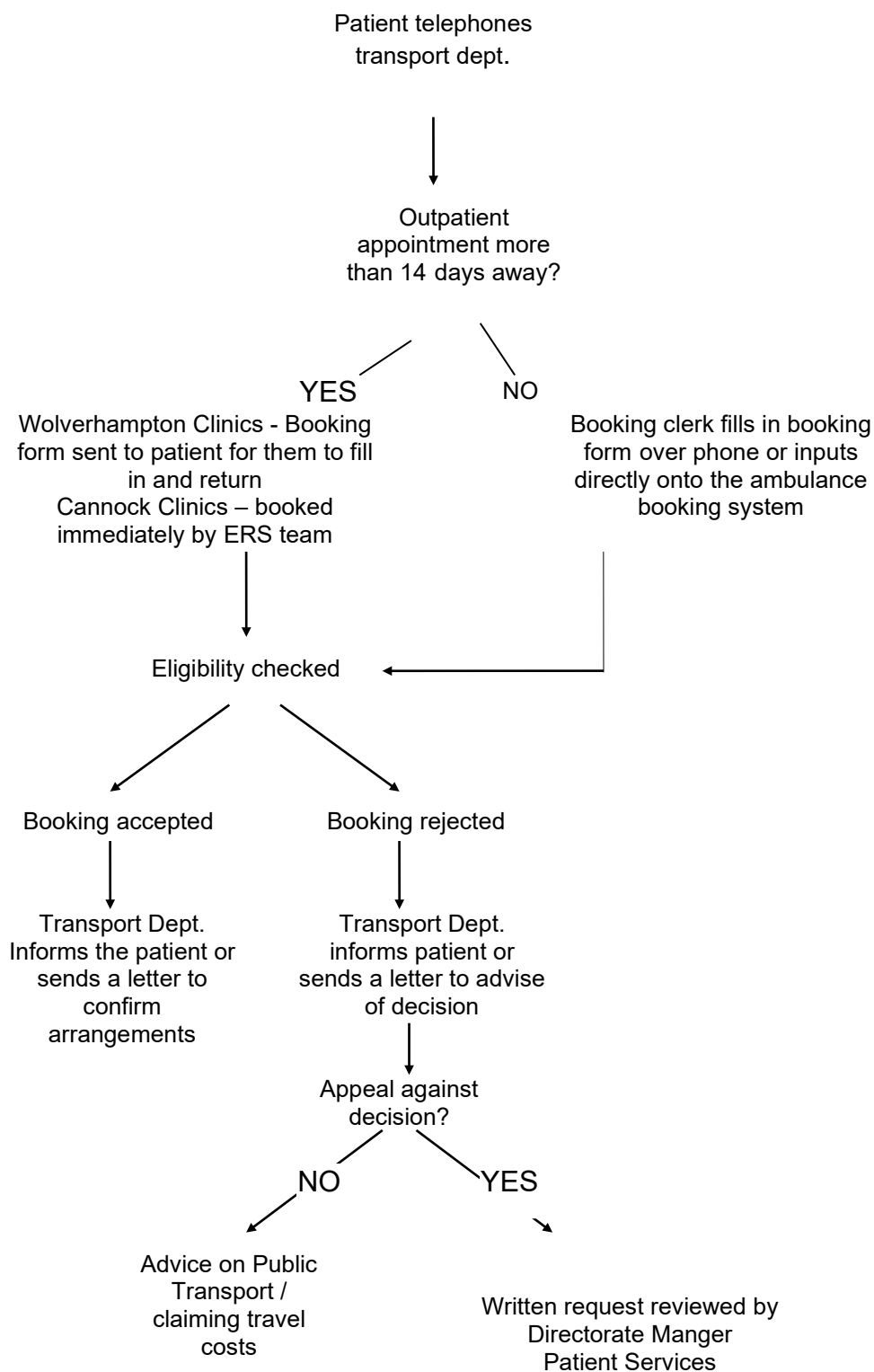
**INPATIENT and BLOCK Transport Booking Procedure**



**PLEASE NOTE: IF A PATIENT HAS TO BE MOVED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN THEIR CLINICAL CONDITION PLEASE CONTACT THE PATIENT TRANSPORT DEPT**

