

BUILDING NAME: Royal Courts of Justice - Thomas Moore Building

AUDITOR: [REDACTED]

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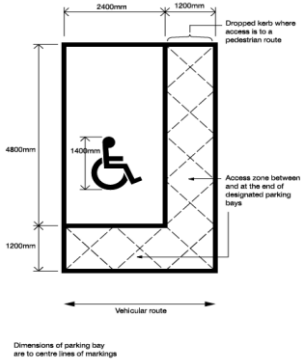
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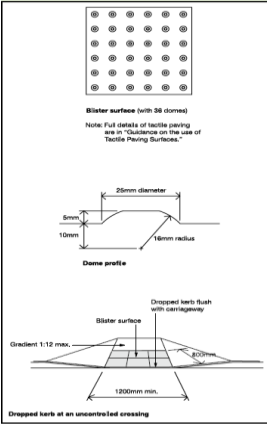
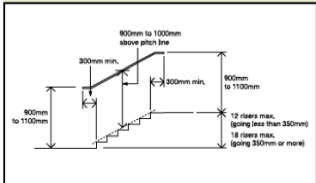
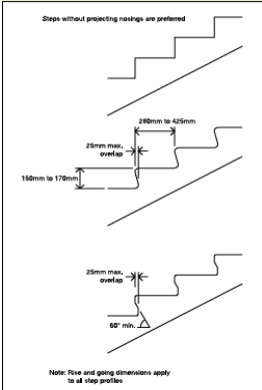
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Category & definition

- 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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<p>Is car parking provided? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO [if no please go to section (2)]</p>						
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.	 <p>Dimensions of parking bay are to centre lines of markings</p>	N/A	N/A	ACCEPTABLE	
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.		N/A	N/A	ACCEPTABLE	

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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.	<div>Diagram 1 Tactile paving and an example of its use at an uncontrolled crossing</div> 	N/A	N/A	ACCEPTABLE		
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).		N/A	N/A	ACCEPTABLE		
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.	<div>Diagram 5 External steps and stairs – key dimensions</div> 	<div>Diagram 6 Examples of acceptable step profiles and key dimensions for external stairs</div> 	N/A	N/A	ACCEPTABLE	


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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> <p>The diagram shows two cross-sections of handrails. The top section shows a circular handrail with a diameter of 40mm to 50mm, mounted to a wall with a clearance of 60mm to 75mm. The bottom section shows a non-circular handrail with a 50mm wide and 30mm deep profile having rounded edges, with a 15mm min radius and a 50mm max height. A note indicates 'Ramped or stepped access' for the lower part of the diagram.</p>	N/A	N/A	ACCEPTABLE	
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> <p>The diagram shows a side view of a stair flight with a handrail. Key dimensions are indicated: the handrail extends 300mm beyond the top and bottom treads. The height of the handrail is shown as 900 - 1100mm.</p>	N/A	N/A	ACCEPTABLE	
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.			N/A	N/A	ACCEPTABLE	
Are the handrails extended without a break around the half landings on both sides of a stair flight?			N/A	N/A	ACCEPTABLE	

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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><caption>Table 1 Limits for ramp gradients</caption><thead><tr><th>Going of a flight</th><th>Maximum gradient</th><th>Maximum rise</th></tr></thead><tbody><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></tbody></table> <p>Note: For goings between 2m and 10m, it is acceptable to interpolate between the maximum gradients, i.e. 1:14 for a 4m going or 1:19 for a 8m going (see Diagram 3).</p> <table><caption>Diagram 3 Relationship of ramp gradient to the going of a flight</caption><tbody><tr><td>1:20</td><td>10</td><td>1000mm (m)</td></tr><tr><td>1:15</td><td>5</td><td>500mm (m)</td></tr><tr><td>1:12</td><td>2</td><td>166mm (m)</td></tr></tbody></table>	Going of a flight	Maximum gradient	Maximum rise	10m	1:20	500mm	5m	1:15	333mm	2m	1:12	166mm	1:20	10	1000mm (m)	1:15	5	500mm (m)	1:12	2	166mm (m)	No - The ramp is excessive in length and should be divided at 4m internals. The current makes the building inaccessible to self propelled wheelchair users. There is a platform lift to the rear of this building servicing the main building access can be gained to the building via this point.	The access to the building is managed via security guards identifying individuals needs.	ACCEPTABLE	
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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	No works required.	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	No Works required	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	No Works required	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.		N/A	No Works required	COMPLIANT																						

