

BUILDING NAME: Royal Courts of Justice - Queens Building

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Recommendation KEY:

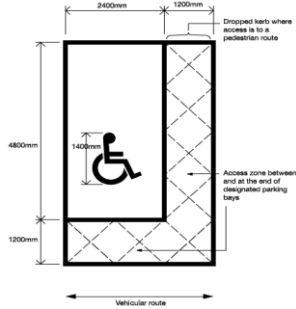
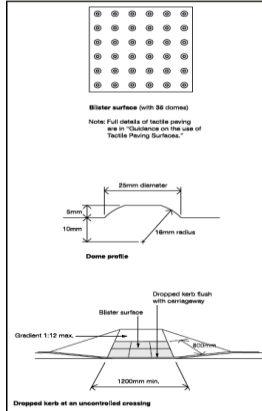
COMPLIANT

ACCEPTABLE

NON -COMPLIANT

Category & definition

- A - An item which gives immediate concern to the health and safety of disabled people, or others, which should be dealt with immediately;
- B - An item which may be dealt with immediately as part of a management procedure or routine maintenance programme;
- C - An item which may be part of planned works and not require significant design or construction work;
- D - An item which may require considerable design, structural and/or construction work.

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Is car parking provided? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO [if no please go to section (2)]						
Are there correctly sized designated parking bays? Is there a marked transfer space at the side of the vehicle?	Bays that will enable a wheelchair user to transfer in and out will measure 4800 x 3600mm (with a strip 1.2m clear behind). See diagram for further information. The bays should be marked on the ground and at eye level. Management should ensure that non-disabled people do not take the accessible spaces.		There is a designated disabled bay located in the car park on the rear elevation. However the space provided does not meet regulations as there is no marked transfer space.	Provide a fully compliant disabled bay that is 4800mm x 3600mm with a transfer space .	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
How many accessible bays are provided? (Please indicate No. within public car park and No. in secure car parks, separately and overall total)	Part M states: at least one bay designated for disabled people is provided. The best practice from BS 8300: For work places where the number of disabled motorists is known one space for each employee plus one space or 2% of the total capacity for visitors (whichever is the greater) should be designated.		One non-compliant disabled bay	Provide a fully compliant disabled bay that is 4800mm x 3600mm with a transfer space .	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Does the route to the main entrance from parking bays have a smooth, slip resistant surface? Are kerbs to crossing points dropped?	The route should be level and even. The route also should be a non-slip surface. Loose materials (e.g. gravel) should never be used. Kerbs along the route should be dropped to be flush with the roadway. Where there are dropped kerbs provided, appropriate tactile paving should be installed.		Yes - The route to the main entrance has smooth slip resistant surface, there are no kerbs so dropped kerbs are not required	None	COMPLIANT	

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Is the accessible parking near to a building main entrance?	50m is the maximum travel distance recommended before a resting place is provided. (If over 50m please indicate if a resting place is provided or there is space to create one).		Yes. Accessible car parking spaces are placed as close as practicable to the main and staff / judicial entrances. The disabled staff entrance is located as close as possible to the disabled bay.	None	COMPLIANT	
Are there ramps and stairs to get to the building main entrance? <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No [if no please go to Section 3] </div>						
Are the steps suitable for use by people with ambulant disabilities?	Steps will have even risers 150-170mm (risers should not be open). The going of each step will be 280-425mm. The maximum height of a flight between landings contains no more than 12 risers. Landings will be a minimum of 1200mm deep, clear of any door swing. The steps will have an unobstructed width of at least 1200mm.	Diagram 5 External steps and stairs – key dimensions	Diagram 6 Examples of acceptable step profiles and key dimensions for external stairs	The stepped access to the main entrance consists of 1 no. flight of stairs, with 6 risers. Risers are even and are 140mm in height.	Although the risers are lower than the minimum requirement there is no action reasonably practicable to adjust these steps in the short term. As the stairs are level and even the dimensions are considered acceptable.	ACCEPTABLE
Do the steps have a 'corduroy' hazard warning surface at top and bottom landings?		Diagram 4 Stepped access – key dimensions and use of hazard warning surface	No	Consider implementing tactile surfaces at the bottom of the stairs	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Do the steps have colour contrasting inlaid strips or nosing's? Are the leading edges of steps clearly discernible by a colour contrasting inlaid strip or flush nosing?	All nosing's should be made apparent by a permanently contrasting material 55mm wide on both tread and riser.		No - No nosing to entrance steps	New nosing's should be fitted to comply with section 9.1.5 of BS8300- 1:2018	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Are there good light levels over the steps?	In addition to colour contrasting step nosing's, it is important to provide good light levels over steps.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT	

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Are there suitable handrails, are they easy to grip on each side of a flight of steps?	Handrails should be circular in section with a diameter of 40-45mm or preferably oval shaped with a width of 50mm. Where unobstructed width of steps is greater than 1.8m additional rails should divide steps to ensure gaps between hand rails no less than 1m and no greater than 1.8m. The clearance between the handrails and any wall surface should be between 60mm and 75mm.	<p>Diagram 7 Handrail design</p>	Handrails are not round in shape, have a width of 55mm and are a sufficient distance clear of the wall	Consider using a round handrail when the current requires replacing	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Does the handrail extend by at least 300mm beyond the top and bottom tread in a stair flight?		<p>Diagram 5 External steps and stairs – key dimensions</p>	No	Extend handrail by at least 300mm beyond the top and bottom tread	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Is the handrail 900mm to 1000mm high above the flight pitch line? The continuous handrails (circular or oval in section) should be on both sides at 900mm to 1000mm above the flight pitch line of ramp or steps.			Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the handrails extended without a break around the half landings on both sides of a stair flight?			NA			

