

	Report from Reach
	Report on How changes to bus pass rules are affecting people's lives
	Report to Stoke on Trent Learning Disability Partnership Board

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Changes to Bus Passes



At the last Partnership Board, MPs asked about how not being able to use a bus pass before 9:30am will affect people with a learning disability.



Kevin Day found some more information about the rule changes and Reach shared this information with MPs and Experts at the last Parliament meeting.



MPs and Experts talked about the changes and they were still worried about how people will be affected by them.



This report has some of the things people said and asked about what happens now the rules have changed.



People were mostly worried about:

- how much this will cost
- how people will get where they want to go on time.

What People Said



“If people have to pay to get on the bus every morning they’ll be skint. People don’t have the money to do that.”



This Reach member also said people with a learning disability don’t have much money to spend and sometimes don’t control their own money.



“What about people on work placements and voluntary work? If they’ve got be out before 9:30 are the placements going be prepared to pay their bus fare? Give it ‘em back? I’ll give you the answer, no.”



“It will cause all kinds of problems. People will need move their health appointments. They won’t be able afford go to early ones.”



“Changing rules will stop people doing what they want to do.”

What People Want to Know



“There’s already problems at Riverside. Some people are getting there late because they can’t use the bus early enough. Other people are waiting for them and getting angry.”



“What about people going to college? They can’t be late for classes so they need get the bus early. It costing money that some of them haven’t got.”



Reach members wanted to know how people will be supported to still do the things they want to.

Will work placements and services start later so people can get there on time?



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