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Is the door wide enough?	External doors to public buildings used by the general public should have the following effective clear widths for <u>one door leaf</u> : 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, 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 - Double doors are 1800mm wide	No Works required	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	No Works required	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.		N/A	No Works required	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 between 500mm to 800mm and 1150mm to 1500mm from floor level. Fully glazed doors should be identified by 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 into the atrium area	No Works required	COMPLIANT																			
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 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>	Yes - Suitable wheel chair manoeuvrability is provided.	No Works required	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	ACCEPTABLE																			

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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	No Works required	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	No Works required	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.		NA	NA	ACCEPTABLE	
Is there a separate Staff/Judicial Building Entrance? [If no please go to section 51. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> No						
Is there level access or a ramp to the front door?			Yes	No Works required	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	No Works required	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	No Works required	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.		No - Push pad is provided. Door opens inwards	Look in to providing automated door provision to assist self propelled wheelchair users.	ACCEPTABLE	
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.		Yes - Door open easily without excessive force.	No Works required	COMPLIANT	

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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.		Yes the door is security protected and the keypad/key fob is suitably positioned.	No Works required	COMPLIANT	
Is there a Reception area? [If no please go to Section 6] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
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	ACCEPTABLE	
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	ACCEPTABLE	
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	ACCEPTABLE	

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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	ACCEPTABLE	
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	ACCEPTABLE	
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	ACCEPTABLE	
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	ACCEPTABLE	
Horizontal Circulation Please note if more than one floor, then copy and complete these pages for each floor. Please cover both secure and non-secure areas. Floor Number (e.g. Ground, First, Second etc.): All floors						
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.		Ground; Yes First; Yes Second; Yes Third; Yes Fourth; Yes Fifth; Yes Sixth; Yes Seventh; Yes Eighty's Ninth; Yes Tenth; Yes Eleventh; Yes	No Works Required	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.		Ground; Yes First; Yes Second; Yes Third; Yes Fourth; Yes Fifth; Yes Sixth; Yes Seventh; Yes Eighty's Ninth; Yes Tenth; Yes Eleventh; Yes	No Works Required	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.		Ground; Yes First; Yes Second; Yes Third; Yes Fourth; Yes Fifth; Yes Sixth; Yes Seventh; Yes Eighty's Ninth; Yes Tenth; Yes Eleventh; Yes	No Works Required	COMPLIANT	

