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27 July 2018

Ms  
BBC Digital News NI  
Broadcasting House  
Ormeau Avenue  
Belfast  
BT2 8HQ

Email: @bbc.co.uk

Dear Ms

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Sports and leisure facilities do you provide for disabled persons**

I refer to your media request as above and would inform you that Council have considered this under the Freedom of Information Act and registered accordingly. We have however been able to supply you with the requested information in a timely manner as we understand you have a deadline of Wednesday.

**Request**

**What specific sports and leisure facilities do you provide for disabled A) adults and b) children in each of your council's leisure centres? Please specify**

- All our Everybody Active 2020 programmes are fully inclusive. We run over 50's clubs for adults twice a week and programmes for teenagers 4 times a week.
- We deliver Boccia sessions weekly for people with learning difficulties.
- We have wheelchair basketball club in Foyle arena.
- We run 8 week para-Olympic clubs twice a year for children and adults.
- Once a month inclusive cycle.
- Archery
- All our children's summer schemes (ages 5 – 12) are all inclusive. We also run 2 specific disability sports camps for children with physical and mental disabilities from the age of 5 to 18.
- Multi-skills camps.

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**Do you provide swimming classes for children and adults with disabilities at each of the leisure centres?**

- Yes, our centres run internal swim lessons for disabled users, we also accommodate external disability clubs who also deliver aquatic lessons to their participants

**Do you provide wheelchair activities for adults or children in any of your centres? Please specify**

- Yes we have a disability hub where we run sports programmes including wheelchair basketball and multi-skills clubs for adults and children. These run twice weekly.
- We also have pushbikes and arm bikes for wheelchair users to access for cycling. We run a monthly family cycle where people can access these bikes.

**Do you offer a disabled summer scheme in any of the centres? Please specify**

- Yes we offer 3 specific disability summer schemes running over 3 days each in partnership with Disability sport NI and Live Active NI.
- This includes a specific camp for autistic children running in partnership with local health trust and Occupational health Unit
- Our 4 week summer programme in July is fully inclusive and runs 5 days per week.

**Do you provide any activities for deaf or blind/partially sighted people in any of the centres? Please specify**

- Yes we have run a specific 6 week programme for people with sight and hearing difficulties. This involved taking part in a range of activities including the climbing wall at Foyle Arena.
- Every Monday we have a boccia session which caters for this group. They also take part in monthly tournaments.

**Are the gyms and swimming pools in each of the leisure centres accessible for everyone? Please specify**

- All our facilities are DDA compliant. All of our gyms, with the exception of Templemore Sports Complex, are inclusive fitness initiative approved and it is anticipated that Templemore Sports Complex will become aligned in January 2019.
- In terms of swimming pools, with the exception of City Baths, all of our swimming pool facilities are accessible.

**Do you offer any assistance/carers to allow disabled people to participate safely in any activities you offer? Please specify**

- Under our pricing policy there are concessions for disabled users and free access for carers if they need to assist in the activity

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## **Do you offer discounted rates to disabled people in any of your leisure centres?**

### **Please specify**

- Yes under our pricing policy we have concession rates and membership options for disabled users.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie  
Chief Executive  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
98 Strand Road  
Derry BT48 7NN  
Tel 028 71253253 or email [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Leisure and Sports Services Manager**



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