

Access and transport

NB: This information was as accurate as we could make it in December 2017 but all details will need checking before use

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Commercial bus services

Bridport Community Hospital ('Bridport Hub') X51 / X53 to Bridport Bus Station, followed by almost one mile walk, or a taxi (about £8 return).

Axminster Community Hospital: X51 / X53 to Trinity Square followed by 5 - 10 minutes walk.

Dorset County Hospital: X51 / X53 stop in Bridport Road opposite the hospital: just a few minutes walk.

Exeter RD&E: Train from Axminster to Exeter changing in Exeter to H bus into the hospital grounds.

71 Town Bus

Provides access to town centre bus stops and local GP practices / dentists / chemists etc. Timetable available from Lyme Regis Town Council Offices.

'Ring & Ride' services

Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride Service

01404 46520 axevalleyringride@btinternet.com.

Serves Lyme, Charmouth, Marshwood, Uplyme.

- Pre-bookable minibus service for the elderly, disabled, parents with young children or those living in isolated areas without adequate public transport.

- Wheelchair accessible. Door-to-door to use local services. Cost: £5 return per journey.

TRIP Community Transport.

01404-46529 / admin@tripcta.org

- Voluntary car services from Lyme / Uplyme / Charmouth to and return from local medical facilities (GPs, dentists etc) and hospitals anywhere from Exeter to Taunton to Poole/Bournemouth.
- Booked via TRIP office. 48 hours notice needed.
- Charges: 50p per mile (min £5, covers local journeys within Lyme Regis).
- (Sample: Lyme/Axminster £6; Lyme/Bridport £11; Lyme/Dorchester £26; Lyme/RD&E £30)

Help@Hand volunteer drivers (Uplyme)

- Volunteer drivers using own cars under their own insurance. Free lifts are mostly local – medical, dental, pharmacy, bank, shopping, etc.
- Bridport is the furthest: RD&E and DCH only in exceptional circumstances if volunteer hears of the need and offers.
- Donations to Help at Hand welcome.

Dorset Community Transport

- Tim Christian, 01258 287983 or tim.christian@ectcharity.co.uk
- For our area, the web-based directories, including dorsetforyou, signpost only the two Ring and Ride Services above.

Pathways to Care, Bridport

- Booking requests via 'Good Books' in Bridport (01308 420483).
- Small charity, volunteer-run, with about 40 volunteer drivers and two volunteer coordinators.
- Wide reaching service.
- No set charge but appropriate donations are asked for if possible,

NHS or private professional services

Non-emergency, pre-bookable services (funded by the CCGs) are arranged for patients with a medical need for planned transport with professional care to and from secondary healthcare services such as hospital or clinic appointments. Eligibility depends on medical condition (eg advanced dementia / cancer) and/or mobility (eg need to carry person/wheelchair between buildings and transport) requiring the skills or support of professional staff on/after the journey or where it would be detrimental to condition or recovery if travelling by other means.

Dorset Patient Transport Bureau

e-ZEC Medical: 0300-777-5555 / www.dorsetptb.co.uk

Available to patients registered with a Dorset GP irrespective of county of residence or location of hospital.

Patient Transport Advisory Service (Devon)

0345-155-1009

Taxis

Sample prices:

- Top of Queen's Walk to LRMC: £6 return;
- Lyme / Axminster Hospital: £30 return;
- Lyme / Bridport Hospital £40 return;
- Lyme / Dorchester Hospital return: £100. (Taxi operator encourages 3 or 4 passengers at a go for economy: but not normally practicable for medical needs.)