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## **"DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT"**

**SITE: ALBANY WING. 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR.**  
**N.H.N.N QUEEN SQUARE. WC1N 3BG**

**DEPT: NEUROPHYSIOLOGY.**

**PROJECT: NEW LARGER WAITING AREA.**

### **ACCESS.**

- 1. Access to Albany Wing is via the Main Entrance to the Hospital from the Queen Square elevation.**
- 2. For Disabled patients / staff there is also a ramp to the south side of the Entrance steps.**
- 3. Directions to the Albany Wing are clearly indicated and access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor is via Stairs or Lift directly ahead on entering the Main Entrance.**
- 4. Patients attending the NeuroPhysiology Dept. exit the lift and will see the Waiting Area directly ahead of them. From the Stairs they are only ten meters away.**

### **EXISTING FACILITY.**

- 1. The current Waiting Area is far too small for the number of Patients attending Clinics which are held every day from Monday - Friday. Present accommodation can only comfortably seat 5 No. Patients / Relatives and Wheelchair access is very difficult if not impossible due to the limited turning circle.**

#### PROPOSED NEW FACILITY.

1. The proposed design will open up the Waiting Area and allow the number of Patients / Relative accommodation to double.  
In addition it will allow Disabled / Wheelchair patients greater movement and less discomfort while waiting for appointments.

#### DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS.

1. Prior to this submission being made we did have numerous discussions with the users and at the same time obtained the opinion of Disabled Patients to review whether this new layout would be the best option.
2. Consideration was given to removing a Stud Partition wall between Room 3.03 and Room 3.04. but this would have meant moving the current General Office as well.
3. The proposed layout has been approved by our "in house" Health and Safety Department.

#### CONCLUSIONS.

1. With approval for this application we can provide a much better service to our Patients and at the same time meet all DDA and HSE requirements.
2. Work will be undertaken out of hours so as not to cause limited disruption to the Department.