

Prior Booking is essential for all services.

**Tel: 0131 622 7500**

## > Departures

All transport will leave from the Royal Bank of Scotland at St Andrews Square at the stated time unless prior alternative arrangements have been made.

Sacro relies solely on volunteers who give up their spare time to allow the Travel Service to be provided. While it is our aim to provide an efficient service, there will be times when transport has to be cancelled and we shall contact all persons to inform them of this.

Destination	Schedule	Rate
<b>Carstairs Hospital</b>	Every Saturday. Dep: 12.30pm	<b>free</b>
<b>Cornton Vale</b>	On request	<b>£9</b>
<b>Dumfries</b>	On request	<b>£15</b>
<b>Edinburgh (Saughton)</b>	This service is available on request for those who find it difficult to travel by public transport, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ The elderly</li><li>■ Lone visitors with young children</li><li>■ Those with special needs or disabilities</li></ul>	
<b>Glenochil</b>	Second and fourth Sunday every month. Dep: 12.15pm	<b>£9</b>
<b>Kilmarnock</b>	On request	<b>£15</b>
<b>Noranside/ Castle Huntly</b>	On request	<b>£13</b>
<b>Perth/Friarton</b>	On request	<b>£10</b>
<b>Polmont</b>	On request	<b>£9</b>
<b>Shotts</b>	Second Sunday every month. Dep: 12.15pm	<b>£9</b>

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This leaflet is also available in large print or Braille.

In order to make Sacro's services as widely available as possible, we have made every reasonable effort to facilitate easy access to all of our premises for disabled service users. Where this is not possible, we will arrange a suitable, alternative venue.

Bu broşürün çevirisini istiyorsanız, lütfen 0131 624 7270'i telefonla arayın veya [info@national.sacro.org.uk](mailto:info@national.sacro.org.uk) eposta gönderip EPW/355 dosya numarasını söyleyin.

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এই পুস্তিকার অনুবাদ যদি আপনি পেতে চান তাহলে 0131 624 7270 নম্বরে ফোন করে অথবা ই-মেইল করে রেফারেন্স নম্বর EPW/355 উল্লেখ করবেন

Jeśli potrzebne jest tłumaczenie w polskiej wersji językowej, bardzo prosimy o kontakt pod numerem 0131 624 7270 lub drogą e-mailową [info@national.sacro.org.uk](mailto:info@national.sacro.org.uk) podając numer referencyjny EPW/355.

If you are uncertain about anything you have read in this leaflet or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Service at:

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## Edinburgh Travel Service



## Information for passengers



Sacro's Travel Service endeavours to provide a regular transport service to many of Scotland's prisons and the State Hospital at Carstairs. The service is part of Sacro's Throughcare Service, which enables prisoners to maintain important contact with their families and friends and to provide them with crucial support when they are released from prison.

## > Booking your travel

- Passengers to the State Hospital must book their seat with Sacro no later than midday on the preceding Thursday. Bookings will not be considered after this time. Regrettably passengers who have not booked will not be permitted to travel.
- Passengers requiring transport to Scottish prisons are advised to give as much notice as possible to allow Sacro staff time to make the appropriate arrangements. Please note that the Travel Service is operated by volunteer drivers and travel cannot be guaranteed.
- When booking travel for children to prisons or the state hospital please ensure that you make Sacro aware of the child's age so that the driver can make arrangements for the appropriate safety seats to be carried. Children will not be permitted to travel without the appropriate safety equipment.

## > Cancellations

Sacro must be notified of cancellations as soon as possible and preferably by the Thursday morning before your weekend travel date. If you fail to turn up without previously notifying Sacro, the service has the right to refuse further bookings from you or any other person you have booked a seat for.

## > Payments

All payments should be made to the driver on the day of travel and before departure.

If you are in receipt of any benefits you may be eligible for financial assistance through the Assisted Prison Visits Unit (APVU). A form can be obtained from Sacro. Should you require a receipt please ask for this when you call and book your seats. A receipt will be needed if you intend to claim expenses through the APVU. Sacro staff are available to assist with APVU claims.

## > Safety

The law requires seat belts to be used in all vehicles by drivers and passengers.

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their children remain seated and restrained during the journey. Exemptions from seat belt wearing are only permissible on medical and other specific grounds.

In the interests of safety there is a strict **no smoking** and **no alcohol** policy in all minibuses and cars.

## > Acceptable behaviour

Users of the service are required to behave in a manner that will not present a risk to other passengers or volunteers. The driver has the right to refuse access to the transport to anyone who presents a safety risk. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the person or persons being banned from using the Sacro Travel Service.

## > I don't live in Edinburgh, can I use the service?

We can take anyone who lives in Edinburgh and the surrounding area. Most transport leaves from St Andrews Square. In certain circumstances we can make arrangements for you to be picked up at, or near your home.

## > My visit is during the week, can you take me?

Yes, if we have a volunteer driver available, we can take you on any day.

## > What if my visit time is later/earlier than your transport arrangements?

If your visit does not coincide with our departure times, we will contact the prison to arrange to have your visit time changed to suit. More often than not, the prison will agree to an alternative time.

## > I find it difficult to use public transport or your scheduled service, can you help me?

If you have special needs, a disability or are travelling on your own with young children, we can make special arrangements for you. Baby and booster seats are available. We can visit your home in advance, assess your needs and see how best to accommodate your transport arrangements. Arrangements can be made for you to be picked up at home to be taken to your visit.