

## **Update on the National Disability Strategy**

In my written statement of 18 September about the National Disability Strategy I committed to providing an update:

- on how the Government now proposes to take this the 14 commitments that were paused to comply with the High Court's declaration (annex 1) : and
- on all departmental commitments in the National Disability Strategy. This includes details as to whether the individual commitments have been delivered or are in progress. There are 47 commitments which have been 'completed', 54 commitments 'in progress', 1 which is currently 'paused' and 2 which are no longer being taken forward (annex 2).

## Annex 1: National Disability Strategy policies that were previously paused

<p>Department for Business and Trade (DBT)</p>	<p>BEIS [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, which existed until 2023] will publish proposals by the end of 2021 to ensure that every disabled person who wants to start a business has the opportunity to do so.</p>	<p>Government recognises the vital role disabled entrepreneurs play in the UK economy as well as to their local communities. DBT wants to ensure its business support offer is available to all those looking to start and grow a business and is committed to reducing barriers to access.</p> <p>Disabled entrepreneurs can access a range of Government business support. This includes GOV.UK core services, the Business Support Helpline, Help to Grow Management, Start-up Loans and access to the 38 Growth Hubs Network across England.</p> <p>As a department, DBT continues to deliver a wide rolling plan of engagement with UK SMEs, including roundtables, visits and events across the spectrum of our sectors and entrepreneurial landscape - including disabled entrepreneurs - to raise awareness and discuss the continued support the Government is providing SMEs.</p> <p>Following engagement with disabled entrepreneurs in July 2023, we are in the process of considering accessibility of business support programmes with policy teams. We will continue engagement with disabled entrepreneurs over the coming months to ensure their perspectives are fed into policy making.</p>
<p>Disability Unit, Cabinet Office  Department for Energy Security and Net Zero</p>	<p>BEIS [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, which existed until 2023] and the Cabinet Office will set up an Extra Costs Taskforce, bringing together disabled people, regulators and businesses, to better understand the extra costs faced by disabled</p>	<p>Over the last year, the Government has worked to listen to and identify the specific impacts on disabled people of the rising cost of living, to better target the support available to disabled people. Stakeholders have highlighted that the immediate cost of living issues affecting disabled people continue to be a high priority, and we will therefore continue to focus on those in the short term. We will then use our growing evidence base on the impact of the rising cost of living on disabled people to inform next steps on the proposal of an Extra Costs Taskforce in due course.</p>

<p>Department for Business and Trade</p>	<p>people, including how this breaks down for different impairments - by summer 2022.</p>	<p>Government has already undertaken significant work in this area including:</p> <p><b>Cost of Living Payments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Over 8 million UK households on eligible means tested benefits will receive additional Cost of Living Payments totalling up to £900 in the 2023-24 financial year.</li> <li>● £301 paid between 25 April 2023 and 17 May 2023 for most people on DWP benefits. We have already delivered the first £301 payment to 8.3 million households.</li> <li>● £300 will be paid during autumn 2023.</li> <li>● £299 will be paid during spring 2024.</li> <li>● Over 6 million people across the UK on eligible 'extra-costs' disability benefits have received a £150 Disability Cost of Living Payment, to help with the additional costs they face.</li> <li>● More than eight million pensioner households across the UK will receive an additional £300 Cost of Living Payment during winter 2023-24.</li> </ul> <p><b>Household Support Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For those who require extra support, the Government is providing an additional £1 billion of funding, including Barnett impact, to enable the extension of the Household Support Fund in England this financial year. This is on top of what we have already provided since October 2021, bringing total funding to £2.5 billion.</li> <li>● In England this will be delivered through an extension to the Household Support Fund backed by £842 million, running from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, which local authorities use to help households with the cost of essentials.</li> </ul>
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<p>Disability Unit, Cabinet Office</p>	<p>By December 2021, the Disability Unit will review the way the UK Government engages with disabled people, in discussion with disabled people, disabled people's organisations and charities.</p>	<p>Ensuring the voices of disabled people are properly heard is a priority for this Government. We aspire to engage closely with a wide range of disabled people and disabled people's organisations, to ensure that the diversity of disabled people's voices are represented across government. This commitment acknowledged that, despite this work, gaps remain in the Government's knowledge of the size and makeup of the disability sector.</p> <p>Significant work towards delivering this commitment was already completed before the policy was paused. The Disability Unit is considering how we can further strengthen our engagement with disabled people, and will continue to</p>