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Is there a suitable ramp to the front door?	If there is a ramp, is it a compliant gradient? (See gradient calculator in column J row 4) Design criteria for ramps include a requirement for handrails on both sides and kerb upstands of at least 100mm high.	<table><tr><th colspan="3">Table 1 Limits for ramp gradients</th></tr><tr><th>Going of a flight</th><th>Maximum gradient</th><th>Maximum rise</th></tr><tr><td>10m</td><td>1:20</td><td>500mm</td></tr><tr><td>5m</td><td>1:15</td><td>333mm</td></tr><tr><td>2m</td><td>1:12</td><td>166mm</td></tr></table> <p>Note: For goings between 2m and 10m, it is acceptable to interpolate between the maximum gradients, i.e. 1:14 for a going of 1.19 for a 4m going (see Diagram 3).</p>	Table 1 Limits for ramp gradients			Going of a flight	Maximum gradient	Maximum rise	10m	1:20	500mm	5m	1:15	333mm	2m	1:12	166mm	Yes - there is a ramp adjacent to the entrance stairs allowing for access. The ramp has a compliant gradient and tactile paving. There is no handrail.	The ramp gradient is compliant however there should be a handrail.	NON -COMPLIANT Category: A			
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Is there a level landing outside the entrance door?	If ramps or steps are provided, ensure the door approach is level for a minimum of 1200mm clear of any door swing.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT																		
Building Entrance (Public)																							
Is the door easily distinguishable from the facade?	The door and/or its frame should contrast with the surrounding wall and be identified as the entrance.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT																		
Does the door open automatically?	Sliding automatic doors are preferred. If automatic swing doors are fitted, the timing must be finely tuned and barriers erected to protect users from injury.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT																		
Are the doors manually opened? Is the door very heavy to open?	The recommended maximum opening weight of a door is 20 Newtons. Where mechanical closers are fitted they can usually be adjusted to reduce the weight.		NA	NA	COMPLIANT																		
Is the door wide enough?	External doors to public buildings used by the general public should have the following effective clear widths for one door leaf : 775mm (existing building), 1000mm (new building). If the minimum opening width is less than 775mm please indicate as No, but please confirm if it is 750mm or over.	<table><tr><th colspan="3">Table 2 Minimum effective clear widths of doors</th></tr><tr><th>Direction and width of approach</th><th>New buildings (mm)</th><th>Existing buildings (mm)</th></tr><tr><td>Straight-on (without a turn or oblique approach)</td><td>800</td><td>750</td></tr><tr><td>At right angles to an access route at least 1500mm wide</td><td>800</td><td>750</td></tr><tr><td>At right angles to an access route at least 1200mm wide</td><td>825</td><td>775</td></tr><tr><td>External doors to buildings used by the general public</td><td>1000</td><td>775</td></tr></table> <p>Note: The effective clear width is the width of the opening measured at right angles to the wall in which the door is situated from the outside of the door stop on the door closing side to any obstruction on the hinge side, whatever this be projecting door opening hardware, a weather board, the door or the door stop (see Diagram 9). For specific guidance on the effective clear width of doors in sports accommodation, refer to "accessible sports facilities".</p>	Table 2 Minimum effective clear widths of doors			Direction and width of approach	New buildings (mm)	Existing buildings (mm)	Straight-on (without a turn or oblique approach)	800	750	At right angles to an access route at least 1500mm wide	800	750	At right angles to an access route at least 1200mm wide	825	775	External doors to buildings used by the general public	1000	775	Yes - Double doors are 1760mm wide	None	COMPLIANT
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Does the door have a level threshold?	15mm is the maximum lip that can be overcome by the majority of wheelchair users.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT																		

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Is there level access or a ramp to the front door?			Yes	Disabled Pubic and staff are unable to use the main entrance as there is no ramp or lift provided. Access is gained through either the platform lift to the north elevation or entering through the adjacent West Green building.	COMPLIANT																			
Is there a level landing outside the entrance door?	If ramps or steps are provided, ensure the door approach to be level for a minimum of 1200mm clear of any door swing.		Yes - Level landing exceeding 1200mm clearance	None	COMPLIANT																			
Is the door easily distinguishable from the facade?	The door and/or its frame should contrast with the surrounding wall and be identified as the entrance.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT																			
Does the door open automatically?	Sliding automatic doors are preferred. If automatic swing doors are fitted, the timing must be finely tuned and barriers erected to protect users from injury.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT																			
Are the doors manually opened? Is the door very heavy to open?	The recommended maximum opening weight of a door is 20 Newtons. Where mechanical closers are fitted they can usually be adjusted to reduce the weight.		NA	NA																				
Is the door wide enough?	External doors should have the following clear opening widths for one door leaf when accessed straight on: 750mm (existing building), 800mm (new building). When accessed at right angles from an access route at least 1500mm wide: 750mm (existing buildings), 800mm (new building). When accessed at right angles to an access route at least 1200mm wide: 775mm (existing building), 800mm (new building).	<table><tr><th colspan="3">Table 2 Minimum effective clear widths of doors</th></tr><tr><th>Direction and width of approach</th><th>New buildings (mm)</th><th>Existing buildings (mm)</th></tr><tr><td>Straight-on (without a turn or oblique approach)</td><td>800</td><td>750</td></tr><tr><td>At right angles to an access route at least 1500mm wide</td><td>800</td><td>750</td></tr><tr><td>At right angles to an access route at least 1200mm wide</td><td>825</td><td>775</td></tr><tr><td>External doors to buildings used by the general public:</td><td>1000</td><td>775</td></tr></table> <p>Note: The effective clear width is the width of the opening measured at right angles to the wall in which the door is situated from the outside of the door stop on the door closing side to any obstruction on the hinge side, whether this be projecting door opening furniture, a weather board, the door or the door stop (see Diagram 9). For specific guidance on the effective clear widths of doors in sports accommodation, refer to "accessible sports facilities".</p> <p>Diagram 9 Effective clear width of doors</p>	Table 2 Minimum effective clear widths of doors			Direction and width of approach	New buildings (mm)	Existing buildings (mm)	Straight-on (without a turn or oblique approach)	800	750	At right angles to an access route at least 1500mm wide	800	750	At right angles to an access route at least 1200mm wide	825	775	External doors to buildings used by the general public:	1000	775	Yes - 1500	None	COMPLIANT	
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Does the door have a level threshold?	15mm is the maximum lip that can be overcome by the majority of wheelchair users.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT																			
Is the handle easy to grip?	Door handles should be either lever action or D-handles and push plates and mounted at 1000mm above floor level. Lever door handles are preferred to doorknobs. The section of handles should preferably be circular. Door furniture should contrast in colour to the door.		Yes - D-Handle	None	COMPLIANT																			
Is there any visibility through the door?	Vision panels should be provided between 500 and 1500mm above floor level. The minimum zone of visibility should be 500mm to 800mm and 1150mm to 1500mm from floor level. Fully glazed doors should be identified by a permanent and visible manifestations on the glass at two levels, 850mm to 1000mm and 1400mm to 1600mm above floor level.		Yes - Visibility through both doors	None	COMPLIANT																			

