

JOHN WHEATLEY COLLEGE

STATEMENT OF DISABILITY SERVICES

Our Commitment

John Wheatley College is committed to offering equality of opportunity to undertake lifelong learning to its students, its staff and members of the general public. The context of this commitment is determined by:

- the provision of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 (as it applies to Scotland);
- the Human Rights Act 1998;
- the College's Equal Opportunities Policy;
- the College's Digital Inclusion Policy;
- the College's recognition under the Positive About Disabled People Standard.

John Wheatley College is committed to providing the opportunity for students with and without a disability to access education and training to suit their abilities and interests. The College has a wide range of support measures available to all students and has specific and resources available to assist the groups listed below.

- Learning disability
- Physical disability
- Sensory impairment
- Dyslexia
- Mental health problems
- Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties

Is it for me?

Many individuals with a disability think that they would never be able to participate in courses within a Further Education college and therefore miss out on a great number of opportunities. To find out more about programmes and classes available at John Wheatley College, contact our Advice Team on 0141-778-2426. An informal meeting will then be arranged for applicants to tour the college facilities and to meet with our Disability Advisor to discuss any additional support measures and individual needs.

Applications

All applications are considered equally. To enable us to plan appropriate support for students, applicants are *invited* to give a brief statement on any additional support needs on the programme application form. Those who choose to give this information at the initial application stage will be invited to a pre-entry information session with the Disability Advisor.

Enrolment

On enrolling to John Wheatley College, all students are again *invited and encouraged* to disclose any disabilities or difficulties that may require additional support. Where a disability is indicated, an initial information session with our Disability Advisor will be arranged.

The Programmes

John Wheatley College provides a wide range of both core skills and vocational programmes. All programmes are open to applications from all students. John Wheatley College has a wide range of provision, starting at Higher Still Access 1, in all curricular sections of the college. This extensive range of programmes enables the Disability Advisor to assist students in identifying the most appropriate programme to suit their abilities and needs.

Transport

Students may apply for assistance with transport costs to and from college.

Accommodation

John Wheatley College is fully wheelchair accessible.

Special Arrangements for Examinations and Assessments

Special arrangements for examinations and assessments can be made. The Disability Advisor will arrange additional time for completion of work, scribes, written text to be provided in alternative formats and other support measures as identified and required.

Range of Additional Support Measures

The range and level of support provided will vary significantly. John Wheatley College has an extensive range of assistive technologies and software that is available on loan to students during their studies. Students on a Higher Education programmes may also apply for the Disabled Students Allowance from the Scottish Awards Agency for Scotland. This allowance enables students to purchase resources to support their learning.

The college has a range of support measures that will assist those with a disability. These services and resources are summarised below.

Identification and Implementation of Support Needs

- pre-entry interview, enrolment form, self-referral or staff referral during programme
- liaison with programme leaders, care assistants and external support agencies
- technology assessment
- individual records maintained by DA/ELS/Programme Leader
- on-going reviews throughout year of support needs

Transport

- financial assistance with the cost of transport

Environment

- wheelchair access, adapted toilet, adapted lift, lighting, stair markings
- adjustable height equipment / controls / railings

Teaching

- high lecturer / student ratio
- additional lecturer in class
- additional support worker in class

Adaptations

- to equipment - use of tactile / enlarged / Braille buttons
- to teaching and learning approaches or differentiation of learning materials

Personal

- care assistant support
- support of key worker from external agency
- support of interpreter for the deaf

- scribe for written work
- facilities for guide dog

One to one tutorial support

- communications, mathematics, IT, study skills
- liaison with external agencies e.g. speech therapist, Community Learning Disability Team

Assistive Technologies

- Jaws, Zoomtext magnification, screen reader, voice activated computer, word prediction, alternative input devices, keyboards, monitors & work stations, CCTV, induction loop, reading machine, laptops, wordmasters, dictaphones

Assessment

- alternative assessment / examination arrangements
- assessment commissioned from external agency e.g. dyslexia screening

The Disability Advisory Service has strong links with local support agencies that specialise in specific areas of disability and that provide services to assist students during their study at College. A team of Support for Learning assistants is also available throughout the week to support students with personal care needs. Alternatively, students may be accompanied by their own personal support keyworker. All of the above listed services and resources are available through the Disability Advisor.

The Disability Advisor service is located within the Advice Team at John Wheatley College and can be accessed by telephoning 0141 778 2426