# ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

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| REVIEW PERIOD | REVIEW DATE | SIGNED |
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| Issue Date | March 2022 | Melissa Spence – Development Manager – SDG |
| Review Date | March 2023 | Melissa Spence – Development Manager – SDG |
| Review Date (Interim) | October 2023 | Melissa Spence – Development Manager – SDG |
| Review Date | March 2025 | Becca Armstrong |
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South Durham Gymnastics (SDG) are committed to making all users' experience as enjoyable and inclusive as possible. *South Durham Gymnastics Club (SDGC) operate from the same site as SDG. This policy is reflective of both SDG & SDGC.*

This policy aligns with the Equality Act 2010 and UK Building Regulations (Part M), ensuring compliance with legal requirements for accessibility and inclusivity.

Located within Spennymoor Leisure Centre, SDG has two floors. On the ground floor is the main Gymnastics Hall, two changing room facilities, an accessible toilet, 2 staff toilets, 2 offices and a staff room / kitchen area. On the first floor there is a viewing gallery, café, 2 toilets and 1 accessible toilet.

**Car Parking**
SDG utilise Spennymoor Leisure Centre's car park, which has 9 accessible bays.

There are also 3 accessible bays, solely for blue badge holders outside of the gym's fire door, which reduces the distance from parking to the gym itself. Use of these spaces / access via the club fire door needs to be arranged in advance so the gym doors can be opened on arrival.

**Access to and within the Building**
Entrance to both the Leisure Centre and the Gymnastics Centre fire door (utilised during bank holidays and non-standard LC operating hours) can be accessed via ramps as well as steps.

All access routes comply with UK Building Regulations Part M.

Once inside, the floor is level – ensuring it is easy to travel across for wheelchair users / people with mobility issues.

Double doors into the facility and the Gymnastics Hall provide ample width for wheelchair users. All access doors, with the exception of those that are deemed as fire doors can be opened automatically, via code or push pad. For doors that cannot be automatically opened, a member of the SDG team will happily open these for our users / visitors.

**First Floor Access**
Access to the first floor can be gained via the stairs (20 steps) which has a double handrail. There is also a lift for wheelchair users / people with mobility issues / people with buggies to access the first floor Café / viewing area.

An EVAC chair is available upstairs for use by appropriately trained members of the Leisure Centre staff should an emergency evacuation need to take place (and the lift cannot be used).

**Toilets & Changing Rooms**
Ground Floor:

- 2 x changing rooms (1 male, 1 female)
- 1 x accessible toilet and baby changing facility
- 2 x staff toilets (1 male, 1 female)

First Floor:

- 1 x ladies toilet
- 1 x mens toilet
- 1 x accessible toilet

All toilets and changing rooms have non-slip flooring.

**Assistance Dogs**
Registered guide dogs are welcome at SDG. We ask that they always remain with their owner.

**Alternative Information Formats**
SDG would be more than happy to produce alternative formats of information on request.

**Suggested Review Date:** After significant changes, or biennially

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| **Reviewed By:** | Melissa Spence |
| **Date:** | 29/03/2023 |
| **Comments:** | Reference to sole access point to the gymnastics center during the leisure center's building works/transformation project; to be reviewed late July / early August when new LC entrance expected to be in use. |
| **Next Suggested Review Date:** | 01/08/2023 (as interim update) |

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| **Reviewed By:** | Melissa Spence |
| **Date:** | 25/10/2023 (interim) |
| **Comments:** | Updates to Leisure Centre access and accessible parking bays during transformation project |
| **Next Suggested Review Date:** | March 2025 (and when required as per the transformation project) |

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| **Reviewed By:** | Becca Armstrong |
| **Date:** | 13/03/2025 |
| **Comments:** | Included mention as to how we are aligned with the Equality Act 2010 and UK Building Regulations (Part M) |
| **Next Suggested Review Date:** | March 2027 |

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