**Category C – Without Speech**

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they are without speech

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<th>You will be eligible if:</th>
<th>You will <strong>not</strong> be eligible if:</th>
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<td>• You are unable to communicate in any language i.e. you are unable to make clear basic oral requests or you are unable to ask specific questions to clarify instructions</td>
<td>• You have speech but it is slow or difficult to understand i.e. you have a severe stammer</td>
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<td>• You cannot speak English, but you speak another language</td>
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**Proving that you are eligible**

**You can do this by providing **one** of the following:**

- Evidence that you have been awarded 8 points or more for the ‘Communicating Verbally’ activity of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Letter from Social Services, or another appropriate organisation providing support services, stating you are without speech
- For a child, an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) or Statement Educational Needs (SEN)
- Documents with demonstrate that you are without speech. These may include letters from your consultant or GP

You may ask your GP to provide a letter but this is not an NHS service. Your GP is not obliged to provide one. As this is a private service, your GP may charge you for this. Oxfordshire County Council do not deal directly with GPs and we cannot contact them on your behalf.

Any letter provided as evidence should describe your disability so that it is possible to see whether any criteria apply to you. It should also say whether your disability is permanent or temporary. If temporary, it needs to state the expected duration and if a bus pass is awarded, the pass will be issued for that length of time.