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Can a wheelchair user manoeuvre to open the door?	There should be a space at least 300mm wide beyond the leading edge of the door.	<p>Note: The effective clear width is the width of the opening measured at right angles to the wall in which the door is situated from the outside of the door stop on the door closing side to any obstruction on the hinge side, whether this be projecting door opening hardware, a weather board, the door or the door stop (see Diagram 9). For specific guidance on the effective clear widths of doors in sports accommodation, refer to "accessible sports facilities".</p> <p>Diagram 9 Effective clear width of doors</p>	Yes - Sufficient room to manure	None	COMPLIANT	
If there are revolving doors, do the side doors provide access? If the side access doors are locked, is there CCTV covering the access linked to a security base?	Revolving doors obstruct access for the majority of disabled users. Revolving doors should be avoided wherever possible and where unavoidable, adjacent swing doors should be provided. If adjacent swing door is kept locked, an assistance call bell should be provided.		NA	NA		
Is the door mat flush with the surrounding floor?	Loose mats should be avoided; they present a tripping hazard and an obstacle to wheelchair users. Mats should be recessed into shallow mat wells, smooth and firm in texture and flush with the surroundings.		Yes - All entrance doors have flush mats	None	COMPLIANT	
Could a wheelchair user negotiate the lobby?	There should be length 1570mm space clear of door swings for a wheelchair user to enter the lobby and close the door behind him/her and then manoeuvre to open the second. The inner door should meet the same specification as the outer.		Yes - Sufficient room to manure	None	COMPLIANT	
Is the door security protected? If so, is it usable by people with hearing or sight loss or who use wheelchairs?	Bells and intercoms should be sited no higher than 1200mm above ground level. They should be colour contrasted with their surroundings, fitted with tactile controls, an inductive coupler and preferably a visual link. Video-linked intercoms are preferred instead of intercoms, as these may help people with hearing, speech impairments and/or deaf people. Combination locks that require two-handed use should be avoided. Swipe cards or proximity-activated devices are preferred. Where keypads and swipe card readers are used as a means of access, ensure that the operating mechanism is mounted no higher than 1200mm from ground level for the convenience of wheelchair users.		NA	NA		

Is there a Reception area?

☐ Yes ☐ No

[If no please go to Section 6]

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Are clear directions provided?	A floor index should be provided. Directional and locational signage should be provided. Signs should be mounted between 1400mm and 1700mm above floor level and contrast with the wall/background. They should be produced in sans serif font and the characters should contrast with their background. Individual characters should be between 15 and 50mm high and, if tactile, be embossed and raised by 1-1.5mm. Engraved signage should be avoided. Braille signage would be of benefit to people with visual impairments who are Braille readers. Signage should be continuous and consistent throughout.		NA	NA		
Is the reception desk/counter accessible to wheelchair users?	The clear manoeuvring space in front of a reception desk should be 1200mm deep and 1800mm wide if there is a recess at least 500mm deep, or 1400mm deep and 2200mm wide if there is no recess. At least one section of the reception desk/counter should be at least 1500mm wide, with a surface no higher than 760mm, and a knee recess not less than 700mm above floor level.		NA	NA		
Is the reception area accessible to hearing aid users?	An induction loop should be installed at reception desks with glazed screens or where background noise is high. There should be clear signage to indicate this facility		NA	NA		
Are lighting levels adequate in the reception area?	Lighting should be diffused and even. Spotlights should be avoided. Lighting should also be at a level not significantly lower than that outside. The face of the receptionist should be clearly illuminated, with back lighting or strong down lighting avoided, to facilitate lip reading.		NA	NA		
Is the decoration in the reception area visually confusing?	Reflective and highly patterned surfaces should be avoided. A clear tonal distinction should be drawn between the floor, walls and ceiling and between fixtures and fittings in the space.		NA	NA		
If there is a waiting area, is the seating suitable for people with ambulant disabilities and for the integration of wheelchair users?	A mixture of seating, at 450-475mm above floor level, with and without armrests should be provided in the waiting area to facilitate access for all users. Waiting areas should have a clear area set aside for wheelchair users.		NA	NA		
Are reception staff trained in disability awareness?	Communication at reception is important and will require basic disability awareness training for staff to include an understanding of the physical barriers that might face a disabled visitor and effective communication skills.		NA	NA		
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Are corridors wide enough for a wheelchair user and an ambulant person to pass each other?	Corridors should be at least 1200mm wide. Where corridors have an unobstructed width of less than 1800mm, passing places should be provided. These should be at least 1800mm long with an unobstructed width of 1800mm at reasonable intervals, for example, at corridor junctions to allow wheelchair users to pass.		NA	NA		
Are the corridors clear of obstruction?	Corridors and circulation areas should be unobstructed, appliances such as radiators and fire fighting equipment should be recessed to avoid projection into circulation space. Avoid doors opening into corridors.		NA	NA		

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Could a wheelchair user negotiate internal lobbies?	There should be length 1570mm space clear of door swings for a wheelchair user to enter the lobby and close the door behind him/her and then manoeuvre to open the second.		NA	NA																					
Are the floor surfaces suitable to travel across for wheelchair users and/or people with walking difficulties?	Floor finishes should be smooth, firm and non-slip surfaces. Deep pile carpet or other textured floor covering should be avoided.		NA	NA																					
Are there any changes of level within floors? Are they provided with ramps, platform lifts or stair lifts? If not would there be space to install one? If there is no ramp or lift and no room to install one, is there an alternative accessible route to the facilities beyond the change of level? If so, is that route convenient, well maintained and sign posted?	Platform lifts should be designed for independent use and be regularly maintained. Stair lifts are generally unsatisfactory since they require users to transfer from their wheelchair to the seat and cannot be used by wheelchair users independently. Where ramps are provided they should be accompanied by an alternative easy-going flight of steps. Alternative routes should not involve a lengthy or unpleasant detour.		NA	NA																					
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Does the natural/ artificial lighting in the corridors and/or lobbies avoid the disorientating effects of glare? Is the lighting adequate?	Artificial lights can be fitted with diffusing shades and windows fitted with blinds, shutters or canopies to eliminate glare.		NA	NA																					
Is the decoration in the corridors visually confusing?	Reflective and highly patterned surfaces should be avoided. Clear distinction should be drawn between the floor, walls, and ceiling and with other fixtures, such as columns.		NA	NA																					
Are the corridor doors wide enough?	Doors should have the following clear opening widths for <u>one door leaf</u> . When accessed straight on: 750mm (existing building), 800mm (new building). When accessed at right angles from an access route at least 1500mm wide: 750mm (existing buildings), 800mm (new building). When accessed at right angles to an access route at least 1200mm wide: 775 (existing building), 800mm (new building).		NA	NA																					
Are the corridor doors easy to open and close?	The recommended maximum opening weight of a door is 20 Newtons. Where mechanical closers are fitted they can usually be adjusted to reduce the weight. The preference would be for the doors, wherever possible to be held open possibly on electromagnetic catches that are released in an emergency.		NA	NA																					

