

Analysis of current school/college transport provision by other Local Authorities – 2013/14

Neighbouring authorities						
Authority	Faith School	Comments	Post 16 Mainstream School or College	Comments	Post 16 SEN	Comments
Bradford	✓	Post 16 phased out from 2012	x	Metro concessionary fare only	✓	16+ full offer provided
Calderdale	x	From Sept 2014 phased out for new applications	x	Metro concessionary fare only	✓	Up to age 19, based on assessment
Kingston upon Hull	x	From Sept 2014 phased out for new applications	x	Bursary only. Local authority has limited funding for young people who cannot access other funding. Subject to assessment.	✓	Subject to assessment and to age 25
Kirklees	✓	Consultation proposed	x	Metro concessionary fare only;	✓	Contribution required £1.36 per day
Lancashire	✓	Free travel for awards before Sept 2011; from Sept 2011 contribution of £380pa required	x	No support whatsoever	✓	Subject to assessment and to age 25. Provision of taxi/minibus/escort
Wakefield	x	From Sept 2013 phased out for new applications	x	Metro concessionary fare only	✓	Contribution required; equivalent to School Plus MetroCard
North Yorkshire	x	From Sept 2012 phased out for new applications	✓	Contribution of £350 pa required	✓	16+ full offer provided
North Lincolnshire	x	Phased out from c.2008	✓	Contribution of £30pa required towards cost of pass to nearest sixth form or college, as per assessment	✓	Contribution of £30pa required. Full offer to 25
City of York	x	From Sept 2013 phased out for new applications	✓	Means tested	✓	Subject to assessment

Core Cities						
Authority	Faith School	Comments	Post 16 Mainstream School/ College	Comments	Post 16 SEN	Comments
Birmingham	✘	From Sept 2013 phased out for new applications	✘	Concessionary fare only	✓	Up to age 19. Contribution required - £600 pa; £300 for low income
Bristol	✘	From Sept 2012 phased out for new applications	✓	Assessed on case by case basis	✓	Up to age 19 for max 3 years. Contribution possibly required & DLA taken into account
Liverpool	✓	No plans to withdraw	✘	Withdrawn from 2012	✓	16+ based on assessment
Manchester	✓	No plans to withdraw	✓	Based on assessment	✓	Up to age 19. Based on assessment
Newcastle	✘	From Sept 2014 phased out for new applications	✘	Concessionary fares only	✓	Subject to assessment. Support only provided to establishments in the Newcastle area.
Nottingham	✓	Primary schools only. Secondary provision withdrawn from September 2013	✘	Concessionary fares only	✓	Subject to assessment
Sheffield	✘	Phased out by Sept 2015	✓	Means tested	✓	Up to age 25. Based on assessment
Statistical neighbours						
Authority	Faith School	Comments	Post 16 Mainstream School/ College	Comments	Post 16 SEN	Comments
Bolton	✘	From Sept 2012 phased out for new applications	✘	Concessionary fare only	✓	Up to age 25. Based on assessment
Calderdale	See above – neighbouring authority					
Darlington	✘	Information not available	✓	Flat rate grant of £180 to all f/t students	✓	Up to age 24. Based on assessment

Derby	✘	Phased out “some time ago”, before 2011	✘	Concessionary fare only	✓	Up to age 25. Based on assessment
Kirklees	See above - neighbouring authority					
Milton Keynes	✘	From Sept 2012 phased out for new applications	✘	Concessionary fare only	✓	Up to age 25. Based on assessment. Contribution required
North Tyneside	✓	No plans to withdraw	✘	Concessionary fare only	✓	Up to age 25. Based on assessment. Contribution required.
St Helens	✓	No plans to withdraw	✘	Concessionary fare only	✓	Up to age 25. Based on assessment
Stockton-on-Tees	✓	No plans to withdraw	✘	Concessionary fare only	✓	Up to age 25. Based on assessment

Notes:

1. A ‘✓’ signifies that an offer is currently made in this area of discretionary transport delivery. They are not all the same but have similar features
2. A ‘✘’ signifies that the service has either been completely withdrawn or is in the process of being phased out over a period of time. This differs by authority

Summary:

- 3 out of 5 of our neighbouring authorities have withdrawn non-statutory free travel to faith schools (“faith transport”)
- 4 out of 6 of the Core Cities have retained faith transport
- All but one of our statistical neighbours have withdrawn faith transport
- There is a consistency of approach throughout all comparators that post 16 support is limited to the basic availability of any wider concessionary fare scheme, which is either available to all young people or just those in learning
- All 16 – 19 year old students may be able to access bursary funding administered locally by their school or college
- No local authority has withdrawn post 16 SEN transport but a significant number request a fixed contribution ranging from £30 to £600pa
- Many of the comparators fund SEN transport up to age 25