



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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COMBINED AUTHORITY

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
Pathfinder House
St Marys Street, Huntingdon
PE29 3TN

11th June 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information request ref CA427

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 16th May 2025.

Request

I am writing to seek information on your authority's approach to disability issues. I would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions under the Freedom of Information Act.

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

Response: We do not hold this information.

Request:

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

Response: We do not hold this information.

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

Response: No

Request:

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

Response: The CPCA has recently adopted a new Equality Policy for Service Provision. As part of the implementation of this policy, the CPCA is currently finalising the development of

a standardised Equality Impact Assessment procedure, that will enable officers to consistently identify where the organisation's activity impacts those with protected characteristics, including disability. The draft procedure does not prescribe theories to follow; it provides a template for the consideration of evidence and its analysis to determine how to enhance positive impacts and mitigate negative impacts. While the procedure does not prescribe the social model of disability, as a public service provider the CPCA - when considering equality implications - inherently considers the barriers that exist in the environment that prevent accessibility to the services we provide, which ensures that the focus is not on individual limitations but on creating a more inclusive society through positive action.

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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.

Response: No

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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.

Response: We do not hold this information.

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

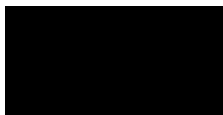
Response: Yes - Level 2 Employer.

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address: democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, 2nd Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3TN within 40 days of the date of this letter.

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Yours sincerely



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