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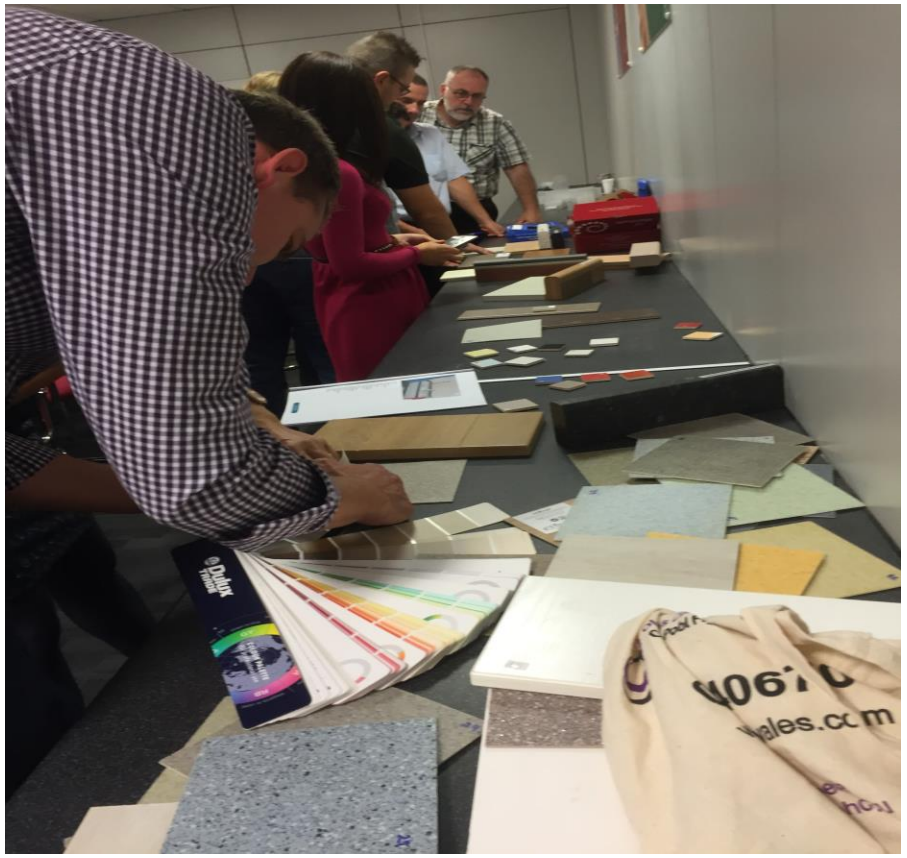
Visibly Better Living – What is it?

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Standard 1 staff training

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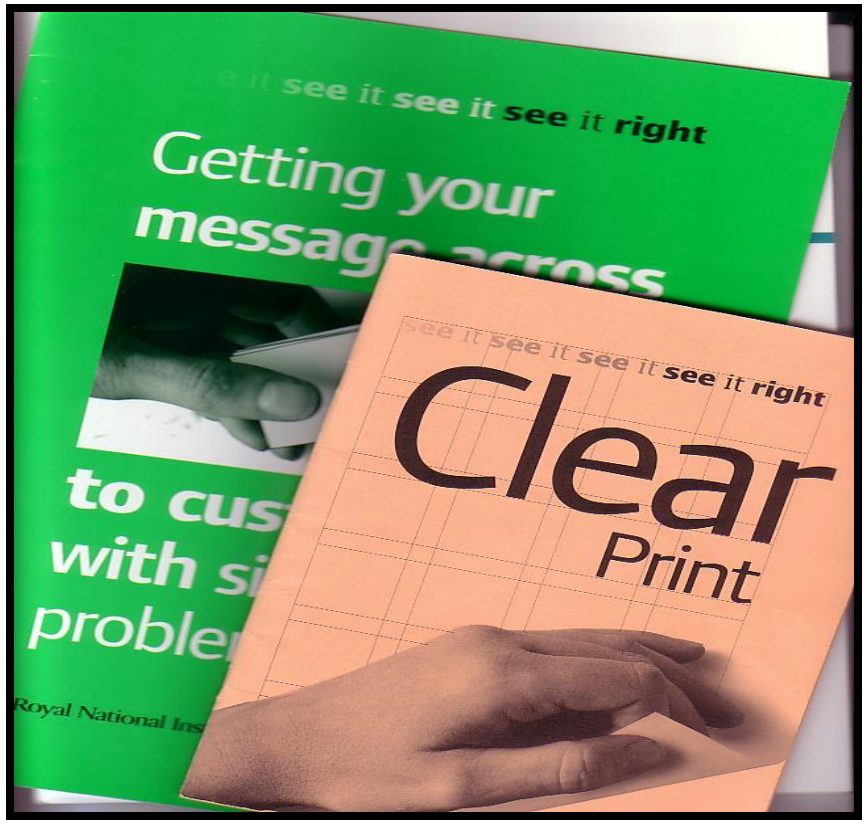




