



Brighthelm Accessibility Assessment

BRIGHTHELM CENTRE



This assessment has been written on the request of the queer therapy hub which is located on the third floor in the BrightHelm Centre.

The form below is categorised by adjustments regarding accessibility that need to be made and the adjustments that have already been made.

This assessment has been done by Nu McAdam who has a physical disability [quadriplegia/full time powered wheelchair user], ADHD and Autism. This document has been created with the understanding that not all disabilities can be reflected via our personal experiences and knowledge. There is no such thing as a fully accessible building.

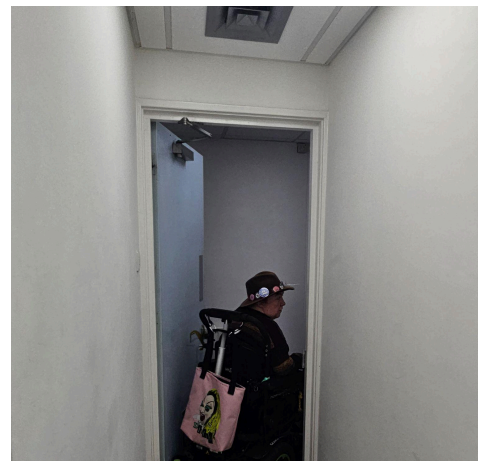
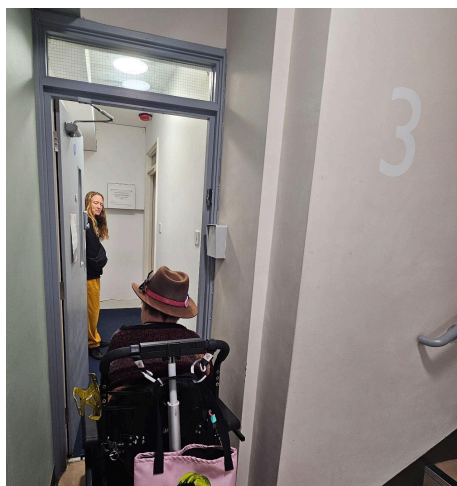
More photos of the building located at the bottom of this document.


Access Factors	THE BRIGHTHELM CENTRE
<p>Wheelchair and step access</p> <p>Entrance/Door measurements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="368 1227 1386 1339">Entrance to the centre is located around the back via a concrete ramp with a handrail that is bright yellow - You will see the railings with signs up before you see the ramp 



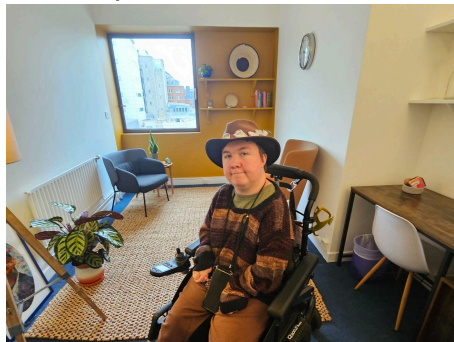
- Step free access all the way up to therapy room
- Large metal Door opening automatic buttons by front entrance and another on the reception room door
- **These buttons are not easily accessible to everyone as they are attached to the wall - Only opens one single door at a time**
- Small lip/carpet edging in between doors from front entrance to reception room
- Reception room floor is carpeted
- Wooden floors on ground floor
- Therapy rooms and corridor to rooms are carpeted - rugs can be removed from therapy rooms
- Doors in the therapy rooms are fire doors



- Front entrance door 75 cm
- Reception to main room ground floor 131 cm - Double doors
- Ground floor double doors towards lift are 116 cm
- Therapy room doors are 75 cm
- Very tight corridor entrance when entering the therapy rooms, tight corners



