

Guidance for Using the Blue Badge Template Letter (Children Under 3)

Purpose

This template letter is designed to assist healthcare professionals in supporting Blue Badge applications for children **under 3 years** old who meet specific eligibility criteria. It provides a structured format to outline the child's medical needs and the essential reasons why a Blue Badge is required for their safety and mobility.

When to Use the Template Letter

The letter should be used to support families applying for a Blue Badge where the child:

- Is under 3 years old.
- Has a medical condition that requires frequent access to a vehicle for emergency treatment or to transport bulky medical equipment essential to their care.
- Meets the specific criteria outlined by the Blue Badge scheme for children under 3 (see below).

Eligibility Criteria (Children Under 3)

Children under 3 may qualify for a Blue Badge if they:

- Have a medical condition that means they must always be accompanied by bulky medical equipment essential to their care.
- Have a medical condition that requires them to be kept near a vehicle at all times in case they need emergency medical treatment.

For full details, refer to the official Blue Badge guidance on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

Key Points to Emphasise

- The child's safety is highly dependent on being in close proximity to a vehicle to access emergency treatment quickly.
- The medical equipment required for their care is too bulky or heavy for caregivers to transport without a vehicle.
- Public transport is impractical due to the complexity of their condition and the equipment they require.
- A Blue Badge will significantly improve the family's ability to safely transport the child to essential medical appointments and daily activities.

Include any additional medical evidence that supports the child's eligibility, such as therapy assessments, specialist reports, or detailed care plans.

Additional Resources

For further guidance or assistance with the application process, visit the official Blue Badge page: [GOV.UK Blue Badge Information](#).