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Inquiry into the Blue Badge Scheme in Wales: Eligibility and Implementation

Ymateb gan: Unigolyn 5

Response from: Individual 5

Having recently applied and been turned down twice for a blue badge i feel that I have been unfairly treated and discriminated against. While I do not have a permanent mobility problem I have a permanent hidden disability which is extremely embarrassing. Extremely humiliating. And takes away my dignity.

This disability is called diverticulitis or diverticular disease. I am only 49 and my bowel has aged more than me. I suffer stomach cramps on a daily basis and when they become severe i have less than ten minutes to get to a toilet

And sometimes I have only a couple of minutes otherwise my bowel opens and I have no control and soil myself. This is a very traumatizing disability end takes it out of me both physically and mentally. I was told to get a radar key and apply for a blue badge. I have two radar keys. One i keep with me at all times in work. And one i keep in my car when out. The need for a blue badge is extremely important for me due to the fact that when my diverticulitis is very severe I need to be able to park as close to conveniences as possible because I can barely walk 2 to 3 hundred feet before my bowel opens a d leaves me in a soiled and very distressing state. There is no cure for diverticulitis and i take 3 buscopan tablets 3 mebeverin tablets and 2 omeprazole tablets a day to try and manage it. I also take fybergel daily. I would like to see a change in policy to allow people with my very distressing disability to be allowed a blue badge to make it easier to park closer to toilets in order to prevent me soiling myself in public.