

# Weetwood Hall Accessibility Statement Reviewed January 2018

### **Objective**

- o The accessibility statement is reviewed annually so as to evidence that best practice and due diligence is given to our accessibility services and facilities.
- The document is available under welcome on the Weetwood Hall website.
  www.weetwood.co.uk

#### Accreditation

- Weetwood Hall has achieved the M2 mobility quality standard as designated by the National Accessible Scheme.
- o M2 mobility is typically suitable for a person with restricted walking ability and for those that need to use a wheelchair some of the time.

### External facilities

- o There are three designated disabled car parking bays with appropriate signage in the turning circle near to both hotel and conference reception.
- o Both the hotel and conference reception can be accessed via a concrete ramp located between both areas.
- o The Manor House ground floor can easily be accessed as there is no impediment between the road and pavement kerb.
  - Speeding signs are installed restricting traffic to 10 mph on the estate.

#### **Building facilities**

- Weetwood Hall does meet the Building Regulations (Part M) for an existing building.
- o There is a lift for wheelchair users to access the syndicate rooms on the first floor of the conference centre.
- o Access to the first floor conference rooms can be gained via the hotel reception lift; the door access is 790mm wide.
- o There are induction loops for those with hearing difficulties in the Lawnswood and Bramley conference suites supporting up to 12 hearing aid sets. Further loops can be supplied via a third party provider with prior notice.
- o The hotel reception passenger lift meets the legislative requirements for door sensors with additional sensors installed as a further safety precaution to assist those in a wheelchair.

### Public toilet facilities

- $_{\odot}$  There are disabled facilities available within the conference centre and hotel reception with an alarm system sounding at hotel reception.
- o Baby changing facilities are available at the hotel reception disabled toilet and the Stables pub ladies.

# **Bedroom accommodation**

- $_{\odot}$  Two of the hotel bedrooms located on the ground floor are equipped to meet the needs of those using a wheel chair. They include wardrobes with a pull down facility for hanging clothes, low level spy holes, large dial telephones, 4'6" x 6'3" standard double beds, switches at the appropriate height and wet-room facilities. There is an alarm system in each wet-room that sounds at hotel reception.
  - o Carers, if not sharing the double bed, can be accommodated in an adjacent bedroom.
- The details of any resident with a disability are recorded in case of an emergency at hotel reception.
- o The colours and textures of the wall-covering, carpet and soft furnishings in the refurbished bedrooms meet the recommendations of the Equality Act 2010 visual contrast guidelines.
- o Bedroom pillows comprise 50/50 polyester/cotton for the cover and 100% polyester for the filling: duvets 100% for the cover and 70/30 polyester/cotton filling.
- o A deafguard unit is available for placing under a pillow in case of an alarm sounding when a guest requiring such a facility is sleeping.

### Dining

- o Menus detail what is available for those with a vegetarian (v) and requirement for ingredients free of wheat, rye & barley (w)
- $\circ$  Some of our meat products meet the Halal requirements and these are detailed on the relevant menus (h)

# **Restrictions**

o Due to the age of the estate dating back to 1625 there are difficulties for those using a wheelchair, accessing the cobbled courtyard, Stables pub and Italian Gardens although similar facilities are easily accessible elsewhere on the estate.

#### Smoking

o Whilst Weetwood Hall is a no smoking environment as governed by the Smoke Free Regulations 2007 there are smoking facilities located in two shelters located by the conference centre and the Stables pub.

#### Guide dogs

Are accepted in all areas of Weetwood Hall.

# Wheelchair

o One chair is located at hotel reception when required.