

Accessible Information

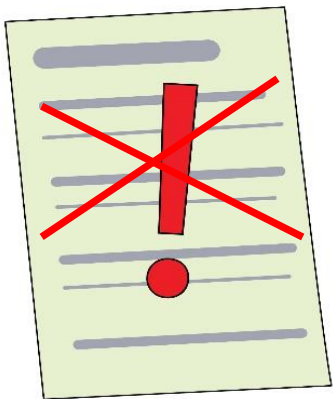
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We are a group of self-advocates with learning difficulties / disabilities from around the country.



We have come together to share our worries about accessible information. There has not been enough accessible information written by the government.



The coronavirus crisis has shown us how this is not a **priority** for the government.

There has not been enough timely accessible information provided by the government.

Priority: this means being seen and treated as important.

We understand that:



Public services have a **duty** to provide accessible information and disability related adjustments.

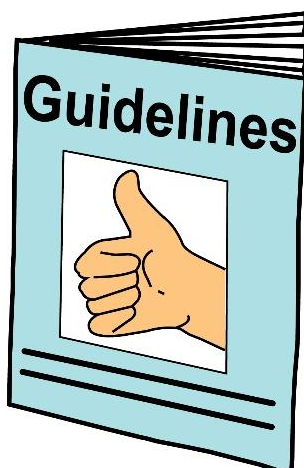
Duty: this means something that must be done by law.



The government has not followed the law on accessible information during Coronavirus.



Accessible information means people can be in charge of their lives and have better health or a job and a lot more.



The **Accessible Information Standard** has made a difference where it was used

(<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/access-info-stdndr-er-upd-jul16.pdf>)

Accessible Information Standard: this is a law which aims to make sure that Disabled people are given information they can understand, and the communication support they need.



Accessible information can help everyone, not only Disabled people.

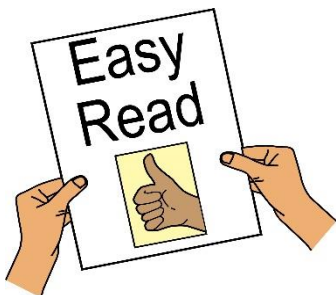


A lot of community and self-advocacy organisations have been producing accessible information. It is not their responsibility to do it. Also, groups do not have the **resources** to do this.

The government should know this and take responsibility for accessible information.

Resources: here, this can mean many things such as money, time, staff or equipment.

We should have:



Accessible information in our hands.



Support to understand the information.

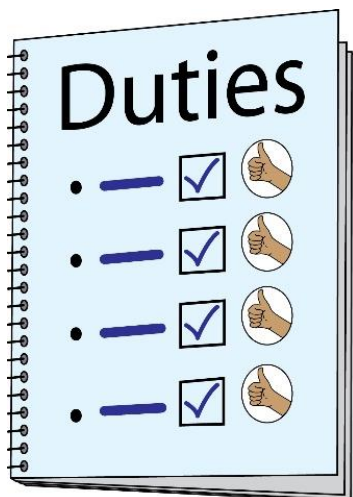


Support to make decisions about our health.



Support to understand important **public health guidance**

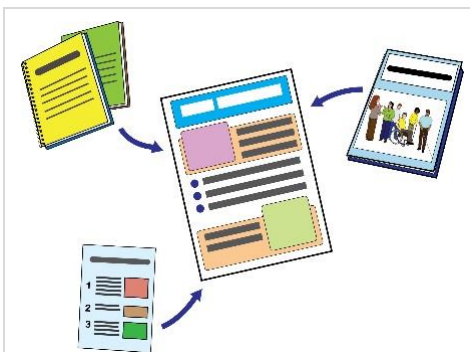
Public Health Guidance: this is information about how to stop diseases from spreading and how to make sure people are as safe and healthy as possible.



Information in different accessible formats that people understand. This is a **public sector equality duty**. For more information about this duty please click [here](#).

Duty: this means something that must be done by law.

Public Sector Equality Duty: This is a duty that government organisations have under the Equality Act. They must make sure that people are treated equally and have the same opportunities as everyone else.



Accessible information at the same time as any other information. Many people need more time, support and **resources** to understand information that will affect them.

Resources: here, this means equipment or tools to help make information accessible.

Signed by:

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Alison	Taylor
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Joanne	Vallance
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Jon	Wood

Self Advocacy Organisations

BATIAS Independent Advocacy Service
Bradford People First
Bromley Speaking Up Group
Building Bridges
Café Leep
Croydon People First
Don't Screen Us Out
Dorset Community People Speaking U
Dudley Voices for Choices
Herts People First
Leeds Autism AIM
Leep 1 - Leeds People First
Lewisham Speaking Up
Manchester People First
My Life My Choice
People First (Self Advocacy)
People First Dorset
People First Salzburg
Safety Net People First
Sunderland People First
The Peoples Choice Group
Together All Are Able
U-Night Group
Wakefield Self Advocacy Group
Waltham Forest People First
Waltham Forest People's Parliament
Warrington Speak Up Group
Wednesday's Voice
Wiltshire People 1st
York People First

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Gillian-	
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Ali	McAvoy
Rosie	Mockford
Christopher	Porter
Kristine	Reid
Terry	Rutherford
Sharon	Sapwell
Katie	Sibthorp
Joan	Taylor
Gina	Walker
Lisa	Watchorn

Supporting Organisations

Ace Anglia
Advance Housing & Support
Advocacy for All
Advocacy Matters
Advonet

ALLFIE
Autism Plus
Autism Support Allerdale and Copeland
Barnsley Learning Disability Health & Social Care Strategic Improvement Group
Breakthrough UK
Bristol Disability Equality Forum
Bristol Reclaiming Independent Living
British Institute of Human Rights
Central User Forum
Centre 404
Change
Changing Our Lives
Chester Link
Choice Support
Choices and Rights
Chronical Illness Inclusion Projects
Cloverleaf Advocacy
Cripchat
Croydon People First
Dimensions
Disability Sheffield
Discovery
Don't Screen Us Out
DPAC Bristol
Dudley Advocacy
Easy Health
End Violence Against Women Coalition
Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities
Generate
Genesis Orwell Mencap
Grace Eyre Foundation
Hammersmith and Fulham Coalition against Cuts
Inclusion Glos
Inclusion North

Inclusion North Advisory Council
Inclusion North Director
Inclusion North Experts by Experience
Independent Advocacy
Ivy Care Homes
KeyRing
Knowsley Disability Concern
Learning Disability England
Liberation
Links for Alliance in Islington and Camden
MacIntyre Charity
Mad Covid
Meet N Match (Spring into Action)
National Survivor User Network (NSUN)
No Barriers Here
North Yorkshire Disability Forum
North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board
Palliative Care for People with Learning Disabilities
Pathways Associates
PossAbilities Plus
Preston and District Learning Disability Forum
RADiANT Research Consortium
Reclaiming Our Futures Alliance (ROFA)
Richmond AID
Rightful Lives
SeeAbility
Shaping Our Lives
Share Community
Sheffield Voices
Small Charities Coalition
SNOOP Bradford
Social Care Resources
Social Spider
Social Work Action Network (SWAN)

SPECTRUM Centre for Independent Living
St Anne's Community Services Leeds
Stay Up Late
Stepping Forward UK
Student Voice at Share Community
Tees Valley Rural Action
The Advocacy Project
The Engine Shed
The Gates
Together Matters
Wish
Respond
Camden Disability Action
Safe Places National Network
Team Springwell, Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Community Catalysts
Campaign 4 Change
National Voices
Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People (GMCDP)

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