

## **Summary of Key Points**

- From December, 2006, The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995, will be amended to place a duty on all public bodies to promote disability equality. Notre Dame believes that by addressing the General Duty of the Act, with the Specific duties, we will improve the experience of disabled people.
- To achieve this, we intend to address the current issues and equality gaps that we have identified so far and to plan a programme that allows us to review and rewrite our policies, procedures, practices and plans, having assessed how they impact on disabled people.
- In our efforts to build on current practices and progress, the priority areas we need to address, including those specifically identified by disabled people in our consultation to date, are to:
  - Involve disabled people more in a truly consultative process
  - Work with disabled people to prioritise impact assessments
  - Embed disability equality within quality improvement and planning processes
  - Gather and use information about disabled people more effectively and earlier to effect change
  - Extend our response to the DDA to specifically include staff
  - Improve publicity about what Notre Dame does to support the needs of disabled students, particularly pre-enrolment publicity
  - Review materials used to support all students with identified needs