SIS (MI6) Accessibility Conformance Report

WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5)

Name of Product/Version: SIS Public website

Report Date: 06/03/2025

Product Description: SIS (MI6) public website

Contact information: P.O. Box 1300, London SE1 1BD, marking your envelope 'Accessibility'

Notes: None

Evaluation Methods Used: Automated testing, manual testing, screen reader testing, voice control testing.

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

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This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0	Level A (Yes)
	Level AA (Yes)
	Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1	Level A (Yes)
	Level AA (Yes)
	Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2	Level A (Yes)
	Level AA (Yes)
	Level AAA (No)

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports**: The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports**: Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.

- **Does Not Support**: The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.

- **Not Applicable**: The criterion is not relevant to the product.

- **Not Evaluated**: The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can only be used in WCAG Level AAA criteria.

WCAG 2.2 Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.2 Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.2 Conformance Requirements](#).

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)	Supports	All images in the website have alternative text or are marked as decorative. All icon only buttons, for example in the navigation, have appropriate title or aria labels.
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports	There is no audio only or video only content.
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports	All prerecorded video content includes captions and a transcript.
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports	No written audio description is provided, as the video content does not convey any additional meaning beyond what is spoken and included in the captions and transcript.
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)	Supports	Headings and lists are appropriately marked up, and landmarks (e.g., navigation, main) are used. Testing with VoiceOver and Mac's Voice Control software confirmed that interactive elements, such as the top navigation "burger" icon, accordions, and carousel arrow buttons, all have accessible names.
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A)	Supports	Content follows a logical reading order, progressing from left to right and top to bottom. Interactive elements are ordered logically, and the content matches the visual presentation.
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A)	Supports	No instructions rely solely on sensory characteristics (e.g., colour, size, position). No

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		content requiring non-visual descriptions, such as complex diagrams or charts was identified.
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A)	Supports	There are no input fields that rely on color to convey meaning, and all links are underlined, ensuring they are distinguishable. Color contrast is sufficient for all text and elements, meeting the required standards. The color usage has also been tested with automated tools to confirm accessibility for users with color vision deficiencies.
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A)	Supports	There is no auto-playing audio content on the website or application. Therefore, users are not required to interact with audio controls.
2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)	Supports	All interactive elements and functionality is accessible via keyboard. Including the mobile/small screen top navigation burger menu icon, drop-down accordions, and arrow buttons for the carousel.
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A)	Supports	There are no keyboard traps present.
2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Character key shortcuts are not used.
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A)	Supports	There are no timeouts or time-limited actions that have occurred during testing. It is possible that the report information form may require a user to progress through the Cloudflare Turnstile again if left for extended periods, though no data would be lost.
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)	Supports	Carousels do not automatically scroll and no other repeated animations are present.

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		There are no other interactive elements which start unexpectedly or without a user action.
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A)	Supports	There is no flashing content.
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)	Supports	The website includes a "skip to main" link which allows users to bypassing repetitive navigation elements and accessing the main content directly. This is present on pages which have a navigation bar.
2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A)	Supports	Each page has an appropriate, descriptive title. The titles accurately reflect the function and content of the page, helping users understand the purpose of each page.
2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)	Supports	The focus order is logical and follows a left-to-right, top-to-bottom sequence for interactive elements. Interactive elements, including links and buttons, follow a predictable order when navigating via the keyboard.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A)	Supports	Link text provides clear context regarding the function or destination of each link. Users can easily understand the purpose of each link, both in context and when read out of context (e.g., with screen readers or in a list of links).
2.5.1 Pointer Gestures (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	No complex pointer gestures are required for interaction. While users can swipe to navigate the carousels, alternative methods, such as using the arrow buttons or tab key, are also available. Functionality has been tested with a

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		simulated mobile device, ensuring accessibility for users relying on touch-based interactions.
2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Buttons across the site are activated on mouse up events, ensuring users can cancel actions by moving the pointer away before release. Additionally, there are no destructive actions that could require confirmation.
2.5.3 Label in Name (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	For interactive elements the visible labels match their programmatically exposed accessible names, ensuring consistency for assistive technology users. Voice control testing has confirmed that users can activate these elements by speaking their visible labels. This includes icon buttons and mobile and non-mobile versions of the site.
2.5.4 Motion Actuation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	No functionality relies on motion-based gestures or device motion. All actions can be performed without requiring device movement, ensuring accessibility for users who cannot or prefer not to use motion gestures.
3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A)	Supports	The default language of the page is correctly specified using the lang attribute, which is set to 'en' for English. This ensures that assistive technologies, such as screen readers, can accurately interpret the language of the content. Pages and sections of content in foreign languages are marked up as such in the HTML.
3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)	Supports	Actions occur on activation rather than on focus of an interactive element.

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3.2.2 On Input (Level A)	Supports	There is no unexpected content changes triggered by user input. For example, the buttons in the fact or fiction quiz trigger the display of the answer on the click-up event, which is expected behavior based on the context of the interaction. Additionally, no input fields cause an unexpected change of context on input.
3.2.6 Consistent Help (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	There are no help mechanisms on the website.
3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)	Supports	Errors are clearly labelled on input fields and are programmatically linked for assistive technology users. The form does auto-scroll users to the first error but the user is notified of this before they click the submit button.
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)	Supports	All input fields on the "Contact Us" form are programmatically linked with labels, ensuring proper association and accessibility. Additionally, several fields include informative non-visual labels designed for screen readers, enhancing the user experience for individuals with visual impairments. This implementation meets the criteria outlined in WCAG 2.2, ensuring both clarity and accessibility.
3.3.7 Redundant Entry (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	There is no authentication required, no text-based CAPTCHA mechanisms. Forms do not ask for the same information multiple times (beyond email conformation). As no authentication features are present, no accessible

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		authentication methods or alternatives are needed.

