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DRIVING ASSESSMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICE

Promoting Road Safety & Maintaining Independence

The ability to drive can be compromised by visual, cognitive, perceptual, psychological or physical impairments associated with illness, accident, congenital conditions or the ageing process. Determining the safety of a driver is a complex task performed by specially trained Occupational Therapists who have completed post graduate training in driver assessment.

The Occupational Therapy driver assessment involves a comprehensive off road (clinic based) and on road testing. The purpose of the assessment is to determine whether the person has retained sufficient functional capacity to drive safely. The Occupational Therapist aims to enhance independent driving through the recommendation of licence restriction, provision of driving equipment and/or teaching compensatory strategies.

During 2015, DARS has assisted drivers who have presented with age related conditions, brain injury, dementia, autism spectrum disorders, spinal cord injury, vision deficits, neurological injury (strokes, MS, Parkinson's Disease), amputees and clients with mental health conditions.

Individuals or family members can arrange a referral to DARS or a referral can be organised through their Doctor.

Nick Neville and Michelle MacLeod would like to wish all our clients and referrers a very Happy New Year.



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