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Where confidentiality is not required are there vision panels in the door?	Vision panels should be provided between 500 and 1500mm above floor level. The minimum zone of visibility should be 500mm to 800mm and 1150mm to 1500mm from floor level. Fully glazed doors should be identified by a permanent and visible manifestations on the glass at two levels, 850mm - 1000mm and 1400mm - 1600mm above floor level.		NA	NA		
Are directional/ locational clues provided?	In addition to signage, corridors might be colour coded or otherwise themed to aid orientation. This should be consistent on directional signage.		NA	NA		
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Are corridors wide enough for a wheelchair user and an ambulant person to pass each other?	Corridors should be at least 1200mm wide. Where corridors have an unobstructed width of less than 1800mm, passing places should be provided. These should be at least 1800mm long with an unobstructed width of 1800mm at reasonable intervals, for example, at corridor junctions to allow wheelchair users to pass.		Yes - Corridors exceed 1200mm wide	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the corridors clear of obstruction?	Corridors and circulation areas should be unobstructed, appliances such as radiators and fire fighting equipment should be recessed to avoid projection into circulation space. Avoid doors opening into corridors.		Yes - Doors do not open into the corridors	None	COMPLIANT	
Could a wheelchair user negotiate internal lobbies?	There should be length 1570mm space clear of door swings for a wheelchair user to enter the lobby and close the door behind him/her and then manoeuvre to open the second.		Yes - Sufficient room to manure	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the floor surfaces suitable to travel across for wheelchair users and/or people with walking difficulties?	Floor finishes should be smooth, firm and non-slip surfaces. Deep pile carpet or other textured floor covering should be avoided.		Yes - Smooth stone flooring allows for suitable travel for wheelchair users	None	COMPLIANT	
Are there any changes of level within floors? Are they provided with ramps, platform lifts or stair lifts? If not would there be space to install one? If there is no ramp or lift and no room to install one, is there an alternative accessible route to the facilities beyond the change of level? If so, is that route convenient, well maintained and sign posted?	Platform lifts should be designed for independent use and be regularly maintained. Stair lifts are generally unsatisfactory since they require users to transfer from their wheelchair to the seat and cannot be used by wheelchair users independently. Where ramps are provided they should be accompanied by an alternative easy-going flight of steps. Alternative routes should not involve a lengthy or unpleasant detour.		No - Level is consistent throughout floor	None	COMPLIANT	

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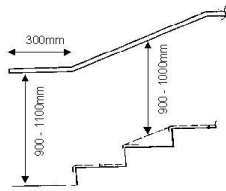
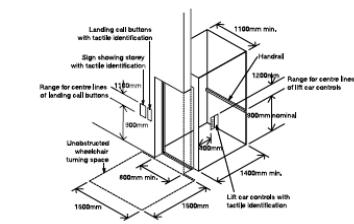
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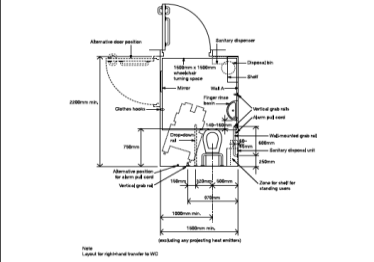
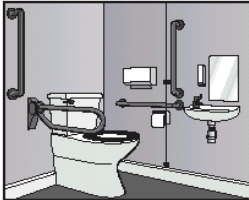
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Are there handrails in the lift car? Is there a mirror?	There should be a handrail on three sides of the lift at 900mm above floor level. On lifts with smaller dimensions (at least 1100mm wide x 1400mm deep) the wall opposite the door should be mirrored above the handrail to allow a wheelchair user to reverse safely.		Public Lift - No, 2 handrails Staff - No Access	Provide additional handrail	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Do the car doors open automatically? Is the opening not less than 800mm?	The doors should open automatically and provide a clear opening width of at least 800mm. The lift door system should be designed to allow adequate time for people and assistance dogs, to enter or leave the lift without coming into contact with closing doors.		Public Lift - Yes 820mm Staff - Yes 820mm	None	COMPLIANT	
Is there enough space on the landing in front of the lift?	There should be a clear landing at least 1500 x 1500mm in front of the open doors.		Public Lift - Yes Staff - Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Are lift buttons tactile and embossed with Braille? Are the lift buttons readable and reachable by a wheelchair user?	Controls should be embossed so that they can be read through touch. The lift controls should be located between 900 and 1200mm (1100mm preferred) above floor level and at least 400mm from any corner. Lift controls should be illuminated and of contrasting colour to the background.		Public Lift - No braille buttons Staff - No braille buttons	Consider installing braille buttons	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Are their audible announcements for each floor level?	Lifts servicing more than 2 floors should have audible announcements for visually impaired people.		Public Lift - Yes Staff - Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the emergency alarm facilities accessible?	Consideration should be given to the alarm system, i.e. tactile alarm buttons with Braille and visual as well as audible messages to acknowledge receipt of call.		Public Lift - Yes Staff - Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Is there a floor directory on the ground floor? Are there floor level indicators and/or directional signage visible from the open doors of the lift at each level served?	Floor level information and directions should be given in an accessible format on each landing. Floor numbers and basic information describing the accommodation on each floor should be displayed on the wall opposite the open doors of the lift. The lettering should be bold, sans serif and contrast in tone with its background.		Public Lift - Yes Staff - No	Colour coded and embossed signs used in the public section of the building, consider providing the same standard of signs within the staff section of the building	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Is there an evacuation or firefighter lift that can be used to evacuate disabled people?			No	None	ACCEPTABLE	
Are there Evac-Chairs that are sited at landing level to assist disabled people up or downstairs when lifts are out of action? Are there trained staff at all times to facilitate this?			Public Lift - Yes Staff - Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Toilets (wheelchair-accessible toilets)						
Are there any wheelchair-accessible toilets provided? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If no please go to section 10]						
Where are accessible toilets located?	It should be no more difficult for a disabled person to reach a toilet than it is for a non-disabled person. Part M states that at least one wheelchair-accessible unisex toilet is provided at each location in a building where sanitary facilities are provided for use by visitors or staff. Within HMCTS buildings there needs to be sufficient provision to maintain the segregation of public and other court users along with facilities on both the secure and non-secure areas within the building (rather than the minimum referenced above) Please indicate areas with insufficient facilities in the comments.		Ground Floor - Public access Ground Floor - Staff Access	None	COMPLIANT	

