

## How to get in touch

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## Concessions

An information leaflet for parents/carers of children and young people with disabilities

### Free carer

Most concessions require the disabled person to be in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independent Payment (PIP). It is advisable to take a copy of the DLA/PIP award letter to the venue and ask if there are any concessions for carers.



A carer can be a parent, sibling, friend or paid carer. Lots of places offer free carers places such as Beamish, Flamingo Land, Centre for Life, sporting venues and theatres. With some venues you need to pre register and are given a reference number. It is recommended that you check with each venue prior to visiting.

### Cinema card

- Free ticket for a carer taking a disabled child or young person to the cinema
- Need to be in receipt of DLA or PIP
- Tel: 01244 526016
- Application forms are available from your local cinema



A small charge is made – £6 and the card lasts 12 months. The CEA card is a national card scheme developed for UK cinemas by the UK cinemas association.

You can apply online or by post. Applications will only be considered for people who are aged 8 or older.

Website: [www.ceacard.co.uk](http://www.ceacard.co.uk)

## Newcastle Better Health & Fitness Concessions

This scheme offers discounts at the following Newcastle leisure facilities: Eldon Leisure Centre, Gosforth Leisure Centre, West Denton Leisure Centre, Newcastle Trampoline Park and Gym (West Road), East End Pool (Byker) and Walker Activity Dome.

They offer a

- Concession **membership** which can be used at all their centres for £17.35 a month
- Concession **discount card** which cost £3.15 for the year and can be used to get a discount for individual sessions eg Gym session is usually £7.25 and with the discount card is £2.80.



Application forms can be obtained from the leisure centres listed above. You will need to bring evidence of disability or that you are in receipt of certain benefits. For more information visit the Better website: [www.better.org.uk](http://www.better.org.uk)

## Max Card

Newcastle City Council are part of the National Max Card Scheme. All children and young people on the Newcastle Disabled Children's register receive a Max Card. The scheme offers discounted entry to venues in the North East and across the UK.

For a list of places you can use your Max Card visit:

[www.mymaxcard.co.uk](http://www.mymaxcard.co.uk)



To register phone 0191 277 4700 or online at [www.newcastle.gov.uk](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk) (search for Disabled Children's Register).

## Holidays

There are organisations which will help with funding for holidays or have reduced cost holiday accommodation available for families who have a child with a disability.



Skills for People have an holiday information booklet with more details.

## Concessionary travel (CT) passes

- Need to be assessed by social care and obtain a Confirmation of Eligibility form - contact your Local Authority for more advice
- Travel free from 9.30am and all day at the weekends

Tel: 0191 278 8100

## Companion Card

- Eligible if you receive the higher/enhanced component of DLA/Personal Independence Payment
- Carer would travel free



## Metro Gold Card

If you have a CT pass you can apply for a Metro Gold Card. You will be issued with a smart ticket which will be loaded onto your CT pass directly. They cost £12 to buy (if you live in Tyne & Wear) and provide free travel on the Metro from 9.30am and all day at the weekend.

Contact Nexus for more information on all travel passes:

Tel: 0191 202 0747

Web: [www.nexus.org.uk](http://www.nexus.org.uk)

Skills for People have a booklet on Transport Information for people with disabilities – contact details are on the back of this leaflet.

## Grants

There are a number of grant awarding organisations that provide funding for children with disabilities. For most grants the child/young person would need to be in receipt of DLA or PIP. Families often have to give detailed financial information about income and outgoings.



Please contact Skills for People for more information.