

Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

4 September 2018

Public Transport Review Update

1. There has been little in the way of integration between Non-Emergency Passenger Transport Services (NEPTS) and Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) transport.
2. Some discussion has been had between Wiltshire CCG, Wiltshire Council and the current provider of NEPTS in Wiltshire, ARRIVA Transport Solutions (ATS). The discussion was around ATS utilising the limited fleet of wheelchair accessible vehicles owned by Wiltshire Council (8 vehicles), and based at Larkrise School in Trowbridge, on a sub-contracting basis, in order for them to fulfil their contractual obligations on behalf of the CCG. The suggestion was that during the down time (9.15am – 2.30pm) the vehicles could fulfil trips to the local hospitals and health facilities.
3. Unfortunately, after considering the offer, the school are unable to provide the service as a sub-contractor, due to the legislation applied to the licensing of the vehicles, which doesn't permit them to be used to generate an income.
4. Wiltshire CCG has varied their contract with ATS to remove the element that requires them to determine eligibility. That function will now be provided by one of the CCGs in Somerset, who are already fulfilling this function on behalf of a number of other CCGs across the South West

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