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Are they well signposted?	Signs should be mounted between 1400mm and 1700mm above floor level and contrast with the wall/background. They should be produced in sans serif font and the characters should contrast with their background. Individual characters should be between 15 and 50mm high and, if tactile, be embossed and raised by 1-1.5mm. Engraved signage should be avoided. Braille signage would be of benefit to people with visual impairments who are Braille readers. Signage should be continuous and consistent throughout.		No - Directional signage for toilets and disabled toilets is of a visual nature only. New signage with braille information installed at a suitable height should be fitted throughout the public areas of the court. Staff toilet does not have a disabled sign on the door	Provide signage with good colour and tonal contrast, using a sans serif typeface with lower case letters almost as large as the upper case to comply with RNIB guidelines. Provide a disabled WC sign to the door of the staff WC	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Does the layout of the wheelchair accessible cubicles conform to the minimum provisions of Approved Document M?	Wheelchair WC compartments should measure at least 1500mm x 2200mm. The door should open outwards.	Diagram 16 Unisex wheelchair-accessible toilet with corner WC 	Ground Floor Public- Yes, 2840mm x 1700mm with an outward opening door, door width of 1000mm Ground Floor Staff - Yes, 2630mm x 3000mm and a 890mm wide door	None	COMPLIANT	
In buildings where there is more than one WC are the layouts handed?	It is recommended that users are offered a choice of left or right hand transfer wherever possible. The layout should be indicated on the door.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the sanitary fittings contrasted in colour with the floor and walls?	Bathrooms tend to be provided in white throughout and as such offer no clues to visually impaired people.		Ground Floor Public - Yes Ground Floor Staff - No, all elements of the room are white and offer no clues to visually impaired people	Consider contrasting specific elements of the disabled WC to the decoration, for example the handles. All white elements offers no visual clues for the visually impaired	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	

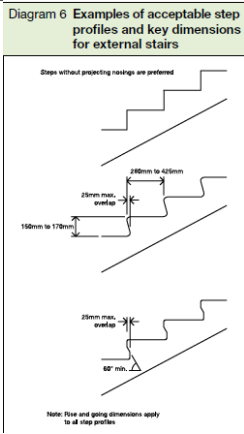
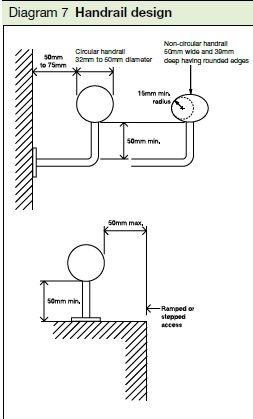
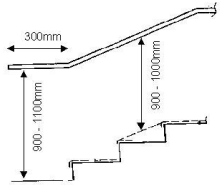
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Are the measurements for the fittings within the accessible wk. as indicated in the diagram?		Diagram 10 Heights and arrangement of fittings in a unisex wheelchair-accessible toilet (looking towards wall A in diagram 16)	Ground Floor Public - Yes Ground Floor Staff - Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Are door handles and locks easy to use?	Handles should be lever action, and circular in section. Locks should be of a simple thrown lever type. Both should contrast with the door.		Ground Floor Public - Yes Ground Floor Staff - No, Lever action tap is stiff	Adjust lever tap to allow for less able users	NON - COMPLIANT Category: B	
Are taps safe and easy to use for somebody with limited manual dexterity?	The wash hand basin and tap should be positioned within reach of the toilet bowl, with the tap on the toilet side of the basin. The tap should be a single mixer with lever action control.		Ground Floor Public - Yes Ground Floor Staff - No, Lever action tap is stiff	None	COMPLIANT	
Is a suitable alarm system installed?	In wheelchair accessible cubicles an alarm should be fitted, operated via a red pull cord that drops to the floor within the transfer area.		Ground Floor Public - Yes, red pull cord alarm Ground Floor Staff - Yes, red pull cord alarm	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the toilets well maintained and kept clear of storage or cleaning materials?	An accessible toilet becomes useless if access to it and/or the transfer area within is obstructed.		Ground Floor Public - Yes Ground Floor Staff - Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Are there courts/hearing rooms? [If no please go to Section 11]						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
Are clear directions provided?	Signs should be mounted between 1400mm and 1700mm above floor level and contrast with the wall/background. They should be produced in sans serif font and the characters should contrast with their background. Individual characters should be between 15 and 50mm high and, if tactile, be embossed and raised by 1-1.5mm. Engraved signage should be avoided. Braille signage would be of benefit to people with visual impairments who are Braille readers. Signage should be continuous and consistent throughout.		Signage on the ground and upper floors indicating the locations of Court Rooms is generally well positioned and members of the public are normally escorted to Court Rooms by Court Clerks.	None	COMPLIANT	
Is the court furniture accessible to wheelchair users?	The bench tops should be no higher than 850mm above floor level. The benches should preferably have space beneath of at least 700mm to enable a wheelchair user to pull up under it.		Courtroom 40 is the designated disabled access courtroom, the benches are moveable and 780mm high. All others courtrooms are not suitable for disabled use	None	COMPLIANT	
Are lighting levels adequate?	Lighting should be diffused and even. Spotlights should be avoided.		No - Lighting is adequate throughout floor	None	COMPLIANT	
Is the decoration in visually confusing?	Reflective and highly patterned surfaces should be avoided. Clear distinction should be drawn between the floor, walls, and ceiling and with other fixtures, like incidental columns.		No - The decorations show a clear contrast from wall to floor and are not confusing	None	COMPLIANT	

