

# Blue Badge Application Form – Eligibility Checker

**This eligibility checker is for the Mental Disorder / Cognitive Impairment Extension – 12 Month Pilot Scheme.**

To be eligible for a Blue Badge under this policy, the applicant must;

“as a result of a diagnosed mental disorder or cognitive impairment, have no awareness of danger from traffic and is likely to compromise their safety, or the safety of others.”

There are two ways to determine eligibility;

**1. You will qualify for a Blue Badge without further assessment** if you or the person on whose behalf you are applying are aged three years or over and:-

- a) have a diagnosed mental disorder or cognitive impairment and can provide a letter that confirms this diagnosis **and**
- b) is in receipt of either
  - (i) the **higher** rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
  - (ii) the **higher** rate of Attendance Allowance (AA)
  - (iii) has been awarded at least **twelve** points in respect of activity 7 (communicating verbally), activity 8 (reading and understanding signs, symbols and words) and activity 9 (engaging with other people face to face) of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**\*\*\*Please note that points can be accumulated from each of these activities\*\*\***

**and**

- c) a healthcare professional (excluding a GP) or a registered social worker can confirm that the applicant meets the definition by completing the questionnaire in Section 3 of this application form.

**2. You may qualify for a Blue Badge following an assessment by the local authority** if you or the person on whose behalf you are applying are aged three years or over and

- a) have a diagnosed mental disorder or cognitive impairment and can provide a letter that confirms this diagnosis **and**
- b) is in receipt of either
  - (i) the **middle** rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
  - (ii) the **lower** rate of Attendance Allowance (AA)
  - (iii) has been awarded at least **eight** points in respect of activity 7 (communicating verbally), activity 8 (reading and understanding signs, symbols and words) and activity 9 (engaging with other people face to face) of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**\*\*\*Please note that points can be accumulated from each of these activities\*\*\***

**and**

- c) a healthcare professional (excluding a GP) or a registered social worker can confirm that the applicant meets the definition by completing the questionnaire in Section 3 of this application form.

**All Badges awarded under this extension of the scheme will be valid for a 12 Month period**