

## **Disabled Access**

King's Mill Hospital (KMH) has been built to the British standard, Approved Document M and Health Guidance Notes that states that all new buildings and their approaches must meet the needs of disabled people.

The Acute Services Patient Reference Group influenced many aspects of the design of the new build part of the hospital and this is reflected in patient and public areas of the hospital.

A report was also commissioned by the Trust previously to survey the older estate to identify any areas which were not meeting the Disability Discrimination Act standards (this has since been superseded by the Equality act)

Work has been undertaken to ensure as practically possible that access to all the older estate is easily accessible and usable. (Ease of access around the older buildings).

During the past year there have been several schemes to improve accessibility including;

- New automatic doors at entrance 2 near Accident and Emergency
- Fold down seating on corridors to allow rest points. This will be an ongoing project and more seats will be provided
- During refurbishment on Sconce Ward at Newark Hospital the toilets in the four bed bays have been enlarged for accessibility
- Ophthalmology clinic was audited and improvements have been carried out to assist partially sighted users.
- New signage is being fitted which is Dementia friendly

Ongoing improvements over the next year will include;

- The disabled entrance at the front of the hospital next to the revolving door will be improved to allow better disabled access and improve conditions particularly in Winter
- Dementia friendly improvements are now included in all projects as part of the standard design specification
- The new road crossings were provided for better access and will be improved further to be in line with highways regulations

Development of the hospital sites are continuous and engagement with staff and patients will be an integral part of this process to ensure access into and around the buildings are user friendly for all staff patients and visitors.