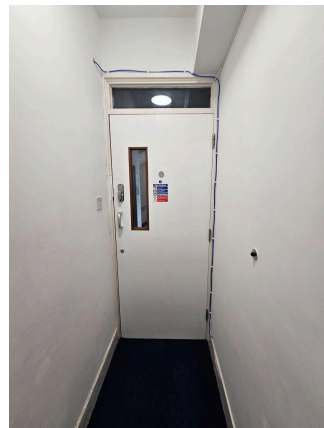
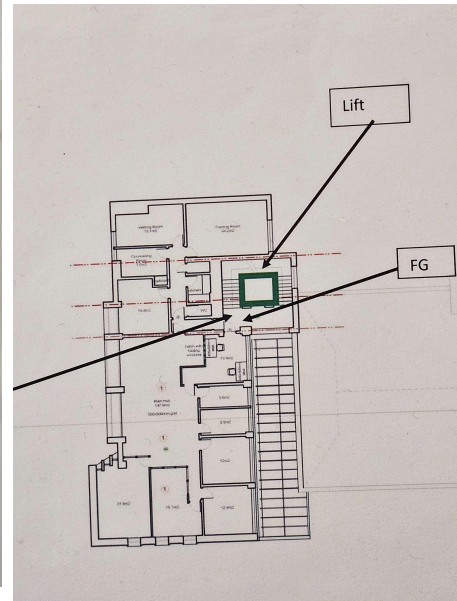
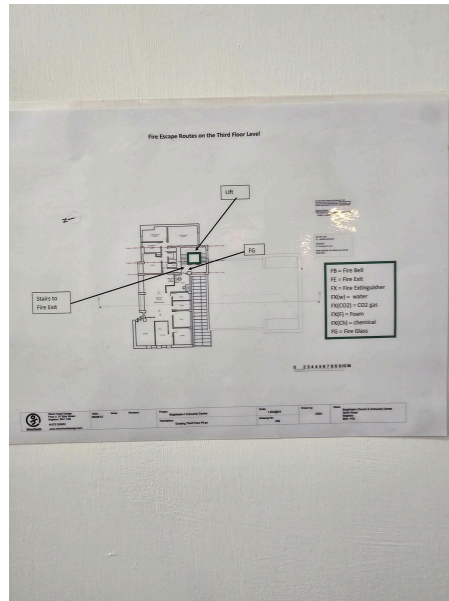
<p>Desk/counter access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downstairs reception desk 115 cm from floor • This is the only counter in the Building that is excluded from Afrori Bookshop
<p>Platform/stage access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This building has a large stage that is then the main church room however this accessibility audit is not for the bright Helm Centre and organization
<p>Lifts information (if needed)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lift goes up to all floors • Entrance of lift door is 80cm - Very small for large-powered/manual wheelchairs • Lift is Square shaped and is only able to fit in one Wheelchair and another person or two people at a time • This lift has been refurbished as of last year - however due to the age of the building it still jutters/bounces When entering the lift or descending 

	
<p>Seating availability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armchairs in reception room are small and have a rounded back • Normal stackable chairs Have flatbacks with gaps in between and are wooden. They also come with cushioned seats - not removable. • There are also some foldable chairs that have a curved Back and are dark grey <p><u>Chairs in therapy room</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cushioned armchairs in the therapy room as well as sofas • Alternatively a rug can be put on the floor if you prefer to Sit on the floor • There is also extra cushions if you need further support 
<p>Surface condition (inside/outside)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat surface throughout no bumps • Carpeted areas in reception room as well as in therapy rooms upstairs 

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Fire safety

- Doors on the third floor are fire doors



[FIRE SAFETY ASSESSMENT DOC LINK](#)

Rest areas information

- There are armchairs on the reception floor x2
These chairs are ones with lower backs and high arm rests

<p>Accessible parking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car park is in between the BrightHouse Centre and The gym at the end of the road • Bike parking stations in the brighthelm Gardens
<p>Mobility support aids/Additional info</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sadly there are no wheelchairs readily available to use
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<p>Visual access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lot of natural light in the bright Helm centre however this gets darker as you go upstairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bright halogen lights in corridor above ground floor • All of the therapy rooms are lit with standing lamps and no overhead lighting
<p>Air circulation information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows above the ground floor can be opened
<p>Restroom facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a Small disabled bathroom on the ground floor as well as on the second floor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Second level accessible bathroom has a corridor to toilet - 90cm length • Doorway to bathroom is 80 cm • Accessible bathroom to ground floor is smaller than the second floor and also has a doorway width of 80 cm

<p>Staff/facilitator training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Refreshments information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are coffees and teas upstairs in the therapy room As well as a sink

EXTRA PHOTOS