In the Event of a Cancellation Please use the Same Telephone Numbers

**OUPATIENT Booking Procedure**





## ALTERNATIVE ASSISTANCE TO TRANSPORT

### Help with Hospital Travel Costs

For some patients, travel to hospital can present difficulties – for example, because of the cost, the length or complexity of the journey, or the lack of access to private or public transport. Financial help is available under the Hospital Travel Cost Scheme to patients who do not have a medical need for Ambulance transport and who cannot meet the cost of travel. Patients can claim if they receive:

- Income Support;
- Income based Employment & Support Allowance (ESA(1B));
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA(1B));
- Universal Credit and meet the criteria;
- Working Tax Credit (WTC);
- Child Tax Credit (CTC);
- Persons named on current HC2 or HC3 Certificate;
- Pension Credit - Guaranteed Credit;
- Patients living permanently in a care home or accommodation provided by a local authority;
- Asylum seekers for who support is provided under Part V1 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999;
- Children 16 or 17 being supported by a local authority.

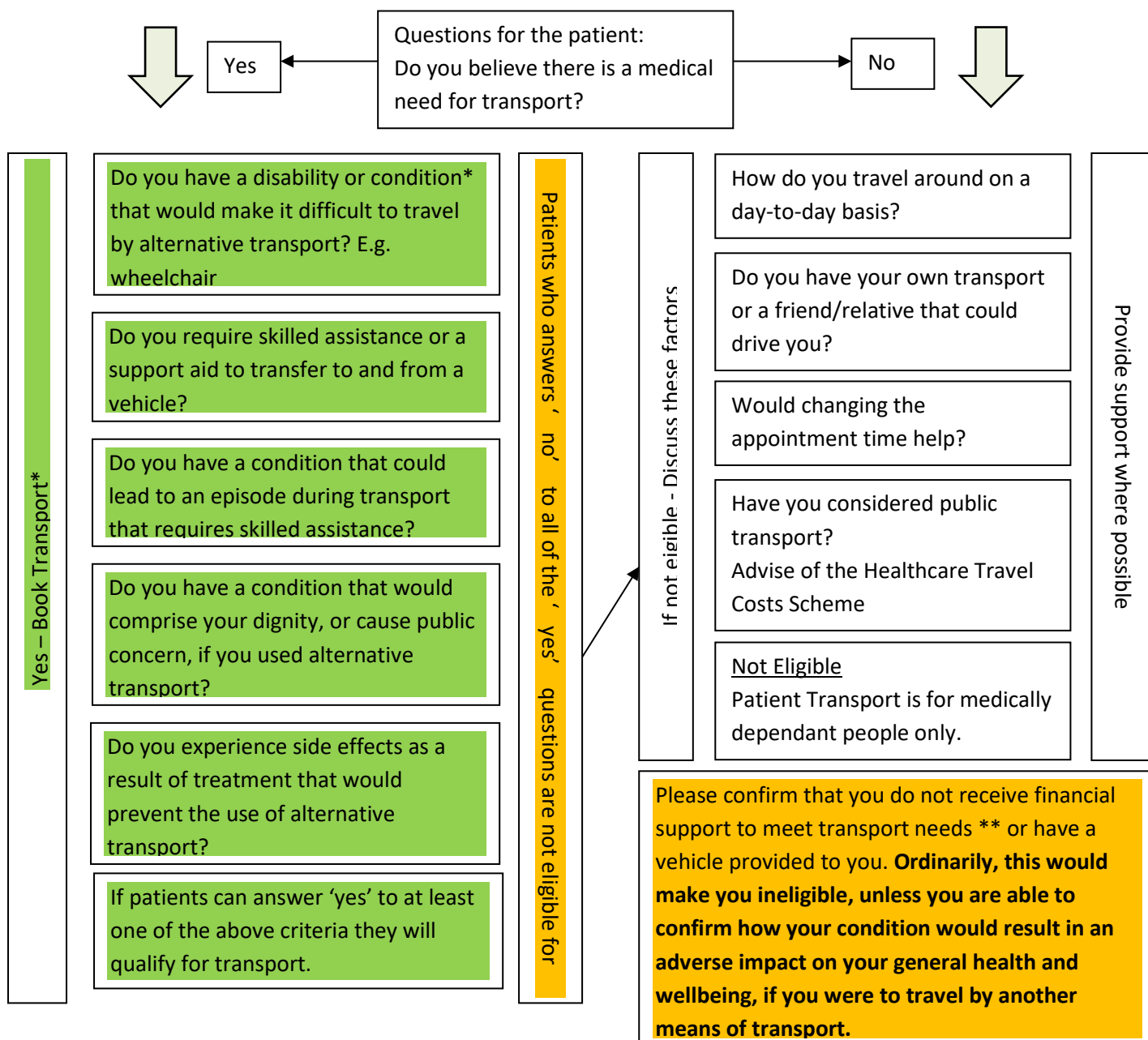
The patient can get more information on eligibility in Leaflet HC11, ***Are you entitled to help with Health costs?*** Patients will need to use form HC5 to claim any costs, as well as proof of entitlement and receipts from any travel, both forms are available from DSS offices, NHS Hospitals and any Main Post Office.

### Voluntary Transport Services

In addition to bus, rail and taxi services, certain areas offer voluntary car services which the patient will need to arrange themselves. Information on these services can be obtained from:

Directorate Manager Patient Services  
Internal Extension 4999 or 5571 –  
External 01902 694999 or 695571.

## Patient Transport Service Eligibility Criteria



\*Medical need, disability or condition:

- Do you need to travel lying down due to a medical need?
- Do you require oxygen or other medical gases while you travel?
- Do you require intravenous support while you travel?
- Do you have a physical dependency, learning or mental health problem?

Escort Criteria:

- Friends/relatives are welcome to meet the patient at their destination point.  
Escorts must only be conveyed if:
- There is a medical need i.e. physical dependency, communication, learning or mental health problem.
  - The patient is under 16 years of age.
  - The patient resides in a residential care establishment due to a medical condition.
- Please note – all escorts must be fit and well, and not require assistance.

Advice

- If your condition improves or you no longer require transport, please contact your booking service and cancel transport. Always wear appropriate outdoor clothing ready and be ready for collection two hours before your appointment time.
- \*\*Disability Living Allowance Mobility component or equivalent.

## NON-EMERGENCY PATIENT TRANSPORT - OUT OF HOURS

**\*\*\*NEW SERVICE FROM 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2021\*\*\***

Patient Transport Services **must** be requested according to the CCG that the patient is listed against, this can be checked by looking at Portal or PAS next to their GP detail.

If a patient is listed with Cannock Chase CCG - Stafford and Surrounds CCG – East Staffordshire CCG – South East Staffs & Seisdon CCG – Stoke-on-Trent CCG – North Staffordshire CCG you will need to call - \*3 108 – and book with ERS transport services

All other CCG patients will still be transported by West Midlands Ambulance Service call speed dial \*3 171 as normal and book transport.

<b>ERS Patient Transport Services -</b>	
<b>Mon – Fri</b>	<b>5pm - 8:30am - Speed dial *3 108</b>
<b>Sat, Sun &amp; Bank Hols.</b>	<b>All times – Speed dial *3 108</b>

<b>West Midlands Ambulance Service</b>	
<b>Mon – Fri</b>	<b>5pm – 8:30am - Speed dial *3 171</b>
<b>Sat, Sun &amp; Bank Hols.</b>	<b>All times – Speed dial *3 171</b>

West Midlands Ambulance Service and ERS PTS are our contracted ambulance services working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including Bank Holidays. Please call the numbers above when the PTS Office has closed for any Non-Emergency Patient Transport journeys.

There is no reasonable distance which cannot be covered Out of Hours, however long distance journeys (ie over 40 mile) would require 48 hours notice.

**During normal working hours between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday – Friday, all requests must be made through the PTS Office Extension 84999.**

### **URGENT/EMERGENCY CASES**

**West Midlands Ambulance Emergency service**

**\*3 - 035**

**For further information contact Elaine Roberts, Directorate Manager Patient Services 85571 or Mobile 07920786002**

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**CANNOCK HOSPITAL**  
**NON-EMERGENCY PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICES**

**NEW SERVICE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021\*\*\***

**Patient Transport Services will change to:-**

**ERS Medical Transport Services**

**from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 for Cannock Hospital.**

**Bookings can be made through ERS Medical booking office  
on:-**

**\*3 108 from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

**Full number is 0330 3800 515 to give to patients**

**Any queries, concerns or incidents for The Royal  
Wolverhampton NHS Trust patients at Cannock can be  
escalated to Elaine Roberts, Directorate Manager Patient  
Services, or her team at RWT on 01902 694999 or 01902  
695571**

**Elaine Roberts  
Directorate Manager Patient Services  
RWT**

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