

#RISEFORSPORT & CHANGING PLACES FACT SHEET

About #RiseForSport

A Change.org petition has been launched, calling for Changing Places facilities to be made mandatory in UK sports venues with a capacity of more than 350 people

Changing Places facilities provide extra equipment and space to allow disabled people to use the toilet safely and comfortably

Fewer than 10 per cent of sports stadiums have the facilities in place at present, meaning disabled fans and athletes are often unable to visit or take part in sporting fixtures

Current legislation requires all new builds for more than 350 people to have a Changing Places facility, but there is no requirement for existing venues to have these, meaning many disabled fans are being denied access to their favourite sports



About Changing Places

There are over 14.1million disabled people in the UK

It's a market worth £15.3billion to the economy

Disabled people have £274 billion in spending power

Over 250,000 people in the UK require access to Changing Places, as standard accessible toilets are unable to meet their needs. Not only are they too small to accommodate more than one person, many aren't equipped with adequate equipment like ceiling track hoists

73% avoid visiting somewhere due to lack of accessible toilets

Under the Equality Act 2010, all organisations have a duty to provide accessible goods and services. The provision of accessible toilet facilities is a fundamental and crucial part of inclusive service delivery and their design and management warrant careful attention.



Sport Specific Information

Government announced in March 2022 that 500 changing places toilets would be funded in England bring the total number of registered Changing Places toilets to 1,813.

We want more decision makers to think about all sports - outdoor and indoor venues - to make sport accessible and inclusive to all.

Sport is such an important part of society that disabled people face barriers to access – both as participants and supporters.

Why should they not be able to enjoy the physical and mental benefits and general enjoyment sport brings to life like a non-disabled person?

Why Changing Places Are Important

For 250,000+ people their needs are not met with standard toilets due to brain injury, age, severe disability, illness, continence pad, support to get on/off toilet, need to be changed

This means their choices are to: Only go out for two hours at a time; Stay at home; Face being changed on a public toilet floor.

'Isolation, invisibility, abandonment and being forgotten' are words commonly heard by those facing this.

Why Changing Places (CPTs) Are Important

78% have heard of Changing Places Toilets

83% would use Changing Places toilet if available

51% found it difficult find changing places toilets when planning a trip

Having days out, taking part in/enjoy leisure activities and going shopping are the three top activities that the presence of a CPT have allowed people to do

Respondents valued having days out most because of a CPT, one in five (21%) said that not having a CPT available made it impossible to have a day out.

Highest CPT use in Yorkshire and Humber (68%) and lowest in London (52%)

When it comes to types of buildings where people use and value CPTs leisure/sports venues are in the top four with 33.9% behind retail (54.3%), healthcare/hospital (39.2%) and tourist attractions (38%).

When asked 'Where CPTs have been available what has it has allowed you to do', taking part in leisure activities came second with 53.1% behind have a day out with 63.3%.

When asked 'what do you value most about being able to use a CPT?', take part in leisure activities, came third behind have days out and visit family friends.

20.5% said not having a CPT in a sports venue made it impossible for them to attend sporting events and 19.2% said take part in/enjoy leisure/sports.

76.5% said they wanted to see CP toilets provided at more sports grounds/stadia and 73.6% at sports facilities.

Sport England

The Accessible Sports Facilities guide (formerly known as Access for Disabled People), was first published in 2010 and represents the current requirements a venue needs to meet when creating accessible sports facilities. www.tinyurl.com/mrxdh56r

Euan's Guide Access Survey 2022

The number of disabled fans who said they are unable to attend certain sports or sporting venues due to lack of accessibility has increased to 36.5%. This is a significant increase from 30.5% in 2021.

72% have found accessibility information on a venue's website to be misleading, confusing or inaccurate

74% have experienced a disappointing trip or having had to change plans due to poor accessibility

51% said reviews from other disabled people improve their confidence when visiting new places

46% have visited somewhere new after reading EuansGuide.com review

91% said they try to find disabled access information about a new place before visiting

58% saying they avoid going to a venue if it has not shared its disabled access information because they assume it's inaccessible

Top accessible facilities needed to improve confidence to visit new places were accessible parking (80%) and accessible toilets (76%)

2021 Data From Changing Places Website

Only 14 cinemas have a registered Changing Places toilet

Only 70 tourist attractions

Only 19 airports

Only 19 pub and restaurants

Only 93 hospitals

Only 55 museums, galleries and art centres

Fewer than 2% of train stations

60% of premier league stadiums

Under 5% of parks and open spaces

Level Playing Field Annual Fan Survey 2022

Accessible toilet facilities came top in the list of stadium facilities respondents said would be of benefit, with more than 50% of people mentioning them. This was up 8 percent on the previous survey

Providing a Changing Places Toilet not only allows disabled people and their families to enjoy sport but also offers a new or enhanced stream of revenue to Sports Clubs and venues

Good Examples In Sport

Football

Rotherham United
Chesterfield
Tottenham Hotspur
Man City
Cardiff City
Arsenal
Everton
Newcastle
Aston Villa

Cricket Grounds

Headingley, Leeds
Gloucestershire County Cricket
Leicestershire County Cricket
Kent County Cricket
Riverside, Durham

Rugby

Cardiff Arms Park Rugby
Saracens Rugby Club

Tennis

Wimbledon



#RiseForSport founders Pat McMahon of RISE Adaptations (left) and Mark Turner of Media & MGMT (right) pictured with WBA and IBO Super-Welterweight world champion, and #RiseForSport Ambassador, Terri Harper, outside a Changing Places

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