# Accessibilityguide

The Association of Anaesthetists Heritage Centre aims to create a welcoming and accessible experience for all visitors.

## Wheelchair access

There is a portable ramp available to access the building. You can access this by pressing the access button outside the main entrance or by calling reception at 020 7631 1650, option 7.

There is a lift on the ground floor that you can take down to the museum.

## Toilets

The Heritage Centre has an accessible and gender-neutral toilet available on the ground floor. There is also a male and female toilet on the basement level which can be accessed via stairs or lift. There are no baby changing facilities on site.

The nearest changing places facility is at the DMS Watson Library (0.8 miles/18-minute walk). [A full list of Changing Places Toilets is available on the Changing Places website.](https://www.changing-places.org/)

## Care

Assistance Dogs are welcome.

Hand sanitiser and drinking water are available to visitors.

There is seating available in reception.

We welcome breastfeeding.

If you or a member of your group require medical attention, please alert a member of staff.

There is a defibrillator at reception.

We support the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme.

Sensory tote bags including earmuffs, a magnifying glass, marble fidget toys, a clack track toy, colouring pencils and a sketch pad are available.

## A drawing of a building Description automatically generatedMuseum map

## Visual guide

For a full explanation of our accessibility and what to expect, please see our visual guide on the next page (page 3) of this document.

Please contact us if you have any further questions or concerns. Email heritage@anaesthetists.org or call 020 7631 1650, option 7.

# Visual guide

## When you arrive

A white building with columns and a black fence

Description automatically generatedEntry to the Heritage Centre is through the main entrance of the Association of Anaesthetists. There is a step to get to the main door, however, a portable ramp will be made available on request.

A sign on a railing

Description automatically generatedYou can press the bell in the image below if you need any assistance.

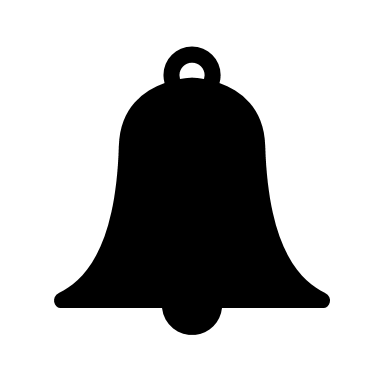
At the main door there is a buzzer that you press so that reception can let you in.

A close-up of a metal panel

Description automatically generatedA door with a keypad and a keypad

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Press the button with the bell symbol.



A counter in a room

Description automatically generatedWhen you are let in you go straight ahead to the reception where a member of staff will greet you. There is an induction loop available at reception.

Entry is free but you will need to sign in at reception. This area is usually quiet but there may be a short wait on busy days.

A black visitor book on a glass shelf

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## Facilities

The Anaesthesia Heritage Centre has gender neutral and accessible bathrooms available on the ground floor, right next to the lift.

A white door with a blue sticker on it

Description automatically generatedA bathroom with a toilet and sink

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There is not a Changing Places facility on site. The nearest facility is at the DMS Watson Library (0.8 miles/18 minute walk). [A full list of Changing Places Toilets is available on the Changing Places website](https://www.changing-places.org/).

There are also two gendered toilets on the same floor as the museum. The men’s toilet is directly opposite the stairs, while the women’s is opposite the lift.

A white door with signs on the wall

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A white door with a doorknob

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There is water and hand sanitiser available on the ground floor by reception.

## Getting around

An elevator with a door open

Description automatically generatedA staircase with a round light

Description automatically generatedTo get to the museum you can take the stairs or the lift down one floor.

A hallway with white walls and white doors

Description automatically generatedThere is a small hallway leading to the Heritage Centre, there will often be things to look at on the walls.

A room with a touch screen machine and a door

Description automatically generatedNow you are in the Heritage Centre! There are two rooms. The floor here is smooth and even with no steps. The museum is quite dark, this is to help keep our objects safe. There is also the sound of an anaesthetic machine playing that can be heard throughout the museum. The museum is usually quite quiet. If you or a member of your group require a quiet museum experience, please call ahead to check for the best times to visit.

A display case with shelves and signs

Description automatically generatedOn the left are cabinets full of historical objects. Here you can learn about all these objects and the historical figures that made anaesthesia what it is today. There can sometimes be reflections on the glass.

There are drawers you can open that have many interesting instruments inside.

A display case with various objects in it

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There are large print books available throughout the centre.

A white paper with orange writing

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A display case with a display of information

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceYou will also see the temporary exhibition space. This is where any exhibitions that are currently on will be placed.

On the right is a model operating theatre. Here you can learn more about different objects that have been used by anaesthetists and the history behind them.

A room with a bed and medical equipment

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Press the button in the middle to hear an audio clip that will tell you about the object. Text versions of the recordings are available.

A close-up of a button

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The name of each item will light up when you select it.

A machine on a table

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In between the two rooms there is a video player which has various films on it. These films have sound and subtitles.

A close-up of a screen

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A white box with blue clothes inside

Description automatically generatedA table with a box of art and books

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceThere is also an activity and a dress-up box. You can make paper bottles and play with fuzzy felt. There is a selection of books you are welcome to read that relate to the exhibition.

There is a tablet available with some games for children.

A screen with cartoon characters on it

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Finally, there are some postcards and a QR code you can use to leave feedback on your experience! We appreciate all your feedback.

A white wall with papers on it

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A qr code on a wall

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Thank you for choosing to visit the Anaesthesia Heritage Centre! We hope you enjoy your visit with us.

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