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Are the circulation spaces clear of obstruction?	Circulation spaces should be at least 1200mm wide. Tables should be detailed to allow ease of approach by customers in wheelchairs.		Yes - Circulation space is sufficient in courtroom 40	None	COMPLIANT	
Is the seating arrangement flexible for disabled people?	Moveable seating is preferred to fixed seating. A mixture of with or without armrests is recommended.		Yes - The seating throughout is not fixed and can be moved to allow for wheelchair users in courtroom 40 only	None	COMPLIANT	
Is there step free Access to: Public Area Legal reps area; Witness/Claimant/Defendant boxes; Jury Boxes?	Given the raised dais within courts, are there ramps (fixed or temporary) or other provisions to allow access to at least one position within each court?		Yes - Courtroom 40 has a platform lift to allow access to each level	None	COMPLIANT	
Witness Areas Is there a witness suite? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If no please go to Section 12]						
Are clear directions provided?	Signs should be mounted between 1400mm and 1700mm above floor level and contrast with the wall/background. They should be produced in sans serif font and the characters should contrast with their background. Individual characters should be between 15 and 50mm high and, if tactile, be embossed and raised by 1-1.5mm. Engraved signage should be avoided. Braille signage would be of benefit to people with visual impairments who are Braille readers. Signage should be continuous and consistent throughout.		No signs are provided	Witnesses are usually escorted	ACCEPTABLE	
Is the area accessible to wheelchair users? Is there step free access to and from the facilities to all areas that a witness needs to access?			No - No access for wheelchair users due to stairs and no ramp	Provide an area that is accessible for wheelchair users	NON - COMPLIANT Category: B	
Are lighting levels adequate in the area?	Lighting should be diffused and even. Spotlights should be avoided.		Yes, lighting levels do not cause glare.	None	COMPLIANT	
Is the decoration visually confusing?	Reflective and highly patterned surfaces should be avoided. Clear distinction should be drawn between the floor, walls, and ceiling and with other fixtures, like incidental columns.		No, decoration are not highly patterned and would not be considered confusing. Walls, floors and ceilings are all easily distinguishable	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the circulation spaces clear of obstruction?	Circulation spaces should be at least 1200mm wide. Tables should be detailed to allow ease of approach by customers in wheelchairs.		Yes - no obstruction and the width exceeds 1200mm through	None	COMPLIANT	
Is the seating arrangement flexible for disabled people?	Moveable seating is preferred. A mixture of with or without armrests is recommended. Fixed seating forming alcoves should not preclude by layout wheelchair users.		Yes - The seating throughout is not fixed and can be moved to allow for wheelchair users	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the floor surfaces suitable to travel across for wheelchair users and/or people with walking difficulties?	Floor finishes should be smooth, firm and non-slip surfaces. Deep pile carpet or other textured floor covering should be avoided.		Yes - Smooth carpet tiles are used throughout	None	COMPLIANT	
Jury Waiting and Retiring Are there Jury Areas? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If no please go to Section 13]						
Is the Jury Waiting desk/counter accessible to wheelchair users?	The clear manoeuvring space in front of a reception desk should be 1200mm deep and 1800mm wide if there is a recess at least 500mm deep, or 1400mm deep and 2200mm wide if there is no recess. At least one section of the reception desk/counter should be at least 1500mm wide, with a surface no higher than 760mm, and a knee recess not less than 700mm above floor level.		NA	NA		

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Are lighting levels adequate in the jury waiting area and retiring rooms?	Lighting should be diffused and even. Spotlights should be avoided. Lighting should also be at a level not significantly lower than that outside (back lighting or strong down lighting avoided).		Yes, lighting levels do not cause glare.	None	COMPLIANT	
Is the decoration in the jury areas visually confusing?	Reflective and highly patterned surfaces should be avoided. Clear tonal distinction should be drawn between the floor, walls and ceiling and between fixtures and fittings in the space.		No, decoration are not highly patterned and would not be considered confusing. Walls, floors and ceilings are all easily distinguishable	None	COMPLIANT	
If there is the seating suitable for people with ambulant disabilities and for the integration of wheelchair users?	A mixture of seating, at 450-475mm above floor level, with and without armrests, should be provided in the jury waiting and retiring area to facilitate access for all users. Waiting areas should have a clear area set aside for wheelchair users.		No - The seating throughout is fixed and cannot be moved to allow for wheelchair users	Provide moveable seating to allow for wheelchair users	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Are Jury area staff trained in disability awareness?	Communication is important and will require basic disability awareness training for staff to include an understanding of the physical barriers that might face a disabled juror and effective communication skills.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Are clear directions provided?	Signs should be mounted between 1400mm and 1700mm above floor level and contrast with the wall/background. They should be produced in sans serif font and the characters should contrast with their background. Individual characters should be between 15 and 50mm high and, if tactile, be embossed and raised by 1-1.5mm. Engraved signage should be avoided. Braille signage would be of benefit to people with visual impairments who are Braille readers. Signage should be continuous and consistent throughout.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the circulation spaces in the jury waiting area clear of obstruction?	Circulation spaces should be at least 1200mm wide. Tables should be detailed to allow ease of approach by customers in wheelchairs.		Yes - no obstruction and the width exceeds 1200mm through	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the floor surfaces suitable to travel across for wheelchair users and/or people with walking difficulties?	Floor finishes should be smooth, firm and non-slip surfaces. Deep pile carpet or other textured floor covering should be avoided.		Yes - Smooth stone flooring allows for suitable travel for wheelchair users	None	COMPLIANT	
Is there any other justice partner (CPS/Probation/CAFCASS, other) accommodation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No [If no please go to Section 14] Please list organisations: (If different levels of accessibility between organisations exist please describe within the comments)						
Are clear directions provided?	Signs should be mounted between 1400mm and 1700mm above floor level and contrast with the wall/background. They should be produced in sans serif font and the characters should contrast with their background. Individual characters should be between 15 and 50mm high and, if tactile, be embossed and raised by 1-1.5mm. Engraved signage should be avoided. Braille signage would be of benefit to people with visual impairments who are Braille readers. Signage should be continuous and consistent throughout.		NA	NA		
Is the area accessible to wheelchair users?	Is there step free access to and from the facilities to all areas that a Justice Partner needs to access or until they return to the public area?		NA	NA		
Are lighting levels adequate?	Lighting should be diffused and even. Spotlights should be avoided.		NA	NA		
Is the decoration visually confusing?	Reflective and highly patterned surfaces should be avoided. Clear distinction should be drawn between the floor, walls, and ceiling and with other fixtures, like incidental columns.		NA	NA		
Are the circulation spaces clear of obstruction?	Circulation spaces should be at least 1200mm wide. Tables should be detailed to allow ease of approach by customers in wheelchairs.		NA	NA		

