

Accessible Information

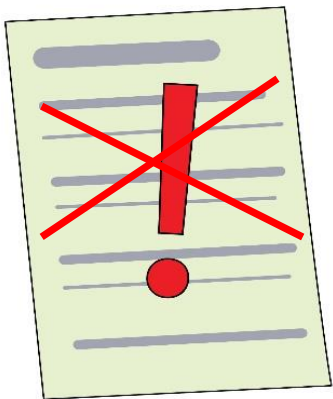
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We are a group of self-advocates with learning difficulties / disabilities from around the country.



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.

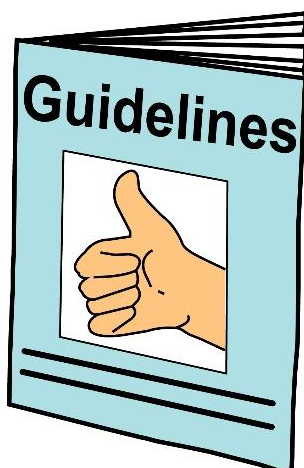
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The government has not followed the law on accessible information during Coronavirus.



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.

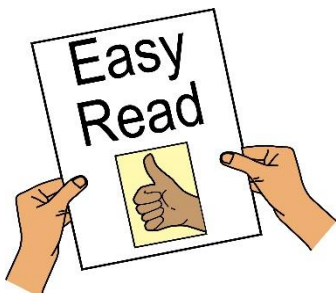


A lot of community and self-advocacy organisations have been producing accessible information. It is not their responsibility to do it. Also, groups do not have the **resources** to do this.

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.

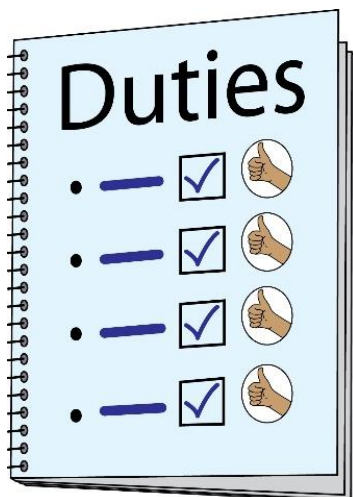


Support to make decisions about our health.



Support to understand important **public health guidance**

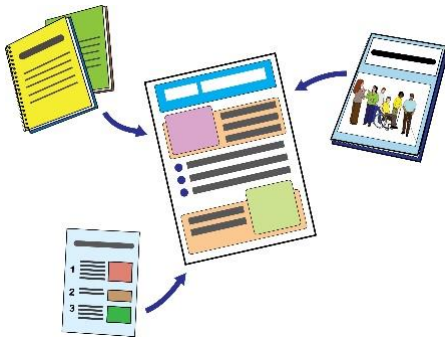
Public Health Guidance: this is information about how to stop diseases from spreading and how to make sure people are as safe and healthy as possible.



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 members of the Accessible Information Campaign Group: