

INFORMATION PROJECT - DISABLED AND HANDICAPPED PASSENGERS
ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN GREATER MANCHESTER

Objectives:

- * To research existing facilities which could be sensibly used by all categories of disabled and handicapped people on public bus and rail services in Greater Manchester.
- * To establish the basis for improved information to be made available to the disabled and handicapped.
- * To research and suggest any improvements in service patterns and procedures, physical design of vehicles and premises etc.
- * To produce any literature and publicity material which derives from the research outlined above.

Action Plan:

1. It is suggested that an initial feasibility study be carried out over a period of three months by either a disabled or handicapped person or somebody with experience in that field. Particularly in the feasibility study phase, a fairly high degree of mobility will be essential as will the academic qualifications necessary to undertake the level of research required.
2. The feasibility study may set the parameters and basis for a more major research and implementation programme over a period of 12 months which may or may not mean involving additional staff on the project.
3. Funding is being sought from a variety of sources.

ADAPT are co-operating with the Passenger Transport Executive in developing this project.

4. For the feasibility study, initial research could be located within the Public Relations section of Greater Manchester Transport at Magnum House. If, following the first three months an increased number of people are involved then it may be necessary to transfer the project to the premises of GMCVS or some other part of the PTE, or any other relevant organisation connected with ADAPT in Greater Manchester.