		seek opportunities to consult and work with the sector in designing and delivering impactful policies to improve disabled people's lives.
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	The Disability Unit will invest up to £1 million in 2021 to 2022 to develop a new Centre for Assistive and Accessible Technology, reporting on progress by summer 2022.	The Government set out proposals regarding Assistive Technology in the Disability Action Plan, which is currently out for consultation. To ensure work in this area is cohesive and considers stakeholder feedback, we will review this commitment following analysis of the responses to the Disability Action Plan consultation.
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	By summer 2022 the Disability Unit will publish, following engagement with disabled people, a set of indicators and a dashboard to track the impact of the National Disability Strategy.	The Government set out proposals regarding data and evidence in the Disability Action Plan, which is currently out for consultation. To ensure work in this area is cohesive and considers stakeholder feedback, we will review this commitment following analysis of the responses to the Disability Action Plan consultation.
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	The Cabinet Office will consider how we can best support those standing for public office and those who hold public office.	The Government set out proposals regarding support for those standing for public office in the Disability Action Plan, which is currently out for consultation. To ensure work in this area is cohesive and considers stakeholder feedback, we will review this commitment following analysis of the responses to the Disability Action Plan consultation.
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	In 2021, Cabinet Office will consult on workforce reporting on disability for large employers, exploring voluntary and mandated workplace transparency, and publish a set of next steps.	The consultation was completed in 2021 but, due to the High Court's declaration, work on this commitment was then paused before analysis of the consultation responses had started. The Government will now commence analysis of the consultation responses and will seek to publish the consultation response report in due course.

Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	Cabinet Office will appoint a Disability Crown Representative to help unlock the innovation and economic benefits of disability inclusion through the Government's commercial activities by March 2022.	The Government will review previous work in this area and consider options over the next few months and provide an update in due course. This will also enable us to consider any relevant insights from analysis of the responses to the Disability Action Plan consultation.
Department for Science, Innovation and Technology	DCMS (Department of Digital, Culture Media and Sport until the creation of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology in 2023) will build the evidence base about the nature and scale of the inaccessibility of private sector websites, and explore how the Government can effectively intervene including possible legislative options, reporting back by spring 2022.	<p>This commitment will need to be reviewed in light of the recent machinery of government change to ensure that this activity sits with the most appropriate department.</p> <p>The Government is committed to ensuring that everyone can access the internet easily and safely. The Online Safety Bill, alongside providing robust safety measures for all, contributes to this commitment by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- User empowerment tools - the largest platforms must give all adults, including those with disabilities, greater controls over their online experience.</li> <li>- Terms and Conditions - the largest platforms must have systems and processes to effectively enforce their terms of service. These terms of service must be clear and easy to understand.</li> </ul>
Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC)	DHSC will establish a new disability data working group in 2021 to look at health and social care datasets and address priority areas where there are gaps in the data.	DHSC recognises the need for the work to improve data; and is looking at how this could be taken forward within existing programmes. DHSC will consider options over the next few months and provide an update in due course.

