

Airedale NHS Foundation Trust website accessibility statement

The Airedale NHS Foundation Trust website is now almost a decade old, built on a platform that allows limited updates, and carries significant accessibility issues. This is not where we would want to be and we are taking steps to address this.

A review of our homepage, the Patients and Visitors page and the general performance of the site via WAVE and Google Lightwave has shown that we have numerous errors and that accessibility is poor, in particular around image elements lacking [alt] attributes and poor naming conventions.

In January 2021 we began the development of a completely new website with The Working Academy at Bradford University, which will ensure that our site is:

- Fully accessible, meeting level AA of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1) as a minimum
- Able to render well on mobile devices as well as on PCs
- Futureproofed for at least the immediate future
- Easier to update if new standards/software become available

We anticipate our new website to be live in late 2021.

We would welcome any input from anyone who is interested in testing early iterations of the new site. Please contact us on communications@anhst.nhs.uk or 01535 294541.

If there is any information on this site that you would like in a different format, please contact the communications team as per the contact details above. Our Patient Experience can also provide patient leaflets in a range of formats.