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Foreword by Kevin Stewart



Kevin Stewart is the Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care in the Scottish Government.



He says he wants to make sure that more Changing Places Toilets are built across Scotland.



He feels that it is very important that everyone should be able to use toilets in public places no matter who they are.





He says that being able to use toilets in public places is a human right that everyone has.



He wants everyone to know how important Changing Places Toilets are.



He says everybody in Scotland has to work together to make sure people know how important Changing Places Toilets are and to make sure more are built.

Introduction



This document was written to give people information on Changing Places Toilets.



This document was also written to give guidance to people who might want to build Changing Places Toilets in their building.



It was written for people who want to build Changing Places Toilets in new buildings which are being built and old buildings which are already there.



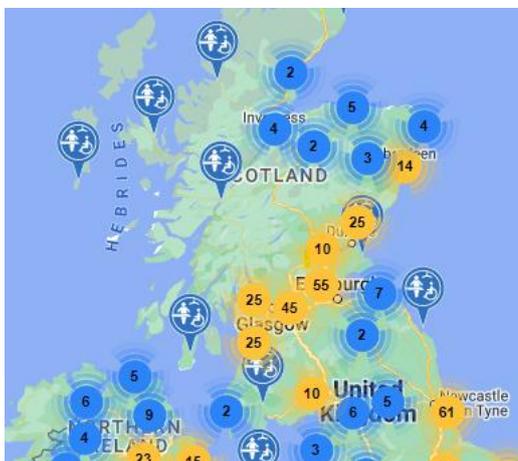
This guidance has been written with help from the group PAMIS.



PAMIS are part of a group called the Changing Places Consortium which gives advice on Changing Places Toilets to people and groups across Scotland.



A report by PAMIS from 2021 said that there are 250 Changing Places Toilets in Scotland.



The Changing Places Consortium has helped make a map which tells people what buildings Changing Places Toilets are in across Scotland.



There are also other groups which can tell people where they can find Changing Places Toilets in Scotland.



One of these groups is Euan's Guide.

Background



Changing Places Toilets are large toilets which are accessible to people with disabilities who need the support of carers and equipment to help them.



Many of these people will be living with a number of different disabilities including learning disabilities.



Changing Places Toilets have extra space for people using a wheelchair.



The toilets also have space for one or two carers.



Changing Places Toilets have the equipment to help people easily use the toilets.



There are also portable Changing Places Toilets which can be used outside.



Mobile Changing Places Toilets make it easier for people with disabilities across Scotland to use public spaces and go to indoor and outdoor events.



Without Changing Places Toilets people with disabilities and their families can find it difficult to go out and might find it impossible to leave their house.



Using toilets which are not suitable can put the health and safety of people with disabilities and their carers at risk.



It is a human right that people with disabilities should be able to get access to toilets that meet their needs.



This right is written into law in Article 11 of the United Nations International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.



In 2019 the Scottish Government changed the law to say that all new large public buildings have to have Changing Places Toilets in them.



Changing Places Toilets make a real difference to people with disabilities and their families.



The Scottish Government want more places across the country to build Changing Places Toilets.



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