

FAILAND VOLUNTEER DRIVERS HOSPITAL TRANSPORT SERVICE

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This service is designed to offer transport facilities to medical appointments for Failand residents, living within the Triangle and Lower Failand, who would find difficulty travelling to such appointments. It operates during working hours, Monday to Friday.

Patients requiring transport make their request by telephoning the co-ordinator. The co-ordinator sources a driver, who will then phone the patient to arrange the details.

It is not a free service. The patient is required to pay expenses to the driver according to a fixed scale, but the cost is substantially less than a commercial taxi. Eg a return trip to the Doctor's surgery in Long Ashton is £5. Patients can be accompanied by a friend or relative at no extra cost.

The service was inaugurated in August 2005, and has been appreciated by many residents. At this time, there were seventeen volunteer drivers. Now there are only three, and the scheme may have to be wound up unless more drivers come forward. If you feel you could offer some time to help fellow residents in the community, please contact the co-ordinator.