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Is the seating arrangement flexible for disabled people?	Moveable seating is preferred to fixed seating. A mixture of with and without armrests is recommended. Fixed seating forming alcoves should not preclude by layout those in wheelchairs.		NA	NA		
Are the floor surfaces suitable to travel across for wheelchair users and/or people with walking difficulties?	Floor finishes should be smooth, firm and non-slip surfaces. Deep pile carpet or other textured floor covering should be avoided.		NA	NA		
Robing Areas (Legal Representatives) Are there facilities available for members of the legal profession? [If no please go to Section 15] <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </div>						
Are clear directions provided?	Signs should be mounted between 1400mm and 1700mm above floor level and contrast with the wall/background. They should be produced in sans serif font and the characters should contrast with their background. Individual characters should be between 15 and 50mm high and, if tactile, be embossed and raised by 1-1.5mm. Engraved signage should be avoided. Braille signage would be of benefit to people with visual impairments who are Braille readers. Signage should be continuous and consistent throughout.		Yes - Clear directions, sign is not tactile	Consider providing tactile and colour coded signs	NON-COMPLIANT Category : C	
Is the area and furniture accessible to wheelchair users?	Is there step free access to and from the facilities to all areas that a Legal professional needs to access or until they return to the public area?		Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Are lighting levels adequate in the Robing Room?	Lighting should be diffused and even. Spotlights should be avoided.		Yes - lighting levels are adequate throughout	None	COMPLIANT	
Is the decoration in the corridors visually confusing?	Reflective and highly patterned surfaces should be avoided. Clear distinction should be drawn between the floor, walls, and ceiling and with other fixtures, like incidental columns.		No - Walls, floors and ceiling all contrast	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the circulation spaces clear of obstruction?	Circulation spaces should be at least 1200mm wide. Tables should be detailed to allow ease of approach by customers in wheelchairs.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Is the seating arrangement flexible for disabled people?	Moveable seating is preferred. A mixture of with and without armrests is recommended. Fixed seating forming alcoves should not preclude by layout those in wheelchairs.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the floor surfaces suitable to travel across for wheelchair users and/or people with walking difficulties?	Floor finishes should be smooth, firm and non-slip surfaces. Deep pile carpet or other textured floor covering should be avoided.		Yes - Smooth carpet tiles are used throughout	None	COMPLIANT	
Restaurant, Canteen or Cafe Is there a restaurant, canteen or cafe available? <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No [If no please go to Section 16] </div>						
Are clear directions provided?	Signs should be mounted between 1400mm and 1700mm above floor level and contrast with the wall/background. They should be produced in sans serif font and the characters should contrast with their background. Individual characters should be between 15 and 50mm high and, if tactile, be embossed and raised by 1-1.5mm. Engraved signage should be avoided. Braille signage would be of benefit to people with visual impairments who are Braille readers. Signage should be continuous and consistent throughout.		NA	NA		
Is the restaurant counter accessible to wheelchair users?	The servery counter should be no higher than 850mm above floor level. The counter should preferably have space beneath of at least 700mm to enable a wheelchair user to pull up under it.		NA	NA		

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Are lighting levels adequate in the restaurant area?	Lighting should be diffused and even. Spotlights should be avoided.		NA	NA																	
Is the decoration in the Restaurant / Café visually confusing?	Reflective and highly patterned surfaces should be avoided. Clear distinction should be drawn between the floor, walls, and ceiling and with other fixtures, like incidental columns.		NA	NA																	
Are the circulation spaces clear of obstruction?	Circulation spaces should be at least 1200mm wide. Tables should be detailed to allow ease of approach by customers in wheelchairs.		NA	NA																	
Is the seating arrangement flexible for disabled people?	Moveable seating is preferred. A mixture of with and without armrests is recommended. Fixed seating forming alcoves should not preclude by layout those in wheelchairs.		NA	NA																	
Are the floor surfaces suitable to travel across for wheelchair users and/or people with walking difficulties?	Floor finishes should be smooth, firm and non-slip surfaces. Deep pile carpet or other textured floor covering should be avoided.		NA	NA																	
Custody Areas and Circulation. Is there a custody area? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</div> <div>[If no please go to Section 18]</div>																					
Are corridors wide enough for a wheelchair user and an ambulant person to pass each other?	Corridors should be at least 1200mm wide. Where corridors have an unobstructed width of less than 1800mm, passing places should be provided. These should be at least 1800mm long with an unobstructed width of 1800mm at reasonable intervals, for example, at corridor junctions to allow wheelchair users to pass.		NA	NA																	
Are the floor surfaces suitable to travel across for wheelchair users and/or people with walking difficulties?	Floor finishes should be smooth, firm and non-slip surfaces. Deep pile carpet or other textured floor covering should be avoided.		NA	NA																	
Are there any changes of level within floors? Are they provided with ramps, platform lifts or stair lifts? If not would there be space to install one? If there is no ramp or lift and no room to install one, is there an alternative accessible route to the facilities beyond the change of level? If so, is that route practical?	Internal ramps should adopt the same design criteria as above. Platform lifts should be designed for independent use and be regularly maintained. Stair lifts are generally unsatisfactory since they require users to transfer from their wheelchair to the seat and cannot be used by wheelchair users independently. Where ramps are provided they should be accompanied by an alternative easy-going flight of steps. <u>Alternative routes should not involve exiting the secure area.</u>		NA	NA																	
If there are ramps, do they follow suitable design criteria and are the gradients compliant (See gradient calculator in column J row 4).	Internal ramps should adopt the same design criteria as apply externally, with handrails on both sides and kerb upstands of at least 100mm high.	<table><tr><th colspan="3">Table 1 Limits for ramp gradients</th></tr><tr><th>Going of a flight</th><th>Maximum gradient</th><th>Maximum rise</th></tr><tr><td>10m</td><td>1:20</td><td>500mm</td></tr><tr><td>5m</td><td>1:15</td><td>333mm</td></tr><tr><td>3m</td><td>1:12</td><td>166mm</td></tr></table> <p>Note: For goings between 3m and 10m, it is acceptable to interpolate between the maximum gradients, i.e. 1:18 for a 4m going or 1:16 for a 6m going (see Diagram 3).</p> <div><p>Diagram 3 Relationship of ramp gradient to the going of a flight</p></div>	Table 1 Limits for ramp gradients			Going of a flight	Maximum gradient	Maximum rise	10m	1:20	500mm	5m	1:15	333mm	3m	1:12	166mm	NA	NA		
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Are any accompanying steps suitable for use by people with ambulant disabilities?	<p>Internal stairs follow the same criteria as external steps, except that no tactile hazard warning surfaces should be applied top and bottom.</p> <p>Stairs will have even risers 150-170mm (risers should not be open).</p> <p>The going of each step will be 280-425mm.</p> <p>The maximum height of a flight between landings contains no more than 12 risers.</p> <p>Landings will be a minimum of 1200mm deep, clear of any door swing.</p> <p>The steps will have an unobstructed width of at least 1200mm.</p>	<p>Diagram 6 Examples of acceptable step profiles and key dimensions for external stairs</p> 	NA	NA		
Are there suitable handrails, are they easy to grip on each side of a flight of stairs?	<p>Handrails should be circular in section with a diameter of 40-45mm or preferably oval shaped with a width of 50mm.</p> <p>Where unobstructed width of steps is greater than 1.8m additional rails should divide steps to ensure gaps between hand rails no less than 1m and no greater than 1.8m.</p> <p>The clearance between the handrails and any wall surface should be between 60mm and 75mm.</p>	<p>Diagram 7 Handrail design</p> 	NA	NA		
Does the handrail extend by at least 300mm beyond the top and bottom tread in a stair flight?			NA	NA		
Is the handrail 900mm to 1000mm high above the flight pitch line?	The continuous handrails (circular or oval in section) should be on both sides at 900mm to 1000mm above the flight pitch line of ramp or steps.		NA	NA		

