

CURRICULUM VITAE

Jonathan France DIP FCIAT AssocRICS
Specialist field in Accommodation for Disabled Persons



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Professional profile

Mr Jonathan France is a Chartered Architectural Designer for people with disabilities, and through first-hand experience with working with the disabled, his qualifications and relevant experience, acts as an Expert Witness in accommodation for cases involving medical, clinical, personal and catastrophic injury.

Professional Memberships

Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)	Fellow Member
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)	Associate Member
Royal Institutes of British Architects (RIBA)	Affiliate Member
Member of the Centre of Accessible Environments	Member and subscriber to latest developments in access
Bond Solon	Training received on Expert Witness Duties
UK Register of Expert Witnesses	Vetted Member
Expert Witness	Member
Expert Witness Institute	Vetted Member

Significant relevant experience and knowledge

Mr. Jonathan France's background is in designing homes for the disabled at a "treating stage", and presently is instructed to assess future accommodation for a disabled person for both claimant and defendant. Mr France has been working in architecture and design since 2004, specifically designing homes for the disabled since 2007.

Mr. France's present role includes:

- Providing Accommodation Expert Witness reports for people with disabilities
- Property Finding
- Providing suitability reports of a home prior to purchase or rent
- Feasibility designs of a property to be adapted
- Cost reports for property adaptations
- Planning and Building Control consent
- Contract Administration of building projects to provide inclusive and accessible homes

Mr. France has dealt with various types of injury cases assessing future accommodation costs. He has acted as lead designer on large scale care home developments, and has over recent years focused on designing and project managing adaptations and new build specialist bungalows for wheelchair, ambulant and severely disabled persons.

On average, Mr. France is involved with building projects per year, which are all exclusively for persons with disabilities, and typically for persons with severe disabilities.

Mr. France is also involved heavily with property finding along with proposing solutions to potential dwellings, to make them suitable. Over the past 12 months, Mr France has been involved with finding 14 suitable properties.

Career experience

2016 - Present

Expert Witness specialising in Accommodation for the Disabled, France + Associates

An award winning and Chartered Architectural Practice specialising in designing inclusive and accessible homes, providing accommodation expert witness reports.

Mr France is the principal owner of the practice and is entirely shaped around services to law firms and insurers on a national basis.

2013 - 2016

Associate Director, Edward Architecture

A chartered practice with the RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) and the CIAT (Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists), offering services in a wide range of sectors.

Mr France introduced the firm to the field of working with law firms and insurers and grew this within the company prior to setting up F+A. Mr France worked entirely for law firms, acting as designer and project manager for homes undertaking substantial adaptations for the disabled, as well as new build specialist bungalows.

Mr France was influential in expanding the company and establishing it as a recognised firm in Leeds and London at the time.

Mr France built up his experience as an expert in his own right by shadowing Mr Paul S Withey (Paul S Withey Ltd) on cases, as well as assisting Mr David Reynolds (Camplings Associates Ltd), prior to their respective retirement.

2011 - 2013

Chartered Architectural Technologist (MCIAT), Michael Dyson Associates Ltd

A national housing consultancy firm, providing a wide range of services to numerous housing associations and construction firms up and down the country. The company at the time had successfully gained a large contract to include large scale property adaptations for the disabled, and the formation of extensions to care homes. Mr Jonathan France's role was to work entirely on the new contract with the care home adaptations and renovation work, involved as lead designer & part project manager. The changes made to the building were to incorporate the latest standards and requirements. The project totalled £7.5mil and was completed in June 2013.

2009 - 2011

Architectural Technician and Assistant Project Manager, Design Line Huddersfield Ltd

A firm which specialised in disabled adaptations. Mr Jonathan France's role included liaising with a disabled person and their representative parties from the very beginning of the project, managing projects on site and leading projects to completion.

A total value of projects of £3.5mil were worked on in this time at the company, having had a role from inception to completion of the project and working first-hand with a disabled person.

2006 - 2009

Architectural Technician and Assistant Project Manager, Noel Heppenstalls Ltd

The Chartered Building Surveying firm were instructed on industrial and commercial work, but primarily on residential projects. At the time, the chartered building surveying company undertook design work for the local authority for disability facilities grants. Mr Jonathan France's role at the practice was to carry out all forms of building surveys and submit applications to statutory bodies. This was the earliest involvement on cases of dispute and growing an understanding of court procedures and requirements, including the formation of appropriate report writing standards, for construction disputes.

2004 - 2006

Architectural Technician, Ramsden Barrett Architects

Working on projects ranging from £500k to £5mil in value around the country for a nationally recognised practice, covering a range of developments.

Qualifications + Training

2020	Affiliate Member Royal Institutes of British Architects (RIBA)
2020	Fellow Member of the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technology (CIAT)
2018	Associate Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
2013	Member of the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technology (CIAT)
2004 - 2008	Diploma in Construction and Design (HND) (parttime alongside fulltime employment)
Bond Solon	Received training for the course accredited by Cardiff University for Civil Cases
Centre of Accessible Environments	Training undertaken regularly, to include Lifetime Homes (for disabled persons in new homes); Accessibility Audits in Public Buildings , subscription to journals