Instructor Training to Support Elderly Drivers

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Background

• Older Driver Task Force
• ORUC 2018 a number of presenters indicated that the specific needs of elderly drivers may not have been met
• Road Safety GB applied for a grant to DfT to research the specific needs of older drivers and to develop a training intervention to improve the knowledge of ADIs in this area
• Road Safety GB is seeking to form an advisory group and will be contacting people in the coming weeks
Why provide instructor training?

• Improved levels of instructor awareness
• Provide a resource for other organisations to use
• Improve the training given to other driver training groups/individuals in relation to improving knowledge and understanding of the issues experienced by elderly:
  • Drivers
  • Riders
  • Pedestrians
Deliverables

• Training package for Approved Driving Instructors
• Deliver this training to 300 Approved Driving Instructors (ADIs)
• Evaluate the package
• If you are a driving instructor and would like more information, please let us know
The development process

• Literature review
• Develop training materials and support materials
• Pilot and adjust
• Deliver to ADIs – we will be delivering this at a number of centers
Literature review

Areas of interest:
• Hazard perceptions skills
• Eyesight
• Strength and flexibility
• Journey planning
• Planning for driving retirement
• Laws relating to medication, drugs and alcohol
• Vehicle adaptation
Timeline

• Rest of this year used to develop materials
• Initial pilot in Jan 2020
• Main training events delivered in spring of 2020
• Evaluation results Jan 2021
Questions