<p>Department for Work and Pensions</p>	<p>DWP will work with the Disability Confident Professional Advisers Group (PAG) and the Business Leaders Group this year to review and strengthen levels 2 and 3 of the scheme, to support employers to increase disabled people's employment opportunities. The review will consider the content of levels 2 and 3, to ensure it remains up-to-date, credible and sufficiently challenging. It will also explore further ways of encouraging employers to progress through the scheme effectively. The Disability Confident scheme requires employers to commit to offering an interview to disabled people that meet the minimum criteria for the job, as specified by the employer. As part of the review we will consider how this aspect of the scheme is working out in practice.</p>	<p>DWP officials have reviewed the initial recommendations from the work completed in early 2022 before the pause due to the High Court's declaration. The Disability Confident Business Leaders Group and DWP will consider refined proposals before further updates in the Autumn.</p> <p>DWP are committed to ensuring the Disability Confident Scheme remains credible, sufficiently challenging, and continues to support the employment of disabled people. DWP are working with stakeholders to develop and grow the scheme to increase the number of inclusive employers in the UK.</p> <p>Today DWP are publishing the research findings from a survey of Disability Confident members and their views about the scheme, and they will use these findings to further develop the scheme. This research can be found on GOV.UK.</p>
<p>Disability Unit, Cabinet Office</p>	<p>We will publish an annual report which summarises the progress we</p>	<p>This written statement provides an update on the current position and progress made over the last 18 months to implement the strategy. We will</p>

	have made in implementing the strategy.	provide further updates on progress to deliver NDS commitments in due course.
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	The Disability Unit will oversee the implementation of the 5 elements featured in the strategy and report on progress.	The Government will explore different ways to encourage use of the 5 elements across government, including through our Ministerial Disability Champions network and the Disability Unit's ongoing collaboration with other government departments.
Ministry of Defence	Reservists – MoD will explore how to increase opportunities for disabled people to serve as part of the Armed Forces reserves by the end of 2023, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- promoting better use of disabled reservists for appropriate roles across the Armed Forces;</li> <li>- guaranteeing interviews for disabled reservists who meet the minimum requirements when recruiting for those roles.</li> </ul>	Following the judgment from the Court of Appeal, the MoD continues to explore how best to take forward this commitment.

## Annex 2: All Other Departmental Commitments in the National Disability Strategy

Department	Commitment Description as detailed in the NDS	Status
Department for Business and Trade	BEIS [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, which existed until 2023], working with the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), has developed a new online 'Disability at work' advice hub. From July 2021, its remit is to provide clear, accessible information and advice on employment rights for disabled people.	Commitment Completed
Department for Business and Trade	BEIS will launch a consultation by the end of 2021 on making flexible working the default in Great Britain, unless employers have good reasons not to.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Business and Trade	BEIS will set out next steps in progressing the Government's commitment to introduce unpaid carers' leave across Great Britain by the end of 2021.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Science, Innovation and Technology	BEIS will challenge UKRI and other research stakeholders to use future innovation challenges to accelerate innovation in assistive technologies.	Commitment in Progress
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	The Disability Unit will develop a UK-wide campaign to increase public awareness and understanding of disability, dispel ingrained and unhelpful stereotypes and promote the diverse contributions disabled people have made – and continue to make – to public life.	Commitment in Progress  Campaign has been co-created with disabled people and disability stakeholders, drawing on

		their feedback and evidence from research to agree the focus, strategy and creative approach.
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	The Disability Unit is launching an enhanced and expanded programme of Disability and Access Ambassadors in summer 2021.	Commitment Completed
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	The Disability Unit will lead a multi-year programme to improve the availability, quality, relevance and comparability of government disability data, coordinated through: a cross-government group responsible for overseeing and implementing data improvement plans; a panel of experts on the lived experience of disabled people to assess findings from research and to provide advice on data improvement projects.	Commitment in Progress
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	By January 2022, the Disability Unit will begin regular disability surveys and monitor public perceptions of disabled people and policies through the Office of National Statistics.	Commitment in Progress
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	This year (2021), the Cabinet Office will create a Disability Commissioning Taskforce of disabled people's user-led organisations to improve disability organisations' access to government contracts.	Commitment Completed
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	The Minister for Disabled People will chair a quarterly meeting of the Ministerial Disability Champions to drive progress.	Commitment Completed
Disability Unit, Cabinet Office	The Disability Unit will assess the assistive and accessible technology needs of disabled people in England, to establish where these are being met and where improvements can and should be made.	Commitment Completed