4.1.1 Parsing (Level A)
    WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 – Always answer 'Supports'
    WCAG 2.2 (obsolete and removed) - Does not apply
	Supports	For WCAG 2.0 and 2.1, the September 2023 errata update indicates this criterion is always supported. See the WCAG 2.0 Editorial Errata and the WCAG 2.1 Editorial Errata.

4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A)	Supports	Elements are correctly labeled with their appropriate names and roles. Interactive elements, such as buttons, are programmatically identified, ensuring accessibility for users relying on assistive technologies. Elements, such as the top navigation and accordions, include attributes like aria-expanded to indicate their state. This can make it easier for users of assistive technologies to understand the current state of the interactive elements.

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

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1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)	Supports	There is no live content.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)	Supports	There is a written description/transcript provided but no audio description as the transcript provides all the information the video shows. The videos do not include visuals that change or enhance the meaning of the content.

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1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The website works effectively in both portrait and landscape orientations, with no loss of functionality or accessibility. The layout and content adapt seamlessly to different screen orientations, providing an accessible user experience across devices.
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Input fields have their input types defined in the HTML elements to assist users with entering data into them.
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)	Supports	All text, content, and interactive elements meet the minimum contrast ratio requirements. Text has a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1 for normal text and 3:1 for large text, ensuring readability for users with low vision. Non-text elements also meet the necessary contrast requirements against their background.
1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA)	Supports	Text can be resized up to 200% without loss of content or functionality. The layout adjusts appropriately when text is resized, ensuring that content remains accessible and readable, and there are no issues with overlapping or cut-off content.
1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA)	Supports	There are no images of text beyond the use of company/organisation logos. Where logos are used, alternative text has been provided to ensure accessibility for users relying on assistive technologies.
1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	All content reflows correctly when zoomed up to 400%, without loss of information or

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		functionality, and without requiring scrolling in two dimensions. Content can be presented without horizontal scrolling at 400% zoom.
1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	All non-text elements, including icons, buttons, and form controls, meet the required contrast ratio of at least 3:1 against adjacent colors. These elements are visually distinguishable for users with low vision, ensuring accessibility across the site.
1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Users can adjust text spacing, including line height, letter spacing, and word spacing, without affecting the readability or functionality of the content. Content remains accessible and readable even with increased text spacing.
1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	There are no tooltips or additional content that appears on hover or focus within the interface.
2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA)	Supports	Links to content are available through the top navigation, footer, and breadcrumbs, ensuring that users have various options for finding content. However, there is no search functionality available on the site.
2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)	Supports	All pages include descriptive headings that clearly explain the purpose of each page or section, which helps users understand the content structure. All pages include an H1 heading. Interactive elements, such as buttons and links, are properly labeled to indicate their function.

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2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)	Supports	Focus indicators meet the contrast requirements.
2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	Focus of elements is not obscured by other author created content.
2.5.7 Dragging Movements (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	The product does not use drag-and-drop functionality beyond the carousel, which can be operated by dragging to move to the next item. However, users can also navigate the carousel using the arrow buttons or tabbing, providing alternative methods to interact with the content. No other drag-and-drop functionality is present on the site.
2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	All clickable elements, including buttons and links, meet the minimum target size requirement of 44x44 CSS pixels. This ensures that interactive elements are large enough to be easily activated, even by users with motor impairments or those using touchscreens.
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)	Support	The language of the buttons for selecting a language on the report information page are specified in the HTML as well as the foreign language versions of the contact us form.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)	Supports	Navigation is consistent across all pages, with key elements like the main menu and footer links remaining in the same location and structure throughout the site. Additionally, the current page is properly indicated using the aria-

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		current attribute, allowing users to easily identify their location within the site.
3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA)	Supports	Similar elements, such as buttons, form fields, and links, are consistently identified across the site. Their design remains consistent, and there are no variations in labeling or functionality across different pages. This ensures a predictable and intuitive user experience.
3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA)	Supports	Errors are presented exclusively on the "Contact Us" form. Users are clearly notified of optional and mandatory fields, with data validation applied where applicable. For mandatory fields left empty, error text is provided to notify users of the issue. This error text is also accessible to users of assistive technology, ensuring inclusivity and compliance with WCAG 2.2 standards.
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA)	Supports	The product does not currently allow users to submit legal or financial data in the context that relates to this criterion. Submitted information cannot be deleted once provided by the user on the website, however no legal commitment is made by submitting information.
3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	The product does not include any authentication processes such as login, registration, or password recovery. As authentication is not required, the criterion for accessible authentication does not apply.
4.1.3 Status Messages (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The product does not include any real-time status messages, such as notifications for form

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		submissions, loading indicators, or error alerts. Since no status messages are present, the criterion does not apply.

Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA

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Level AAA has not been evaluated.