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In December we asked you to let disabled people know about the survey we were undertaking to find out about the experience of disabled spectators attending spectator sporting events. At the same time we sent a survey to spectator sports clubs to understand some of the barriers they face when catering for disabled spectators.

This week we have published the “Inclusive and Accessible Stadia Report” which brings together the qualitative information we received from both surveys (see link below). As you can see, it paints a poor picture of the majority of provision for disabled spectators in this country.

[Link to: Inclusive and Accessible Stadia Report](#)

We know that some spectator sports clubs are making a real difference to their disabled spectators’ experience. But these seem to be the exceptions rather than the rule.

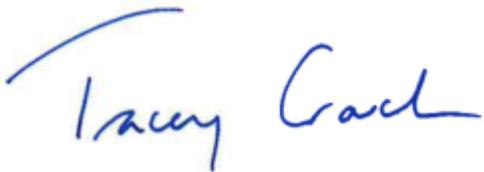
We have already seen some really positive responses to the report. The Premier League has just announced that all Premier League clubs will ensure their stadia meet the standards set out in the Accessible Stadia Guide by August 2017. They will also make sure they provide an appropriate number of wheelchair spaces in their away seating areas. This is a huge achievement, and one which will rightly be celebrated by disabled fans nationwide.

But whilst very welcome, this is not an excuse for complacency. We have challenged all clubs, across all sporting disciplines, to bring spectator sport into the twenty-first century by making sure they are inclusive and accessible for all spectators and, in particular, we have called on our higher-level and wealthier clubs to set an example and act as fast as possible.

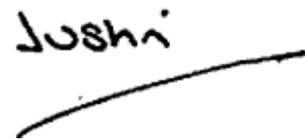
Good practice is out there and clubs and venues can learn from each other how to successfully address the needs of their disabled spectators. Our report also lists where clubs can go to for help and advice and we are pleased that the Sports Grounds Safety Authority has published supplementary guidance to its established Accessible Stadia guidance which sets out good practice to help sports understand their obligations to disabled supporters.

[Link to: Accessible Stadia Supplementary Guidance](#)

We will continue to monitor the situation and will use this report to decide what to do next. Please share the report with your networks.

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