

RESPONSE PROVIDED

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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 51

1. Has your authority adopted the social model of disability in its practices?

EMCCA recognises the difficulties faced by learners with LLDD in both accessing provision and transitioning into employment. All procured Adult Skills provision must ensure any premises used in the delivery of training is equality compliant. We will monitor the take up of learning across all our Adult Skills programmes using the Individual Learning Record Service data which collects data on disability where learners disclose this.

2. If yes to Q1, has this been formally adopted at a council meeting or similar?

The Strategic Skills Plan which outlined the above was approved at EMCCA Board in December 2024.

3. Have your staff and councillors been trained in disability awareness, including the social model of disability?

Yes - Equality, Disability, and Inclusion is part of the mandatory training for all EMCCA employees.

4. Do your equality impact assessments include reference to the social model of disability and its implications for policy decisions?

EMCCA do conduct Equality Impact Assessments but not specifically against the social model of disability.

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.

No not currently.

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.

This isn't a responsibility for EMCCA as a Combined Authority. We recommend redirecting this question to the constituent authorities (i.e. Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council).

7. Is your authority part of the Disability Confident scheme? If so, at what level - Committed, Employer, Leader?

Yes - Committed



I hope this satisfies your request.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may write to request an internal review. The internal review will be carried out by someone who did not make the original decision, and they will re-assess how the Department handled the original request.

If you wish to request an internal review, please write or send an email to the Information Governance Team within two months of the date of this letter, at the following address:

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Regards

Information Governance Team

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