

WCAG Compliant Website Packages

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What is WCAG Website Compliance?

The Public Sector Bodies (Websites & Mobile Applications No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (to give its full title) came into force in late 2018. Its aim is to ensure public sector websites and mobile apps are accessible to all users, especially those with disabilities. This is achieved by following Website Content Accessibility Guidelines – WCAG 2.1 as created by the **W3C**. These guidelines set out the globally-accepted methods of how to display website content to all users, with and without disabilities.

Public sector bodies include **central** and **local government, town and parish councils**, among others that serve the public.

WCAG 2.1 AA compliance covers many areas of a website and include **how it's constructed, how the user navigates around it, how the information is presented & displayed**. In addition, the public body must be aware of all the website's content and what may not be compliant and publish an Accessibility Statement accordingly setting out what it knows to be compliant, what isn't and

What you need to be WCAG 2.1 compliant

As a simple guide, to comply with these accessibility guidelines, a public body must have:

A WCAG 2.1 AA rated compliant website by Sept 2020.

An Accessibility Policy Statement following a standard format by Sept 2019.

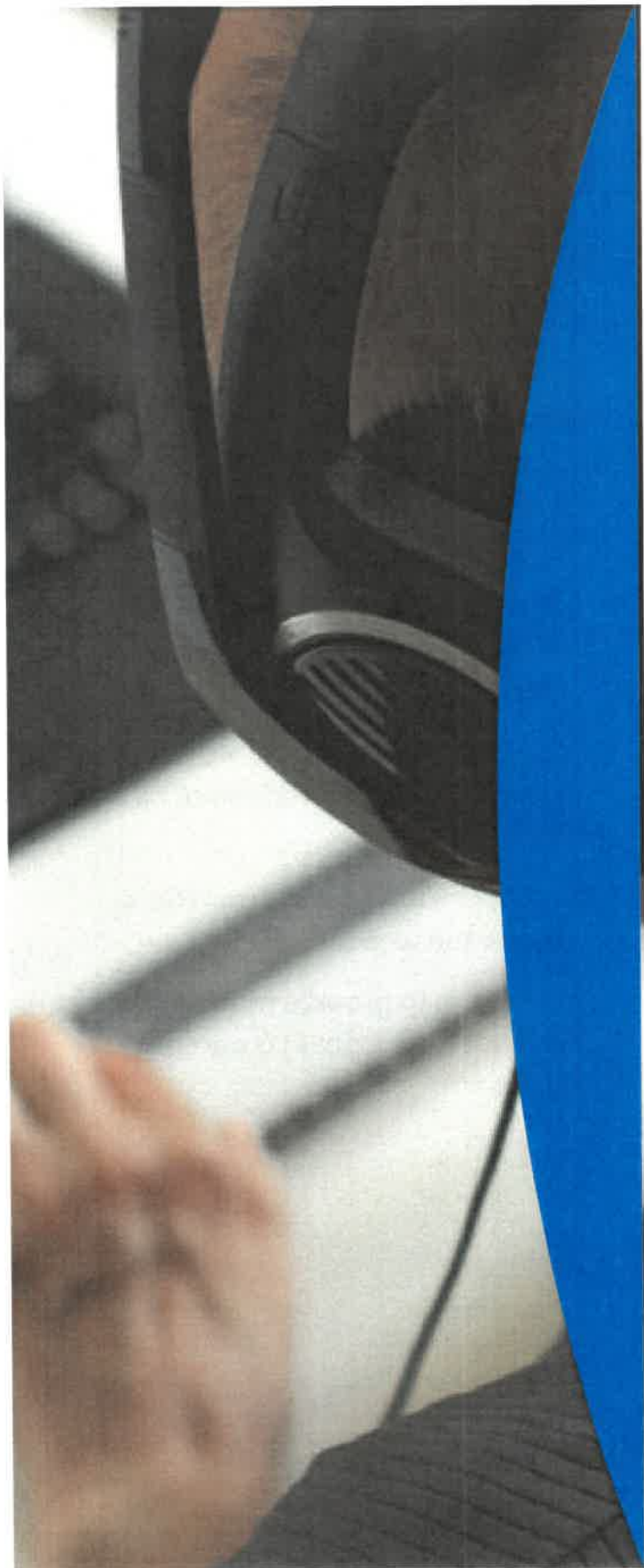
An Accessible Documents statement, following a standard format by Sept 2019.

A process to regularly monitor & review the website.

A process to provide requests for content that is not in a compliant format.

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to provide alternative options of access to the information.



