

GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS WITH DISABILITIES

You are given the opportunity upon the application form to declare if you have a disability. If you are shortlisted, you will also be asked to provide further information on an Employment Health Questionnaire form.

This means:

In fairness to you, and to enable us to meet our commitments under our Equal Opportunities policy, it is important that you tell us whether you require adjustments to any part of the selection procedure including arrangements for interview. The application form allows you to provide this information. If you are offered the job, any adjustments to the working conditions or environment that may be required to enable you to carry out the duties of the job will be considered in consultation with you.

The School defines disability as follows:

A person has a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long term adverse effect in his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities where:

- a mental impairment is defined as an impairment resulting from or consisting of a mental illness only if the illness is a clinically well-recognised mental illness;
- long term, means the effect of the impairment has lasted at least 12 months or is likely to last for 12 months or is likely to last for the rest of the person's life;
- normal day-to-day activities are defined as: mobility; manual dexterity; physical co-ordination; continence; ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects; speech, hearing or eyesight; memory or ability to concentrate, learn or understand; perception of the risk of physical danger. N.B. Any disability which does not have a substantial and long term effect on one or more of them is not considered to be a disability.

Other conditions included within the definition of disability not already outlined above are:

- a recurring condition which has recurred over more than 12 months or is likely to recur over more than 12 months;
- a progressive condition, e.g. cancer, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy or HIV which has, or has had, an effect on normal day-to-day activities;
- people with severe disfigurements, although some with deliberately acquired disfigurements will not be covered;
- people registered as disabled under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1944 on 12 January 1995 and on the date the employment right comes into force, who will be deemed to be covered for 3 years after 2nd December 1996. People with a history of disability will also have protection, even if they do not now have a disability.

Your Application

- There is no legal requirement for you to provide information about your disability on this form. However, you are encouraged to do so, particularly where you believe that the information may be relevant to the job application.