

Accessibility statement

What is an accessibility statement?



This statement gives everyone coming to our office important access information about the office and building and how we work.

Why SCIE has an accessibility statement

SCIE does all its work with people who use services and carers. We call this co-production.



This statement is about how SCIE makes its work and services accessible and inclusive.

It will help people with access needs to make choices about coming to SCIE's office.



It also says what changes we will make to make sure that nobody is stopped from working with us.

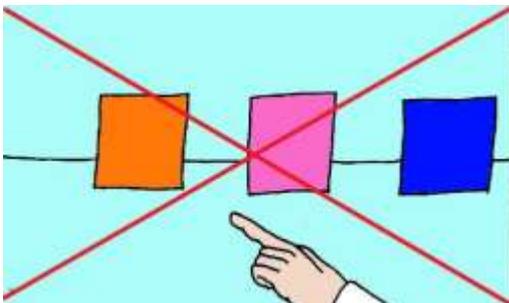
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If you have any questions or need more information please call SCIE on 020 7766 7400 or email copro@scie.org.uk

Watson House

SCIE had to move to a new office in March 2018 because of the end of our contract at our old office, Kinnaird House.



We did not have a lot of choices about where to go because it is difficult to get accessible offices.

Offices are also very expensive and SCIE does not have a lot of money.



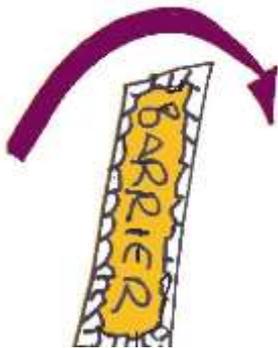
SCIE's new office is Watson House, 54 Baker Street, London W1U 7EX.

Tip: Use W1U 7BU when searching for directions on Google Maps.

Access to the office might be difficult for some people because of the size of the lifts in the building.

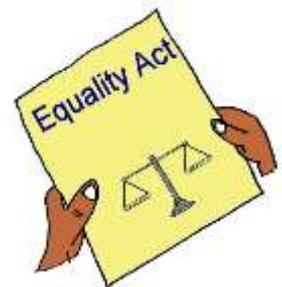


How SCIE will make sure our work is accessible to everyone



If someone is not able to take part in a meeting or event in the office, SCIE will have the meeting somewhere else.

This is SCIE's policy and it also means we do what we have to do under the Equality Act 2010.





We will also have equipment so that people can use the telephone and Skype to take part in meetings.

Access to Watson House

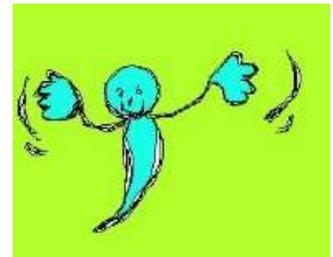
Main entrance

There are no steps from the street into the reception area.



There will be a button outside the door that people can press if they need help.

The reception staff are happy to help people into the lift.



Reception area



There is a waiting area in the main reception area but it is not accessible for wheelchair users as there are two small steps.

People will usually be able to go straight up to SCIE's waiting areas on the 3rd and 4th floors.



Lifts



SCIE is on the 3rd and 4th floors. There are two lifts which are 1,180mm wide and 1,200mm deep.

This means they will not be big enough for some wheelchair users or mobility scooter users.





Wheelchair users who are able to use the lifts may not be able have their personal assistants in the lift with them.

Car park

There is a car park in the basement. The gate to the car park is 6 feet 9 inches high.



Getting from the car park into Watson House is difficult. You have to go through a heavy door and up some stairs that only have a handrail part of the way.

Toilets

There are four accessible toilets – two on the 3rd floor and two 4th floor.





Meeting rooms

SCIE has 5 meeting rooms, which all have:

- 1 metre wide doors
- sound systems that work with hearing aids
- controls for heat and lighting



If anyone needs a quiet room, we can get a room for them.

Access in the area around Watson House

Taxis

Taxis can stop right outside Watson House.



Cars and minicabs



Cars and minicabs can drop people almost outside Watson House but they need to be careful not to go into the bus stop area.

They can only wait for a short time when picking people up.

There is a steep curb on the pavement outside Watson House. There are dropped curbs on the corner of Baker Street and Dorset Street (just before the office) and the corner of Baker Street and Blandford Street.



Blue Badge parking

The nearest Blue Badge parking spaces are at:

- Dorset Street – 1 space
- Crawford Street – 2 spaces

You can only park in these spaces for up to 4 hours. These are public parking spaces and SCIE has no control over their use.





Baker Street is in the City of Westminster. This which means you cannot use the Badge to park on single yellow lines and you have to pay at meters and pay and display machines. But Badge holders do get an extra hour free of charge.

Nearest accessible Underground station



Bond Street this is the nearest Underground station.



There are no steps from the Jubilee line. It takes under 15 minutes to walk from the station to Watson House.

SCIE will always pay for a taxi for this journey or from mainline rail stations.



Baker Street Station is a 5 minute walk but has limited access.

Bus stops

There is a bus stop right outside the building for buses going south.

Baker Street is a one-way street so the nearest bus stop for going north is on Gloucester Place.