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Are the handrails extended without a break around the half landings on both sides of a stair flight?			NA	NA		
Do the stairs have colour contrasting inlaid strips or nosing's? Are the leading edges of steps clearly discernible by a colour contrasting inlaid strip or flush nosing?	All nosing's should be made apparent by a permanently contrasting material 55mm wide on both tread and riser.		NA	NA		
Are there good light levels over the stairs?			NA	NA		
Does the natural/ artificial lighting in the corridors and/or lobbies avoid the disorientating effects of glare? Is the lighting adequate?	Artificial lights can be fitted with diffusing shades and windows fitted with blinds, shutters or canopies to eliminate glare.		NA	NA		
Are the corridor, cell and consulting room doors wide enough?	Doors should have the following clear opening widths for <u>one door leaf</u> : When accessed straight on: 750mm (existing building), 800mm (new building). When accessed at right angles from an access route at least 1500mm wide: 750mm (existing buildings), 800mm (new building). When accessed at right angles to an access route at least 1200mm wide: 775 (existing building), 800mm (new building).		NA	NA		
Is there an Accessible cell within each of the custody areas (male/female/youth) unless stand alone? Is the cell large enough?	The room should allow for a clear turning circle of at least 1500mm diameter clear of any furniture or fittings.		NA	NA		
Is there an Accessible consultation room within the custody areas? Is the room large enough?	The room should allow for a clear turning circle of at least 1500mm diameter clear of any furniture or fittings.		NA	NA		
Is there a custody lift and is it accessible lift provided? Is it big enough for wheelchairs? Is there space available where a lift could be installed?	An accessible lift car should measure internally. A larger lift car of internal size 2000 x 1400mm will facilitate a 180 degree turn for wheelchair users.	<p>Key dimensions associated with passenger lifts</p>	NA	NA		
Are there handrails in the lift car? Is there a mirror?	There should be a handrail on three sides of the lift at 900mm above floor level. On lifts with smaller dimensions (at least 1100mm wide x 1400mm deep) the wall opposite the door should be mirrored above the handrail to allow a wheelchair user to reverse safely.		NA	NA		

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Does the building's fire evacuation procedure take into account the needs of disabled people?	It is useful to develop a hypothetical pan-disability evacuation plan in consultation with disabled staff and to cater for unknown disabled visitors. A buddy system can be provided but all staff and visitors must be asked as to their preference for evacuation.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Is the audible fire alarm supplemented by a flashing light or vibrating pager system?	Particularly in areas where staff and visitors are likely to be alone (e.g. the toilet) it is important that provision is made for deaf people to be alerted to an emergency.		Yes. The fire alarm is audible and is supplemented by flashing beacons throughout.	None	COMPLIANT	
Can all building users use all ground floor exits?			No - The main entrance and staff entrance are not accessible to wheelchair users, the exits leading to the car park, Thomas Moore and West Green must be used	None	ACCEPTABLE	
Is there a choice of two escape routes from each point in the building?			Yes	None	ACCEPTABLE	
Can the lift be used as an escape route in an emergency?	Is the lift fire-protected and provided with an independent power supply? (See BS9999).		No	NA	ACCEPTABLE	
Are safe refuges provided in or adjacent to protected escape routes?	A refuge for a wheelchair user should be at least 900mm x 1400mm and should be located so a) the emergency services can gain direct and protected access to effect a rescue; b) it does not block the escape route of other building users; c) has an intercom facility and CCTV.		Yes - refuges are provided in fire escape stairwells. All refuge points have intercom facilities but do not include CCTV.	Consider provision of CCTV cameras in refuge areas.	NON-COMPLIANT Category : C	
Are fire escape stairs accessible to people with ambulant disabilities	Easy-going internal steps will have even risers between 150mm and 170mm (risers should not be open). The going of each step will have at least 250mm. The maximum height of a flight between landings will contain no more than 12 risers. The steps will have an unobstructed width of at least 1200mm. Landings will have a minimum of 1200mm deep, clear of any door swing. The steps will have continuous handrails on both sides at 900mm 1000mm above the flight pitch line. The step nosing's should be highlighted in a contrasting colour. The flight should be well lit. Spiral stairs should be avoided.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Can the fire stairs accommodate the assisted escape of wheelchair users?	The width of the stair and dimensions of the landings should provide an unobstructed route at least 1000mm wide. If the flight is narrower than 1000mm it may be necessary for wheelchair user to transfer to Evac chairs. In any event, staff reps and/or the fire services should be briefed and trained in the appropriate procedure.		Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Is an "Evac" chair installed in each stairwell?	It is preferable that wheelchair users are transported in their own wheelchair but where this is impossible because the chair is too bulky or heavy a user might transfer to an Evac chair for safe assisted escape down a flight of steps.		Yes - Each set of stairs has an evac chair	None	COMPLIANT	
Are staff trained to provide the safe assisted evacuation of disabled people?	It is recommended that staff will undergo the training course.		Yes - staff are trained to assist disabled people in an evacuation	None	COMPLIANT	