

Access Statement for Claude Gibb Halls of Residence

Introduction

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in our 257 bed student's hall of residence. The following statement is a summary of our provision.

Pre-Arrival

- Train links to the Central Station and then Metro to the Haymarket station. Lifts available at stations. Accommodation approx. 10 minute walk from Haymarket.
- Accessible taxi service from Central Station and Airport
- Metro from Newcastle Airport
- Travel information is available as a link from the University's website <http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/sd/central/acc/newconf/location/?view=Standard>
- You can contact Claude Reception or the Conference Office by telephone, fax or email (details below)

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- Limited parking on the campus
- Blue badge parking for 6 (x1 25 m x6 100m) close to the accommodation. Please book as far as possible in advance
- Parking for mini buses at Lipman 75m, City Campus East 1.5m
- Parking for coaches at City Campus East 1.5m from Claude Gibb

Main Entrance, Reception & Ticketing Area

- Level access into building via ramp
- Induction loop at Reception
- Seating is available in Reception
- Internal Emergency phone to Security
- Door opens automatically on Exit, Entry only with Room Fob
- Accessible doors 76"x36"

Public Areas - Hall, Stairs, Landing, Corridors etc

- Width of Reception area Av5'7"
- Lifts x 2
- Level access to communal common room. Induction loop

Public Areas - Sitting room, lounges, lobbies etc

- Colour contrasts to floors, walls and doorways in Reception area/ground corridors
- Well lit corridors
- Height of counter at Reception as per DDA requirements

Public WCs

- WCs close to Reception x 2 (F), x 3 +1 (G)
- Disabled access toilet close to reception x 1

Restaurant / Dining Room, Bar & Bar area, Take Away & Cafe

- Wheelchair lift into dining room.
- Level wheelchair access to serving tables and hot servery
- Staff will assist to move chairs from dining tables for wheelchair users
- Chairs with or without arms can be arranged, limited numbers with notice
- Special diets apart from Halal and Kosher can be catered for

Laundry

- Level wheelchair access for x4 adapted rooms on the 1st floor

Shop

- Level access to shop via ramp
- Limited room to move inside

Leisure Facilities

Sports centre on site (new facilities to open July 2010)

Outdoor Facilities

- No outdoor facilities

Conference & Meeting Rooms, Banqueting

- Access on campus to all meeting rooms and catering outlets

Bedrooms & Sleeping Areas

- Width of doors 78"
- Accessible rooms x 4 standard x1 independent wheelchair user
- Accessible rooms turning space suitable for wheelchair user .Strobe Lighting linked to Fire Alarm system (no personal alarm)

Each room has

- tea/coffee/hot chocolate facilities and a kettle
- a radio alarm clock,
- wash hand basin
- work desk and study chair
- easy chair
- wardrobe and cabinet space
- hairdryers available from reception

Bathroom, Shower-room & WC [Ensuite or Shared]

- Grab rails in adapted facility only on 1st floor, used by max 4 users + 1st floor small flat
 - Wheel in showers x1 for adapted rooms on 1st floor + 1st floor small flat
 - Toilets +x1 accessible on ground floor
 - Flooring
 - Alarms
- 3 Standard Shower/bathrooms shared between 12 bedrooms on a corridor

Grounds and Gardens

- Cycle sheds
Grassed area in front of entrance

Additional Information

- No pets or dogs
- No smoking
- WiFi in all rooms
- Member of staff always on site can be arranged for any disability issues, with notice
- Emergency lighting
- Mobile phone reception ok throughout
- First aid – Security/Porters
A small fridge can be made available for medication
- Campus Security available 24/7
- Contact hospital and emergency services - via Security
- Permanent Staff have attended disability and equality awareness courses.

Address:

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Website: www.northumbria.ac.uk/conferences

24 hour reception can be arranged with notice

Emergency number: 0191 227 3999

Local public transport numbers:

Traveline 0870 608 2 608

<http://www.traveline.org.uk/index.htm>

Local accessible taxi numbers:

Airport taxis Tel: 0191 214 6969

Noda Taxis Tel: 0191 222 1888

East Coast Taxis Tel: 0191 253 3777

Future Plans

Improvements and updates to University Halls of Residences are carried out each vacation

according to budget.availability e.g. replacement carpets, chairs, soft furnishings etc.

Contact Telephone and Email Address

We welcome your feedback to help us continually improve if you have any comments please phone 0191 227 4717 or email hazel.reynolds@northumbria.ac.uk