



Scottish Court Service

DDA compliance

THE TASK:

To implement an audit report prepared for SCS by others. This advised on improved access into and within all the Scottish Court buildings, in compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). 52 Court buildings were to be completed in a three year timescale, within budgets and programmes previously approved by SCS.

THE DESIGN:

During initial site visits it became apparent that the original audit did not fully address some essential problems within the Court buildings or the requirements of the building users. Nor did it take account of Planning, Building Control and other statutory regulations, especially for work to the many listed buildings.

The findings led to additional work. Site work had to be carried out in phases. Where possible TPS developed design solutions, in conjunction with the Contractor, and specifications that could be applied throughout the majority of the Court buildings. Areas designed for improvement included entrance ramps, handrails, stair nosings, platform lifts, stair lifts, signage, lighting, reception desks, induction loops, disabled toilets, door opening widths and horizontal circulation.

THE SERVICE:

TPS was appointed under a Framework Commission to provide a multi-disciplinary design service, which enabled a coordinated approach. Early appointment of the Contractor allowed a fully integrated service.

THE RESULT:

The disabled public and staff are now able to access many of the Court buildings. TPS has addressed the original audit issues to the satisfaction of the Client and is now advising SCS on other priority access issues.

PROJECT PROFILE



CLIENT

Scottish Court Service

PROJECT VALUE

£2m

PROJECT TYPE

Law & Order

SERVICES

- Architecture
- Civil & Structural Engineering
- M&E Engineering

COMPLETION DATE

2007

FURTHER DETAILS

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