Standard 2 accessible information

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Standard 3 Inclusive environments for people with sight loss - internal

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Standard 3 internals

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Making features clearer

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Utensils: Colour contrast

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Audio clip from Tommy
a carer on colour contrast

Band-it tactile bands

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Standard 4 external environment

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Standard 5 –Linking Community Services and promoting eye health

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Eye health is promoted on site to ensure continued independence and residents with sight loss are linked up to local and national Health, Social Care and Voluntary services.



Examples of bump-on use

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Example answers:

- oven or cooker dials
- temperature dials
- thermostat discs
- socket switches
- telephone centre button
- TV control
- radio dials.



Standard 6 – Participation for people with sight loss

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Tenants with sight loss receive their full entitlement as residents of the site and association and are involved in feedback and evaluating.



Visibly Better Living award levels

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Bronze: Standards 1 to 3

Silver: Bronze and one from 4, 5 or 6.

Gold: Bronze and two from 4, 5 or 6.

Platinum: All six standards.

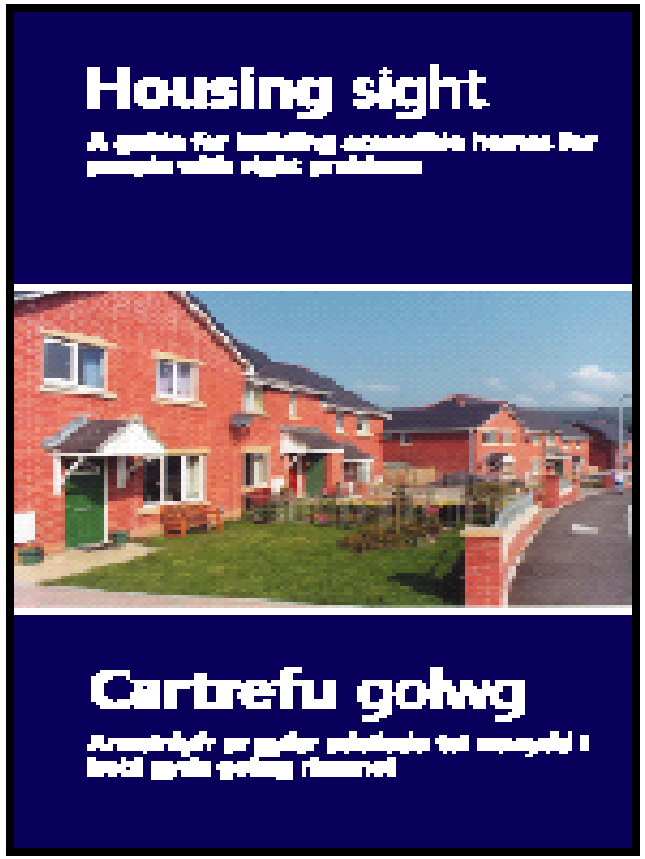


National regulations and guidance

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Achieve national obligations such as

WHQS (Part 7(d));
BS8300 guidance
Equality Act 2010
Wales Housing Act 2014
Social Care and Well Being Act 2014
Tenant Participation Strategy
Part M and K building regulations
Older Persons Strategy.



What Visibly Better members said…

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The draw for us at the beginning…how empowering the process was for tenants…the knowledge and skills they could develop was a big draw for us… it was a great project, upskilling and empowering tenants to identify where the changes were needed and then them auditing the results.' Visibly Better Member

'Had we just done the Wales Housing Quality Standards, we would have missed out on all of those simple things…changes that make all of the difference to older people…the RNIB standard brought that insight…we know sight loss comes with age, so we are putting the solutions in place not just for our visually impaired tenants but for those who may become blind or partially sighted in the future'. Visibly Better member.

Questions

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