

Independent Travel Training Consultancy Service **Service Objectives**

To provide an empowering service that delivers specialist training for workers to enable the promotion of independence of young people (post 14 with SEN), focussing on that individual's transition, transport and travel needs.

The ITTCS team are based in CYPF directorate within BCC. The Birmingham Strategy is driven by 'Brighter Futures', its response to The Children's Act 2004 from which Every Child Matters.

Every Child does matter to ITTCS and through the 5 outcomes and a commitment to build on 'what works' we are meeting the needs of young disabled people and carers, Birmingham's workforce and policy makers.

Whatever ITTCS delivers it will not be in isolation. Effective partnerships are crucial to its work as are the needs of stakeholders and its customers.

Our role is to ensure that this vulnerable client group and all workers are safe, therefore high quality training, risk assessment, developing and implementing policies and procedures are high up on our agenda.

We embrace honest feedback from all our customers and stakeholders. We endeavour to do things right rather than quickly. Simultaneously following all BCC's policies and procedures and embracing BEST in the way our service is delivered and the team functions.

ITTCS works interdependently with Education Transport and Escort Liaison Service to ensure that lines of communication are kept open around the needs of the young person and each service

ITTCS' Priorities for 09/10

Our aim is to achieve four primary outcomes for academic year 2009/10

- To continue to develop and deliver a high quality Independent Travel Training Service to 14 – 21 year old statemented young people.
- To continue to develop a workforce that is appropriate to deliver the above
- To support BCC develop the team through the changes that the Business Transformation is bringing about in Birmingham
- To continue to communicate with and inform organisations on matters that relate to travel, transport and disability

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The Independent Travel Training Consultancy Service offers independent travel training as a step towards independence. We work with a number of SEN schools to develop a programme promoting Independence through Transport and Travel that is specific to meeting the needs of the young people.

The team is working in the selected schools to bridge the gap between home to school transport and independence by developing a 'phased' approach called "Step-by-Step to Independence".

Young people learning to travel independently is our aim.

As a result of the training many young people, post-14, are already trained to travel independently as well as many still learning.

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