**BLUE BADGE – DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA**

**Question 2 (Page 1)**

Note the Assessment Guidance regarding ‘Permanent’ and ‘Temporary’ medical conditions.

**Question 3 (Page 2)**

Note the length of time a person must have the disability.

**Question 5 (Page 3)**

Note the walking distance for eligibility.

**Question 7 (Page 3)**

Note the Assessment Guidance regarding privately purchased mobility aids.

**Question 10 (Page 4)**

Note the pace of walking for eligibility.

**Question 12 (Page 5)**

I believe there is a typing error. It says “If the applicant indicates that they become breathless when walking for more than three minutes …...” This should read “If the applicant indicates that they become breathless when walking for **less** than three minutes …...”

**Section C3 (Page 6)**

Confirmation that a person who scores 12 points under Planning & Following A Journey within PIP Mobility is entitled to a Blue Badge. This is particularly interesting as the Northern Ireland Legislation does not include these criteria as ‘Automatic’ qualification, only 8 or more points for Moving Around within PIP Mobility. The GB Legislation, as an ‘Automatic’ qualification, refers to “You receive the mobility component of PIP and have obtained 10 points specifically for Descriptor E under the ‘Planning & Following A Journey’ Activity, on the grounds that you are unable to undertake any journey because it would cause you overwhelming psychological distress” and further states “If you have any score other than 10 points under Descriptor E, in the ‘Planning & Following A Journey’ Activity of PIP you may still be eligible for a Blue Badge, but you do not automatically qualify. This includes if you have a higher score of 12. You will have to provide evidence to demonstrate your eligibility which will be assessed as part of your application”.