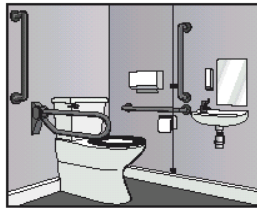
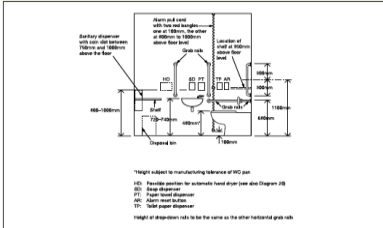
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Are the floor surfaces suitable to travel across for wheelchair users and/or people with walking difficulties?	Floor finishes should be smooth, firm and non-slip surfaces. Deep pile carpet or other textured floor covering should be avoided.		Ground; Yes First; Yes Second; Yes Third; Yes Fourth; Yes Fifth; Yes Sixth; Yes Seventh; Yes Eighty's Ninth; Yes Tenth; Yes Eleventh; Yes	No Works Required	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.		Ground; Yes First; Yes Second; Yes Third; Yes Fourth; Yes Fifth; Yes Sixth; Yes Seventh; Yes Eighty's Ninth; Yes Tenth; Yes Eleventh; Yes	No Works Required	COMPLIANT																				
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>330mm</td></tr><tr><td>2m</td><td>1:12</td><td>165mm</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 4m going or 1:16 for a 6m going (see Diagram 3).</p> <table><tr><th colspan="2">Diagram 3 Relationship of ramp gradient to the going of a flight</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Table 1 Limits for ramp gradients			Going of a flight	Maximum gradient	Maximum rise	10m	1:20	500mm	5m	1:15	330mm	2m	1:12	165mm	Diagram 3 Relationship of ramp gradient to the going of a flight				NA - No ramps	No Works Required	COMPLIANT	
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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.		No - Lighting is adequate throughout floor	No Works Required	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, such as columns.		No - The decorations show a clear contrast from wall to floor and are not confusing	None	COMPLIANT																				
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).		Yes - Doors exceed 750mm when accessed straight on	None	COMPLIANT																				

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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.		Yes - All doors handles are either push pad or lever action, and are easy to open	None	COMPLIANT	
Can a wheelchair user manoeuvre to open the doors?	A space 300mm wide should be provided beyond the leading edge of the door to enable a wheelchair user to access the handle.	<p><small>Note:</small> 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 itself (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 - Space beyond the leading edge exceeds 300mm	None	COMPLIANT	
Are the handles 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.		Yes - All doors handles are either push pad or lever action, and are easy to open	None	COMPLIANT	
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.		Yes - Doors that are not courtroom or private meeting rooms have vision panels	None	COMPLIANT	
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.		Rooms are signposted but lacking directional signs	Consider implementing colour coded directional signs	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Vertical Circulation Internal (Stairs) Are internal stairs provided within the building? <div> <div>Yes</div> <div>No</div> <div>please go to Section 8]</div> </div>						
Are stairs 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. Stairs will have even risers 150-170mm (risers should not be open). 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. The steps will have an unobstructed width of at least 1200mm.</p> <p>Diagram 5 External steps and stairs - key dimensions</p>	<p>Diagram 6 Examples of acceptable step profiles and key dimensions for external stairs</p> <p><small>Note: Rise and going dimensions apply to all step profiles</small></p>	<p>Central Public Stairs - Yes</p> <p>Lift Stairs - Yes</p>	No Works Required	COMPLIANT	

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Are there suitable handrails, are they easy to grip on each side of a flight of stairs?	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>	Central Public Stairs - Yes Lift Stairs - Yes	No Works Required	COMPLIANT	
Does the handrail extend by at least 300mm beyond the top and bottom tread in a stair flight?			Central Public Stairs - No Lift Stairs - Yes	When replacing handrails during future refurbishments this issue should be considered.	ACCEPTABLE	
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.		Central Public Stairs - Yes 900 Lift Stairs - No 890	Although the lift stairs is non-compliant, it is only 10mm out so no change is required	ACCEPTABLE	
Are the handrails extended without a break around the half landings on both sides of a stair flight?			Central Public Stairs - No Lift Stairs - Yes	When replacing handrails during future refurbishments this issue should be considered.	ACCEPTABLE	
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.		Central Public Stairs - No Lift Stairs - Yes	When replacing handrails during future refurbishments this issue should be considered.	ACCEPTABLE	
Are there good light levels over the stairs?			Central Public Stairs - Yes Lift Stairs - Yes	No works required	COMPLIANT	

