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# CURRICULUM VITAE

**Jonathan France** DIP MCIAT 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 or personal injury.

### Professional Memberships

<b>Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists</b>	Chartered Member
<b>Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors</b>	Associate Member
<b>Member of the Centre of Accessible Environments</b>	Member and subscriber to latest developments in access
<b>Bond Solon</b>	Training received on Expert Witness Duties

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## 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 Jonathan France has 15 years of practical experience in architecture and design, and specifically has spent the last 11 years designing homes for the disabled.

Mr. Jonathan France's present role include:

- Providing Accommodation Expert Witness reports for people with disabilities
- Providing suitability reports of a home prior to purchase
- Feasibility designs of a property to be adapted
- Cost reports for property adaptations
- Planning and Building Control consent
- Project Management and Contract Administration

Mr. Jonathan 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. In the last two years up to 2019, Jonathan France has project managed and acted as contract administrator totaling £6.2mil in building costs for persons with disabilities, from areas as far south as Lewisham in London, to as far north as Glasgow in Scotland.

On average, Mr. Jonathan France is involved with 12 separate building projects, which are all exclusively for persons with disabilities, and typically for persons with severe disabilities.

Mr. Jonathan France presently acts as expert witness for leading solicitors in the catastrophic injury field, whether for claimant or defendant.

## Career experience

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- 2016 - Present**      **Expert Witness specialising in Accommodation for the Disabled, France + Associates**  
A registered architectural practice specialising in designing for the disabled and providing accommodation expert witness reports. Mr Jonathan France is the principal owner of the practice and is entirely shaped around services to solicitors. Aside from this, the practice advises private homeowners on access improvements, and have worked on public buildings and charities to facilitate access, specialist bathrooms, hydrotherapy pools and sensory therapy rooms.
- 2013 - 2016**      **Associate Director, Edward Architecture**  
A chartered practice with the Royal Institute of British Architects, offering services in a wide range of sectors. Mr Jonathan France worked entirely for solicitors, acting as designer and project manager for homes undertaking substantial adaptations for the disabled, as well as new specialist bungalows.
- 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

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- 2018**      **Associate Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors**
- 2013**      **Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technology**
- 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