



Imtac Work Programme 2010/2011

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Introduction

- 1 Imtac is a committee of disabled people and older people as well as others including key transport professionals. Our role is to advise Government and others in Northern Ireland on issues that affect the mobility of older people and disabled people.
- 2 Our aim is to ensure that older people and disabled people have the same opportunities as everyone else to travel when and where they want.
- 3 Imtac receives support from the Department for Regional Development.

About our Work Programme

- 4 The role of Imtac was defined in the Accessible Transport Strategy (ATS) published by the Department for Regional Development in 2005. The ATS requires Imtac to publish a work programme each year “detailing such transport matters that affect older people and people with disabilities (disabled people) as the committee think appropriate.”
- 5 Our work programme 2010/2011 reflects this requirement and is based on key issues identified through consultation with our stakeholders including disabled people, older people and their organisations, policy makers, transport providers and other key stakeholders including the Consumer Council and Equality Commission.
- 6 Imtac routinely undertakes a number of key tasks as requirements of the Accessible Transport Strategy. The Work programme actions/tasks are undertaken in addition to these tasks. These routine tasks include:

- Responding to consultations
- Responding to requests for advice and information from our stakeholders
- Raising issues relevant to older people and disabled people with our stakeholders
- Distributing information about services and policies to our stakeholders
- Holding a open and accessible recruitment process for members of Imtac each year
- Consulting on our work programme each year
- Providing training and support to members
- Holding at least 4 meetings of Imtac each year
- Submitting a report in June each year to the Minister for Regional Development outlining our achievements and advice to the Minister on transport matters that affect older people and disabled people as the committee think appropriate
- Introduce measures to involve a wide range of older people and disabled people in the work areas of imtac

Work Programme Tasks 2010/2011

- 7 The following are tasks to be undertaken by Imtac in the next year. Each task will be undertaken by one of Imtac's three working groups. Each working group will identify and agree the best way to achieve each task.

Personal Mobility Group

Task 1

Advise DSD on the development of public realm schemes in our towns and cities to ensure improvements build in accessibility for disabled people and older people

Task 2

Proactively engage with Roads Service, Sustrans and others to ensure inclusive design around cycling and pedestrian facilities

Task 3

Support partners to undertake activities relating to the Baywatch Campaign in Northern Ireland – the Baywatch Campaign seeks to end the misuse of accessible parking provided for disabled people

Task 4

Work with Roads Service on policies around parking enforcement and support actions to ensure better mobility for older people and disabled people

Task 5

Proactively engage with the Driver Vehicle Agency to influence policies around licensing, driving assessments and driving instruction and support actions to ensure greater mobility for disabled people and older people

Task 6

Advise Roads Service on the development of traffic management plans for towns and cities to ensure good access for disabled people and older people

Task 7

Develop and publish a policy paper on the use of wayfinding technology in improving access to the pedestrian environment for people with a visual impairment

Task 8

Work in partnership with the Consumer Council and local airports to improve services for older people and disabled people travelling by air in line with EU Regulation 1107

Public Transport Group

Task 9

Advise DRD on the further development of proposals for Public Transport Reform and Rapid Transit

Task 10

Work with DoE on implementation of powers under the Taxis Act 2009 to improve access to taxi services for disabled people and older people

Task 11

Develop and publish a paper on improving taxi rank accessibility

Task 12

Advise DoE on the potential of amending the Public Service Vehicle Accessibility Regulations (NI) to cover the provision of audible and visible information systems on buses

Task 13

Engage proactively with Translink and other operators and support actions to improve the accessibility of services for older people and disabled people

Task 14

Engage proactively with DRD and support actions to improve access for disabled people and older people to the Concessionary Fares Scheme

Task 15

Prepare a paper for DRD around eligibility criteria for accessing door2door services

Information, Education and Training Group

Task 16

Engage proactively with Translink and other operators and support actions to improve the accessibility and provision of information about services

Task 17

Engage proactively with Translink and other operators and support actions to promote the delivery of Disability Equality Training and awareness training to staff

Task 18

Work with the Equality Commission and Consumer Council and support actions to promote the rights of disabled people and older people when using transport

Task 19

Review and republish Imtac publications around information and training

Task 20

Develop and publish a policy paper on travel training

Task 21

Assist DRD and Translink with the proposed pilots of audio visual information systems on buses

Task 22

Assist DRD in the revision of it's Disability Action Plan

Task 23

Review Imtac's current Communication Strategy and bring forward recommendations for improvement

Monitoring Progress

- 8 To ensure that we monitor progress on each of tasks in our work programme Imtac will publish a quarterly update. These will be published in July, October, January and April. The quarterly update will provide details of progress made under each task and plans for the future. We publish updates on our website and distribute to our key stakeholders.

Contacting us

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