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	The Cabinet Office has introduced the Elections Bill to require Returning Officers to consider the needs of people with a wide range of disabilities. The legislation will also enable disabled people to receive help casting their vote from any companion who is over the age of 18 in UK Parliamentary elections. Originally CO but transferred to DLUHC.	Commitment Completed
Cabinet Office	The Cabinet Office will launch a new website and application system by March 2022 to improve how talented candidates, including disabled people, can access public appointments. This will be coupled with increased outreach, including with disability networks.	Commitment in Progress
Cabinet Office	The Cabinet Office will progress work to require landlords to make reasonable adjustments to the common parts of leasehold and commonhold homes. A consultation is planned for 2021.	Commitment in Progress
Cabinet Office	<p>All UK Government departments will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- encourage and support workplace disability networks, to talk about disability issues, change perceptions and encourage inclusive behaviour;</li> <li>- achieve and maintain the highest level of Disability Confident accreditation, alongside other major public bodies;</li> <li>- ensure responsive and timely support to meet workplace adjustment needs. This will include training leaders and managers and ensuring clear and accessible guidance is in place by early 2022;</li> <li>- develop and embed flexible working so that it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- helps disabled people to thrive and progress in their careers</li> <li>- works for all civil servants</li> <li>- meets the needs of the Civil Service.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Commitment Completed

Office for Veterans' Affairs - Cabinet Office	The Office for Veterans' Affairs will share best practice and insight from the veterans' adaptive sport community with disability organisations and providers of sport and activity by March 2022.	Commitment Completed
Cabinet Office	This [year] (2021) the Central Digital and Data Office will continue to run a programme to make online public services accessible. The campaign will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- help the public sector make mobile applications accessible;</li> <li>- raise awareness of how people can raise complaints about inaccessible sites.</li> </ul>	Commitment Completed
Cabinet Office	The Cabinet Office will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ensure a nominated senior civil servant continues to champion accessible communications across government;</li> <li>- seek regular feedback from different groups of stakeholders to ensure we are able to communicate effectively with people with different disabilities;</li> <li>- identify and seek collaborative ways to co-create communications; and</li> <li>- continue sharing accessible format.</li> </ul>	Commitment in Progress
Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Arts Councils across the UK are working together with the British Film Institute to launch a free, UK-wide arts access card by March 2022.	Commitment in Progress

Department for Culture, Media and Sport	<p>Sport England will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- invest £20m in the financial year 2021 to 2022 through its Tackling Inequalities Fund – this fund has successfully reached and impacted under-represented groups, and includes a specific focus on disabled people;</li> <li>- Find new ways to address inequalities in physical activity levels between disabled and non-disabled people, in partnership with the Design Council by March 2022;</li> <li>- Develop and pilot a new training programme to better enable social workers to promote physical activity to disabled people in 2022</li> </ul>	Commitment in Progress
Department for Culture, Media and Sport	<p>DCMS will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- work with VisitBritain and VisitEngland and other stakeholders in the tourism sector to promote the importance of accessible tourism in the media and to businesses;</li> <li>- partner with the Inclusive Tourism Action Group and promote the National Accessible Scheme which rates tourist accommodation based on its suitability for guests with accessibility requirements;</li> <li>- hold a series of roundtables, hosted by the Minister for Sport and Tourism, with stakeholders across the tourism industry to better understand the barriers people with access needs face as tourists.</li> </ul>	Commitment in Progress
Department for Education	DfE will consult on improvements to the SEND system through the SEND review.	Commitment Completed
Department for Education	DfE is investing a further £300 million to create places, improve existing provision in schools and make accessibility adaptations for children and young people with SEND in the financial year 2021 to 2022.	Commitment in Progress

