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Note:
Although a building may have suitable access, it is important that confirmation is sought that there are emergency evacuation procedures in place. Therefore, it will be necessary to contact your personal tutor/line manager or your host to enable the preparation of a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP). This will ensure that facilities and procedures are in place in the event of an emergency or that alternative locations are used.
Disabled Access Guide for Ashworth Laboratories

Introduction

ASHWORTH LABORATORIES, on the King's Buildings site, is home of two Institutes within the School of Biological Sciences, the Institute of Immunology & Infection Research (3IR) and the Institute of Evolutionary Biology.

Altogether, the two Institutes in the Ashworth complex contain more than 280 people. The Ashworth Laboratories currently consists of 3 interlinked buildings: Ashworth 1, opened in 1929, houses teaching, lecture theatres, and offices; Ashworth 2, opened in 1967, provides the majority of laboratory facilities; and Ashworth 3, opened in 2004, offers state-of-the-art laboratories for a Centre for Immunology and Infection Biology.

Location

Ashworth laboratories is located within what is referred to as the King’s Buildings Campus of Edinburgh University and well served by bus. The building is within approx three miles of the city centre and within two miles of the main student residences at Pollock Halls.

The nearest railway line is at Waverley Station in the city centre.

The nearest bus stops are located in West Mains Road and Mayfield Road and are approximately 200metres from the main entrance.

The main pedestrian access to Ashworth laboratories is on West Mains Street, on its junction with Mayfield Road.
The Kings Building Campus has numerous parking areas, but there is no free parking. The surrounding area parking is on the public highway of Ross Road and Hallhead Road. There are disabled parking bays within the Ashworth car park, however, it is restricted. It is recommended that if you require use of a bay, that contact is made with Building Management (see contacts page) prior to making your journey.

Access from the car park to the main Ashworth labs entrance is via the entrance steps and double doors (which are not automated). Persons with mobility issues and quality for the blue badge status can park at the rear of the Ashworth Lab building; the bays are adjacent to an
access ramp. The door access point is not automatic, nor is there a call point. Contact is recommended with the Building Management prior to travelling.

The route from the standard parking bays is accessible by wheelchair; the roadway is of a very good standard.

**Outside Access**

This information is for the Main Entrance located at the front of the building.

There is no level access to the main entrance from West Mains Road (see maps)

The main entrance doors are double width and are NOT automatic.

**Reception**

There is no reception area as such, but there is a Servitor’s office at the pedestrian access. The Servitor’s office is located to the left of the Main stair.

Persons entering the building from the ramped access to the rear of the building are required to use the wheelchair stair lift to access the corridor which leads to the servitor’s office.

There is a large ground floor entrance hall, which gives easy access throughout the ground floor and by lift to the first floor. There is a basement level but this is only accessible by stairs.

There is easy access to all rooms and labs at ground floor level.

**Lifts and stairs**

The lift call points on generally higher than the recommendations, but are consistent for the age of the building.

All floors are accessible by a main stair which is adjacent to the public lifts.

The lecture theatres lower level can also be accessed by a dedicated lift.

The lift car controls are not at this time within easy reach of a wheelchair user.

The lighting level in the lift is bright.

The lift car control panel has no braille markings

The lift floor has a tactile floor surface

The lifts have visual floor indicators

The lift car has an audible announcer

The stairwell steps nosings do not have contrasting colour.

The stairwell steps have a handrail on each side
The stairs are generous in width, and have handrails on each side. The building has fire alarm sounder and beacons throughout. The lift within Ashworth 3 gives access to all levels of Ashworth 1, 2 and 3.

**Stairlift**

The rear entrance to Ashworth 1; accessed via the external ramp has within the entrance, a wheelchair lift, which accommodates the level change of approximately 800mm.

**Toilets**

There is an accessible toilet on the lower ground floor; the toilet also incorporates a hoist system. All other toilets are of standard design. Standard design male and female toilets are on both ground and mezzanine levels of Ashworth 1; the male toilets accessed via a low flight of steps. (see plan for location)

**Lift**

The lift serves the upper levels and is located within close proximity to the ground floor disabled platform lift

**Additional Information**
Ground Floor Plan

Note: Ashworth 3 lifts allow access to all levels of Ashworth 1, 2 and 3
Main Entrance
(Steps)

Main Entrance
(Stair)
Wheelchair stairlift
(Ground Floor)

*Lecture Theatre 3 – upper floor

- There is good access to and within lecture room 3
- This room incorporates a hearing loop.
Laboratory Numbers 4A and 4B are located on the ground floor; the rooms unfortunately are of a standard laboratory layout with little circulation space for those with mobility issues or having the requirement to work at a laboratory bench.

The Main Laboratory is also on ground floor level, and while much larger, and will accommodate a much larger number of students, there is work space to accommodate any lab worker with a mobility issue or is in a wheelchair.
The lecture theatre on the Ground floor of Ashworth 1, theatre is located within easy reach from the main entrance and disabled access point, and while a little dated can accommodate wheelchairs at the front of the theatre. The theatre is well lit and incorporates a hearing loop.
Aerial view of Ashworth Lab Buildings
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