



Weetwood Hall Accessibility Statement

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Disability & Special Requirements Update
Reviewed March 2010

Accreditation

- Weetwood Hall has achieved the M2 mobility quality standard as designated by the National Accessible Scheme.
- Inspection was undertaken by Quality in Tourism in March 2010.
- 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

- There are three designated disabled car parking bays with appropriate signage in the turning circle near to both hotel and conference reception.
- Both the hotel and conference reception can be accessed via a concrete ramp located between both areas.
- 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.
- There is a lift for wheelchair users to access the syndicate rooms on the first floor of the conference centre.
- Access to the first floor conference rooms can be gained via the hotel reception lift; the door access is 790mm wide.
- There are induction loops for those with hearing difficulties in Lawnswood, Headingley, Cookridge, Bramley and Kirkstall conference rooms.
- 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

- There are disabled facilities available within the conference centre and hotel reception with an alarm system sounding at hotel reception.
- Baby changing facilities are available at the hotel reception disabled toilet and the Stables pub ladies.

Bedroom accommodation

- 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.
- Carers, if not sharing the double bed, can be accommodated in an adjacent bedroom.
- The flat screen televisions in the hotel bedrooms; channels 19/20 (BBC1/ITV1) are subtitled where applicable.
- The details of any resident with a disability are recorded in case of an emergency at hotel reception.
- The colours and textures of the wall-covering, carpet and soft furnishings in the refurbished bedrooms meet the recommendations of the DDA visual contrast guidelines.
- 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.

Dining

- Menus detail what is available for those with a vegetarian and wheat free dietary requirement.
- Energising snacks can be pre-arranged in the conference centre for delegates wishing to monitor blood sugar levels.
- Halal meat products are available with prior notice.

Restrictions

- 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

- 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.
- Until they are refurbished, five bedrooms located on the 2nd floor will be deemed as available for smokers but this policy will alter once the refurbishment is complete.

Guide dogs

- Are accepted in all areas of Weetwood Hall.

Wheelchair

- One chair is located at hotel reception when required.