Department for Education	DfE will increase by £730 million in financial year 2021 to 2022 the high needs revenue funding for children and young people with more complex SEND.	Commitment Completed
Department for Education	DfE is providing funding of up to £3.82 million in the 2021 to 2022 financial year to offer staff in schools and colleges continuing professional development, specifically in supporting children and young people with SEND.	Commitment Completed
Department for Education	DfE is contributing £9.3 million in the 2021 to 2022 financial year to fund the training of more educational psychologists, increasing the number of trainee educational psychologists each year to over 200.	Commitment Completed
Department for Education	DfE is providing funding of £8.6 million in financial year 2021 to 2022 to strengthen the participation of parents and young people in the SEND system, through ensuring that they have a voice in designing policies and services, and have access to high quality information, advice and support.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Education	DfE will improve supported internships in England, including updating guidance, developing a self-assessment quality framework, and helping local authorities to develop local supported employment forums by March 2025.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Education	DfE will evaluate the impact of this £237 million investment in traineeships on young people with SEND by July 2022.	The evaluation will not be taken forward as a standalone evaluation but will be considered as part of the wider research programme.

Department for Education	DfE will work with the Apprenticeship Diversity Champions Network of employers, the Disabled Apprentices Network and the disability sector to understand the current barriers people may face in undertaking an apprenticeship, what works and to co-develop solutions. This will include benefits from flexibilities and support available for those with an Education, Health and Care Plan. Findings will be published during National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) in February 2022.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Education	To increase awareness of apprenticeships and accessibility for disabled people, DfE will work with DWP on the Disability Confident employer review to take into account the benefits it can provide to apprentices; and on processes for referring people – especially those with disability – into apprenticeships.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Education	DfE will work with the DWP, disabled apprentices, employers, providers and disabled people's organisations and charities as the Access to Work Passport is piloted during 2021, so that apprentices benefit from improvements that are made. Alongside this, DfE will consider links to the accessibility of other lines of funded support for disabled apprentices.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Education	DfE will also further strengthen the quality of apprenticeships, focusing in particular on narrowing the achievement gap between those who declare and those who do not declare disability: including through a workforce development programme for apprenticeship providers and support to employers.	Commitment in Progress

<p>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</p>	<p>The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- make the King Charles III England Coast Path as easy to use as possible for disabled people – all stretches of the King Charles III England Coast Path will be open or with establishment works underway by the end of 2021, unless there are ongoing planning or legal issues;</li> <li>- create a new north coast to coast National Trail from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood’s Bay in Yorkshire by 2025;</li> <li>- improve access, signage and information on existing national paths and trails.</li> </ul>	<p>Commitment in Progress</p>
<p>Department of Health &amp; Social Care</p>	<p>DHSC will develop an autism public understanding initiative by autumn 2021, working with autistic people and their families and the voluntary sector.</p>	<p>Commitment paused whilst the Department of Health and Social Care develops new Autism Statutory Guidance. New guidance is being developed in response to calls from the stakeholder community to update the existing guidance, which will support the NHS and local authorities to deliver improved outcomes for autistic people.</p> <p>Following delivery of the Autism Statutory Guidance, the Department of Health</p>

		and Social Care will resume work on the autism public understanding initiative. Early scoping activity to progress this commitment identified practical challenges with models for raising public understanding of autism, including through digital means. Therefore, further work will be carried out to identify the most effective means to raise public understanding of autism on both a national and local level.
Department of Health & Social Care	DHSC, working with DLUHC [formerly MHCLG], will invest £71 million in the CASSH Fund in the financial year 2021 to 2022.	Commitment Completed
Department of Health & Social Care	DHSC will work with disabled people and disability organisations at every stage of social care reform to ensure their voices are heard and needs reflected.	Commitment Completed
Department of Health &	NHS England and Improvement will expand the LeDeR programme to include autistic people, by March 2022.	Commitment Completed

