



Supporting independent travel

What did we find?

Variation in public transport provision and cuts to services (especially rural bus routes)

Large taxi spend in areas without public or community transport

Formal travel training increasingly replaced by informal support

Independent travel can promote anxiety for some parents because of the perceived risks involved

What learning is involved?

Learning to travel independently can transform lives but needs to happen in real-life contexts with real-life risks to gain the skills and confidence required

What more can be done?

Organisations could:

- be adaptable in supporting travel arrangements and encouraging peer support where possible

Local authorities could:

- support community transport and 'travel buddy' schemes

“ He had to get here at eight o'clock in the morning... because of his transport and his parents' arrangements, so I just adjusted the rota a little bit so that somebody's here 8.00 till 3.30 and that's the way we want to work. ”

Hazel, provider manager

