

I am writing to seek information on your authority's approach to disability issues. I would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Has your authority adopted the social model of disability in its practices?
2. If yes to Q1, has this been formally adopted at a council meeting or similar?
3. Have your staff and councillors been trained in disability awareness, including the social model of disability?
4. Do your equality impact assessments include reference to the social model of disability and its implications for policy decisions?
5. Does your authority employ an access officer or similar (e.g. access design officer or disabilities officer) to provide advice to officials and others about access standards and design? If yes, please provide the specific job title.
6. Does your authority have a policy or charter covering accessible streets for disabled people, for example a Streets Charter, accessible streets policy or similar? If so, please can you provide a copy.
6. Is your authority part of the Disability Confident scheme? If so, at what level - Committed, Employer, Leader?