Social Care		
Department of Health & Social Care	Subject to evaluation, DHSC will make training on autism and learning disability available for all 2.7 million health and adult social care staff.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Work and Pensions	To reduce the chance of people being out of work in the long term, DWP will explore offering earlier and more intensive back-to-work support in Jobcentres for people before their Work Capability Assessment (WCA).	Commitment in Progress
Department for Work and Pensions	DWP is introducing a new approach to conditionality for disabled people and people with health conditions, aiming to enable an honest and open conversation between a person and their work coach about what they can do.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Work and Pensions	From August 2021, to meet an anticipated rise in need for support as a result of COVID-19, DWP will increase places on IPES by 25%. This will help ensure that more disabled people and people with health conditions will be able to rapidly access appropriate tailored support.	Commitment Completed
Department for Work and Pensions	DWP is working with disabled people, disabled people's organisations and charities via the Access to Work Stakeholder Forums to develop an Access to Work Adjustments Passport, which will be piloted during 2021.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Work and Pensions	We will make available a passport for all disabled students (including those receiving Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)), when they leave university.	Commitment in Progress

Department for Work and Pensions	DWP will review the effectiveness of the campaign to ensure activities that have achieved the greatest reach are taken forward in future campaigns.	Commitment Completed
Department for Work and Pensions	DWP will test whether providing additional support for employers, who are willing to do more and flex job roles for those who need more than standard Access to Work, can open up job opportunities for disabled people. DWP will run a Proof of Concept to gain insight into the difference this approach can make.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Work and Pensions	In 2021, DWP will develop and test an improved information and advice offer for employers.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Work and Pensions	DWP will fund a local supported employment trailblazer, working with 20 local authorities, expected to begin in Autumn 2021.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Work and Pensions	Since the start of this year (2021), DWP has been testing advocacy support to assess its effectiveness and establish the best delivery model.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Work and Pensions	DWP is also exploring options to reduce the frequency of repeat Work Capability Assessments (WCA) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) assessments, to avoid assessments where a change of award is unlikely.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Transport	DfT will conduct a network-wide accessibility audit of station facilities at all 2565 mainline railway stations in Great Britain to inform future investment decisions.	Commitment Completed
Department for Transport	DfT will consult on an update to the Design Standards for Accessible Stations, this year (2021).	Commitment in Progress

Department for Transport	DfT will work with Network Rail to develop proposals for the accelerated upgrade of rail station platforms with tactile paving.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Transport	DfT will work closely with rail companies to further develop the Passenger Assist Programme for disabled passengers, to increase people's confidence to travel. This will include introducing a passenger assist app this year (2021).	Commitment Completed
Department for Transport	DfT has invited innovative project ideas to improve communication for disabled passengers and others with reduced mobility on rail services across Great Britain. This will enable people to contact train crew members directly from any seat on the train, alongside other inclusive mobility projects. Contracts awarded by July 2021.	Commitment Completed
Department for Transport	As announced in Bus Back Better, the National Bus Strategy for England, subject to final analysis, DfT will introduce Regulations by Summer 2022 to require bus companies to provide audible and visual announcements onboard their services in Great Britain.	Commitment Completed
Department for Transport	DfT will invest a further £1.5 million during 2021. This funding will be available to bus operators across Great Britain.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Transport	DfT will review the Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations 2000, starting with research in 2022. The department will also commission research into the design of bus stations and bus stops in England by April 2022.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Transport	DfT will work with the Community Transport Association and with other stakeholders to understand this issue better, and to support the sector to continue its vital work.	Commitment Completed

Department for Transport	DfT will commission research into the design of bus stations and bus stops in England by April 2022.	Commitment Completed
Department for Transport	DfT will take forward legislation during the current Parliament to strengthen the law on the carriage of disabled people in taxis and PHVs across Great Britain. This will ensure protection from overcharging and the provision of appropriate assistance, regardless of the service they choose to use.	Commitment Completed
Department for Transport	DfT will continue to encourage local authorities to require drivers to complete disability awareness training.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Transport	DfT will, as soon as legislative time allows, mandate the completion of disability awareness training through new National Minimum Standards for taxi and PHV licencing. In the meantime, the department will consult during 2021 on updated guidance for licensing authorities, including strengthening recommendations on supporting an inclusive service.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Transport	DfT will provide up to £1 million to improve the accessibility of lifeline seaports on the Isle of Wight and the Isles of Scilly for disabled people, with ports invited to apply for funding for improvements in the financial year 2021 to 2022.	Commitment Completed
Department for Transport	DfT will work with consumer groups and charge point operators to set clear accessibility standards for charging infrastructure in 2021 to 2022.	Commitment Completed
Department for Transport	DfT is improving the online application process, and will continue work with Blue Badge users and the local authorities that administer the scheme in England to ensure that it works in the best possible way for all users.	Commitment in Progress

