**WCC ID badges for Operators & Community Transport**

**Drivers - training requirements**

* + - * All drivers of Minibuses carrying 16 or fewer passengers must have attended the Wheelchair Clamping and Smoke Evacuation course provided by Worcestershire County Council **1**  This will include a section on Equality and Diversity and Disability Awareness.
* Drivers of vehicles with 8 passenger seats or less will be licensed by their Local

District Council and will have attended all training required by that Council. If

the vehicle is suitable for wheelchair access and carriage the Council will require evidence that the driver has undertaken training which includes wheelchair restraint systems as well as the seat belt regulations regarding the securing and safety of the wheelchair passenger who does not transfer to a seat within the vehicle.

* The Council recommends that all drivers should attend a course to improve their fuel efficiency ('Eco-driving'), and a course raising their awareness of Safeguarding issues when transporting children and vulnerable adults.

1. *Assessment by WCC may be necessary until either a) the individual has demonstrated they have reached the required standard or b) the Training Provider of the qualification is suitably qualified to train and has demonstrated to consistently deliver the required level of training.*