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Is there a floor directory on the ground floor? Are there floor level indicators and/or directional signage displayed on each floor level landing?	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 at each floor level landing. The lettering should be bold, sans serif and contrast in tone with its background.		Central Public Stairs - Yes Lift Stairs - Yes	Provide colour coded and embossed signage for clear directions	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Vertical Circulation (Lifts) Are lifts provided within the building? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If no, please go to Section 9]						
Is there an accessible lift provided? Is it big enough for wheelchairs? Is there space available where a lift could be installed? (Provide details for all lift types and dimensions)	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.	Key dimensions associated with passenger lifts	Yes - Public lift, 1200 x 1200 Yes - Judges Lift, 1200 x 1200	Although the lift does not meet size regulation it is not reasonably practical to alter it	ACCEPTABLE	
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.		Yes - Public lift, Handrails no mirror Yes - Judges Lift, Handrails no mirror	Although the lift does not meet size regulation it is not reasonably practical to alter it	ACCEPTABLE	
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 810mm Judge Lift - Yes 810mm	No Works required	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 Judge Lift - Yes	No Works required	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 -Yes Judge Lift - Yes	No Works required	COMPLIANT	
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 Judge Lift - 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 Judge Lift - Yes	None	COMPLIANT	

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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 Judge Lift - Yes	Provide floor level information signs that are embossed	ACCEPTABLE	
Is there an evacuation or firefighter lift that can be used to evacuate disabled people?			No	No Works required	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?			Yes	No Works required	COMPLIANT	
Toilets (wheelchair-accessible toilets) Are there any wheelchair-accessible toilets provided? <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If no please go to section 10] </div>						
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 11th Floor - Public Access Judges have there own facilities	No Works required	COMPLIANT	
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.	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.	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 19 Unisex wheelchair-accessible toilet with corner WC 	Ground Floor - No - Public access 11th Floor - No - Public Access Judges have there own facilities	No Works required	COMPLIANT	

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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.		NA	NA		
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 access 11th Floor - Public Access Judges have there own facilities	No Works required	COMPLIANT	
Are the measurements for the fittings within the accessible wk. as indicated in the diagram?			Ground Floor - Public access 11th Floor - Public Access	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 access 11th Floor - Public Access	None	COMPLIANT	
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 access 11th Floor - Public Access	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 access - Yes 11th Floor - Public Access - Yes	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 access 11th Floor - Public Access - Yes Judges have there own facilities - Yes	None	COMPLIANT	

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Are there courts/hearing rooms? [If no please go to Section 11] <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.		Not compliant	Install colour coded signage with braille to assist those with sight difficulties	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
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.		Yes		COMPLIANT	
Are lighting levels adequate?	Lighting should be diffused and even. Spotlights should be avoided.		Yes		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		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		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		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?		No	Provide temporary access ramps to manage wheelchair users and handrails to one side for ambulant users.	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Witness Areas Is there a witness suite? [If no please go to Section 12] <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.		No signs are provided	Provide tactile and colour coded signs to give clear directions	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
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?			Yes - level access is provided throughout	None	COMPLIANT	
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	

Question	Access Criteria	Pictures for Help	Observation	Recommendation	Category	Comment
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? <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </div> <div>[If no please go to Section 13]</div>						
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		
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.		Yes - The seating throughout is not fixed and can be moved to allow for wheelchair users	None	COMPLIANT	
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.		Only room name signs are provided	Provide tactile and colour coded signs to give clear directions	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
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	

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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? Please list organisations: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If no please go to Section 14] (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.		No signs are provided	Provide tactile and colour coded signs to give clear directions	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
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?		Yes	None	COMPLIANT	
Are lighting levels adequate?	Lighting should be diffused and even. Spotlights should be avoided.		Yes - level access is provided throughout	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.		Yes, lighting levels do not cause glare.	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 to fixed seating. A mixture of with and without armrests is recommended. Fixed seating forming alcoves should not preclude by layout those in wheelchairs.		No - seating is fixed	None	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
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	
Robing Areas (Legal Representatives) Are there facilities available for members of the legal profession? [If no please go to Section 15] <input 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.		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	