Department for Transport	DfT has consulted on options to help local authorities address the problem of pavement parking more effectively and will announce next steps later this year (2021).	Commitment in Progress
Department for Transport	DfT will update the Inclusive Mobility guidance and Use of Tactile Paving Surfaces guidance in 2021, and guidance on designing streets for people (Manual for Streets) in 2022.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Transport	DfT will extend its Changing Places programme by making a further £450,000 available for Changing Places toilets to support disabled people using the wider transport network, on top of the £2.2 million already invested at motorway service stations in England.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Transport	We will continue to address negative public attitudes to disabled people on public transport through DfT's £1 million 'It's everyone's journey' campaign. The campaign benefits everyone who uses public transport, highlighting that we can all play a part in making transport more inclusive.	Commitment Completed
Home Office	In 2021, the Home Office will publish a new cross-government strategy to tackle the crime and disorder that undermines the quality of life for everyone. This will include tackling hate crime, of which tackling disability hate crime will be an integral part. The Home Office commits to work with disabled people and other disability stakeholders to develop the new strategy for publication in the autumn.	Commitment no longer being taken forward
Home Office and Department of Health and Social Care	The Home Office and DHSC will jointly lead a review into the protections and support available to adults abused in their own homes by people providing their care, coordinating inputs from wider government, disabled people, carers organisations and other interested parties. We expect the review to complete by the end of 2022.	Commitment Completed

Crown Prosecution Service and Home Office	The Crown Prosecution Service will bring together a panel consisting of disabled people's organisations, academics, partner agencies from government and the police, to advise on further improvements covering support to prosecutors and the Policy Statement on Disability Hate Crime and Other Crimes Against Disabled People.	Commitment Completed
Home Office and Cabinet Office	<p>As part of a cross-government effort with the Central Digital and Data Office and the Crown Commercial Service, the Home Office will tackle this issue by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- defining a cross-government accessibility profession – this will formalise the role of accessibility specialists and encourage more public sector organisations to properly resource to deliver accessible services;</li> <li>- building a pipeline of talent for the accessibility profession by using existing successful and emerging career development programmes to tackle the skills shortage – working across government to share learning;</li> <li>- improving how we buy digital products and services in government and across the public sector as a whole – for example, through more formal controls, support and training for commercial teams.</li> </ul>	Commitment in Progress
Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	DLUHC [formerly MHCLG] will confirm plans to improve the framework to deliver accessible new homes by December 2021.	Commitment Completed
Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	DLUHC [formerly MHCLG] is commissioning new research to develop the statutory guidance on meeting Building Regulations, covering access to and use of buildings (Approved Document M).	Commitment Completed

Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	DLUHC [formerly MHCLG] has committed that 10% of the 180,000 homes built through the £11.5 billion Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26 will be for supported housing.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	DLUHC [formerly MHCLG] will make the new Shared Ownership model, including the reduced (10%) minimum initial stake, available to disabled people buying a home under the HOLD scheme.	Commitment Completed
Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	Following an independent review of the Disabled Facilities Grant published in December 2018, DLUHC [formerly MHCLG] and DHSC will jointly publish new government guidance for local authorities in England on effective delivery of the £573 million Disabled Facilities Grant during 2021.	Commitment Completed
Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	DLUHC [formerly MHCLG] has commissioned new research to develop robust evidence to inform policy in England on the means of escape from buildings, care homes and specialised housing for disabled people. This will conclude by autumn 2021.	Commitment in Progress
Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	DLUHC [formerly MHCLG] will consider how we can support projects that increase high street accessibility for disabled people in the design of any future local growth funding.	Commitment Completed

Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	DLUHC [formerly MHCLG] will make £30.5 million available from summer 2021 to accelerate delivery of Changing Places toilets in existing buildings in England.	Commitment Completed
Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	DLUHC [formerly MHCLG] will publish a new National Model Design Code in the summer (2021), setting out design considerations for local planning authorities. The department will use guidance supporting the Code to stress the importance of providing accessible and inclusive play spaces and equipment for all.	Commitment Completed
Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	Building on the experience of the Access to Elected Office fund and the EnAble fund, DLUHC [formerly MHCLG] will support a new scheme (for local elections) from April 2022 to support those seeking to become candidates and - as importantly - once they have been elected to public office.	Commitment Completed
Ministry of Justice	Ministry of Justice (MoJ) will bring forward legislation in 2021 as part of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, to amend common law so that deaf people who need a BSL interpreter can do jury service.	Commitment Completed
Ministry of Justice	MoJ is investing £1 million by Spring 2022 to recruit more disabled magistrates in England and Wales as part of a wider effort to improve diversity, alongside other under-represented groups.	Commitment Completed
Ministry of Justice	This year (2021), HMCTS will launch a new national support service for users in England and Wales who need help to access online services.	Commitment Completed

Ministry of Justice	MoJ is reviewing intermediary provision across the justice system and will share recommendations regarding the future of intermediary provision by Spring 2022.	Commitment in Progress
Ministry of Justice	MoJ brought a new revised Victim's Code into force in England and Wales on 1 April 2021, which sets out enhanced rights for disabled people, as well as other victims.	Commitment Completed
Ministry of Justice	MoJ will work with disability organisations to develop a national neurodiversity training toolkit for staff, which will be rolled out in 2022.	Commitment Completed
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) will continue its global leadership on disability rights and commits to launching the enhanced FCDO Disability Inclusion Strategy and embedding disability rights in the new International Development Strategy in 2021.	Commitment Completed
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	Making the UK's Official Development Assistance spend - £10 billion in financial year 2021 to 2022 - disability inclusive.	Commitment in Progress
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	Establishing a new FCDO External Disability Board, first meeting to take place by December 2021, to inform our international work on disability rights and inclusion.	Commitment Completed

Home Office, Ministry of Defence, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Partners	All 3 security agencies, MI5, MI6 and GCHQ, will ensure that our workforce will be fully representative of wider society we serve by 2030. MI6 will strive to ensure that by 2025, 9% of the organisation is drawn from those identifying as disabled, both overall and at each grade.	Commitment in Progress
Disability Unit - Cabinet Office	To work across government to drive further action on: - crime against disabled people; and - social participation.	Commitment in Progress
Disability Unit - Cabinet Office	To work across government to drive further action on: - accessible products and services.	Commitment in Progress
Cabinet Office	Through Places for Growth, help create a fully inclusive and diverse workforce for the long term, not the short term, and developing talent opportunities across the Regions and Nations of the UK.	Commitment in Progress
Cabinet Office	To better recognise the exceptional contribution of disabled people to the UK through the honours system.	Commitment in Progress
Cabinet Office	Ensure the exemplar accessibility of government buildings, through the work of the Government Property Agency.	Commitment in Progress

Cabinet Office	To develop a new principle that arm's length bodies offer disabled non-executive directors on their boards the ability to do their duties remotely, if they so wish.	Commitment Completed
Cabinet Office	Cabinet Office will deliver a single government account for users' personal and business needs, benefitting many disabled people.	Commitment in Progress
Ministry of Defence	By September 2021, the Ministry of Defence (MOD) will publish a plan to bring more disabled people into the civilian workforce to meet its target of 15.3% by 2030.	Commitment in Progress
Ministry of Defence	By 2025 [2027], MOD will deliver the Armed Forces Recruiting Programme to recruit more diverse military personnel, including disabled people.	Commitment in Progress
Ministry of Defence	We will experiment with the recruitment of more diverse military personnel into the new National Cyber Force, using it as a pathfinder for increased inclusivity.	Commitment Completed