The problem with existing websites

Historically, many providers have promoted cheap online website generators offering predefined themes and tools for users to launch a website with a press of a few buttons which are live in hours.

However, these services use proprietary code and platforms that do not meet accessibility requirements, particularly the new WCAG 2.1 standards. And so, councils are faced with having built a website on a platform that does not meet (and is unlikely to) the accessibility requirements because it's on a platform shared by millions and those online service providers being unlikely to invest heavily in changes to their framework to accommodate these strict guidelines.

Get a WCAG 2.1 AA compliant website

There are many providers of website services but, in response to requests from members looking for a ready made sector-specific package, the SLCC has partnered with [Aubergine](#), an experienced website development agency, to provide a WCAG 2.1 AA rated compliant website and support package for members at a reduced cost. If commissioned and specified directly, WCAG 2.1 AA compliant websites can cost many thousands of pounds to build but we are pleased to offer all SLCC members access to website packages that start from £700 + VAT.

The WCAG 2.1 AA rated website package provides a compliant framework and website at the point of launch along with admin area training. Once live, the package includes support, maintenance and a quarterly WCAG scan report that highlights any areas that may fall out of compliance during the course of the year.

- ✓ **WCAG2.1 AA rated website**
- ✓ **Ongoing WCAG monitoring**
- ✓ **Transparency Code capability**
- ✓ **Proven functionality, modern design & features**
- ✓ **Fast to setup up & manage**

The website package includes

- ✓ A WCAG 2.1 AA rated compliant website built on the WordPress platform.
- ✓ A robust page builder theme to provide you with great page control.
- ✓ A fully mobile friendly website.
- ✓ Website admin tools to add new and update all the content easily yourself.
- ✓ Transparency Code capability.
- ✓ Thorough training to get you started plus ongoing support.
- ✓ Guidance on website accessibility statements you may need.
- ✓ A quarterly WCAG2.1 AA compliance scan & report highlighting any issues.
- ✓ SSL-protected website hosting on our UK servers. [Find out about SSLs here](#)
- ✓ We'll manage all software updates so you don't have to.
- ✓ On-going support as and when you need it – email, online or phone.
- ✓ We will ensure your website remains GDPR compliant.
- ✓ Domain name management, should you need it.
- ✓ Additional GDPR-compliant email services for you, should you need it.
- ✓ We're JISC-approved to work with all .gov, .mod, .nhs & .org domains.
- ✓ All our team are UK-based.

You can view a demo of the platform [here](#) with the live site from

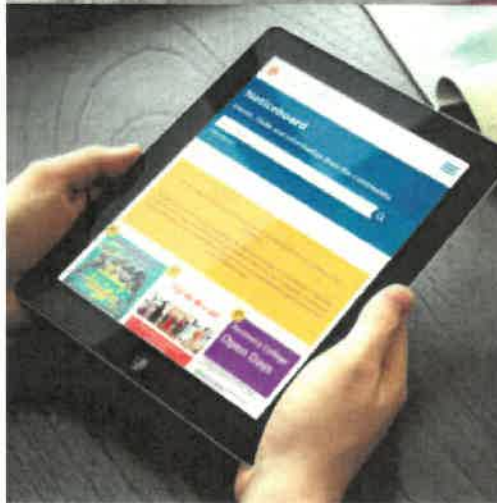
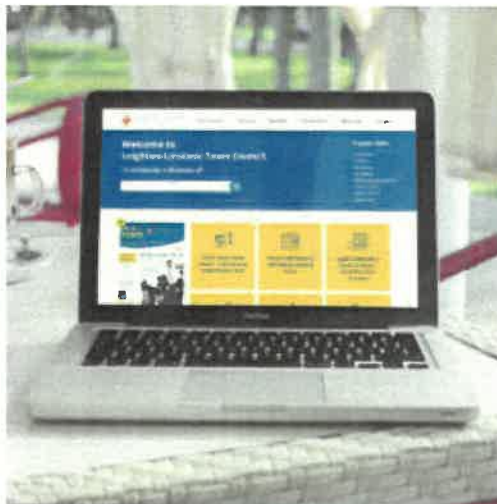
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What is an SSL and why do I need one of my website hosting?

SSL stands for “secure sockets layer” and is a form of security for websites that handle sensitive information such as visitor’s personal information, login credentials and credit card numbers. It creates a secure connection between a visitor’s web browser and the server of the website they’re interacting with. When information is entered into any of the fields – whether an enquiry form or search box, or someone registers on the website or logs in, the information typed in is scrambled so that if it were to be ever intercepted it would be unreadable. It has become an essential aspect of compliance with GDPR to have an SSL on your website.

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