**Accessibility Statement for** [**www.lincolnutc.co.uk**](http://www.lincolnutc.co.uk)

This accessibility statement applies to [www.lincolnutc.co.uk](http://www.lincolnutc.co.uk). This website is run by Lincoln University Technical College. We want as many people as possible to access and use our website and the information it contains. For example, that means you should be able to:

* Navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
* Navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
* Navigate most of the website using a screen reader

We use a content management system (CMS) to publish content to our website with consistent and standardised structure and styling. We use a clear and logical navigation structure, and the fonts and colours we use have been chosen for their legibility and to provide colour contrast. Users can use tools built into modern web browsers to increase text size. We have also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

Despite our best efforts, we know there are some areas of the website which will not be fully accessible. For example:

* There are some decorative images or multimedia content which do not provide adequate alternative text, transcripts or captions.
* There are some PDF and Word documents hosted on our website which have not been styled correctly to ensure compatibility when using a screen reader.
* The multimedia carousel on our home page does not have a play/pause button, and therefore could be distracting for people with cognitive disabilities.

**Contact information**

If you need information on this website in a different format like accessibly PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille:

* Email enquiries@lincolnutc.co.uk
* Call 01522 775990

We will consider your request and get back to you within 7 days during termtime. If you cannot view the map on our ‘contact us’ page, call or email us for directions.

**Reporting accessibility problem with this website**

We are always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we’re not meeting accessibility requirements, please contact our Marketing & Communications Manager at elowe@lincolnutc.co.uk.

**Enforcement procedure**

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the ‘accessibility regulations’). If you are not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

**Compliance status**

Lincoln UTC is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard.

**Disproportionate burden**

* PDF & Word documents

Prior to the 23rd September 2020 all PDF and Word documents available for download within our website were not created as accessible files. As these files will be replaced periodically with updated versions, we believe that replacing existing versions now would be a disproportionate burden within the meaning of the accessibility regulations.

Following 23rd September 2020, we will ensure that newly published documents will meet the accessibility standards.

* Multimedia carousel

Our website was designed to display a multimedia carousel that plays automatically on the home page. We have assessed the cost of installing a play/pause button and believe it would be a disproportionate burden within the meaning of the accessibility regulations.

**Content out of the scope of the accessibility regulations**

* Decorative images and video

All images and video content on our website are for a decorative purpose, and therefore do not require an accompanying description under the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard.

**Preparation of this accessibility statement**

This statement was prepared on 23/11/2020. It was last reviewed on 23/11/2020.

This website was last tested on 20/11/2020. The test was carried out by Lincoln UTC.

We self-assessed our site by testing a variety of pages throughout the website including our homepage, text-based content pages, images/audio/video content, forms, PDFs, and navigation pages.