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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.		N/A	N/A	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.		N/A	N/A	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 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>		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT													
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 border="1"><caption>Table 1 Limits for ramp gradients</caption><thead><tr><th>Going of a flight</th><th>Maximum gradient</th><th>Maximum rise</th></tr></thead><tbody><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></tbody></table> <p>Note: For goings between 2m and 10m, it is acceptable to interpolate between the maximum gradients, i.e. 1:14 for a 4m going or 1:19 for a 6m going (see Diagram 3).</p>	Going of a flight	Maximum gradient	Maximum rise	10m	1:20	500mm	5m	1:15	333mm	2m	1:12	166mm	N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
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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. Stairs 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.</p> <p>Diagram 5 External steps and stairs – key dimensions</p>	<p>Diagram 6 Examples of acceptable step profiles and key dimensions for external stairs</p>	N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
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. 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>	<p>Diagram 7 Handrail design</p>	N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Does the handrail extend by at least 300mm beyond the top and bottom tread in a stair flight?			N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	

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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.		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Are the handrails extended without a break around the half landings on both sides of a stair flight?			N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
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.		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Are there good light levels over the stairs?			N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
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.		N/A	N/A	ACCEPTABLE	
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).		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
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.		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
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.		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	

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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>	N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
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.		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
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.		N/A	N/A	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.		N/A	N/A	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.		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Are their audible announcements for each floor level?	Lifts servicing more than 2 floors should have audible announcements for visually impaired people.		N/A	N/A	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.		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Are there floor level indicators and/or directional signage visible from the open doors of the lift at each level served?	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.		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Is there an evacuation or firefighter lift that can be used to evacuate disabled people?			N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
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?			N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	

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Is there an accessible WC for those in custody within the custody area.	<p>It should be no more difficult for a disabled person to reach a toilet than it is for a non-disabled person.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Please indicate areas with insufficient facilities in the comments.</p>	<p>Diagram 19 Heights and arrangement of fittings in a unisex wheelchair-accessible toilet (facing towards wall A in diagram 18)</p>	N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Are they well signposted?	<p>Signs should be mounted between 1400mm and 1700mm above floor level and contrast with the wall/background.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Braille signage would be of benefit to people with visual impairments who are Braille readers.</p> <p>Signage should be continuous and consistent throughout.</p>		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Does the layout of the wheelchair accessible cubicles conform to the minimum provisions of Approved Document M?	<p>Wheelchair WC compartments should measure at least 1500mm x 2200mm. The door should open outwards.</p>	<p>Diagram 18 Unisex wheelchair-accessible toilet with corner WC</p>	N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
In buildings where there is more than one WC are the layouts handed?	<p>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.</p>		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Are the sanitary fittings contrasted in colour with the floor and walls?	<p>Bathrooms tend to be provided in white throughout and as such offer no clues to visually impaired people.</p>		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Are the measurements for the fittings within the accessible wk. as indicated in the diagram?			N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Are door handles and locks easy to use?	<p>Handles should be lever action, and circular in section.</p> <p>Locks should be of a simple thrown lever type.</p> <p>Both should contrast with the door.</p>		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	

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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.		N/A	N/A	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.		N/A	N/A	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.		N/A	N/A	COMPLIANT	
Emergency Evacuation						
Are fire exits clearly signposted?	This also needs to include accessible signage in alternative formats.		Yes - Fire exits are clearly signposted	No Works required	COMPLIANT	
Is the door ironmongery easy to use on the final exit?	i.e. quick release bars with good colour contrast?		Yes	No Works required	COMPLIANT	
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	No Works required	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 inadequate provision of flashing beacon	installation of flashing beacon to be provided to all suitable position for compliance with BS8300	NON -COMPLIANT Category: C	
Can all building users use all ground floor exits?			Yes	No Works required	COMPLIANT	
Is there a choice of two escape routes from each point in the building?			Yes	No Works required	COMPLIANT	
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	No Works required	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 points 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.	ACCEPTABLE	
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	No Works required	COMPLIANT	

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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	No Works required	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 Evac Chairs are provided.	No Works required	ACCEPTABLE	
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	