

CURRICULUM VITAE

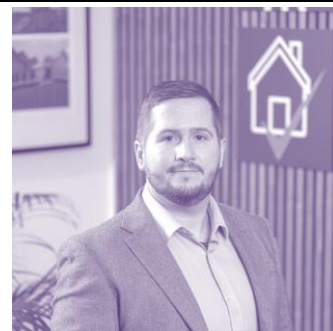
Jonathan France Dip FCIAT AssocRICS

Specialist field in Accommodation for Disabled Persons



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Professional Profile

Jonathan France is a Managing Director and Founder of France + Associates. He acts as an Accommodation Expert in medical or personal injury cases where individuals have been left with life-changing injuries. Jonathan France continues to be involved in projects in the early design stages, through to the management of the process on-site. Jonathan's friendly and pragmatic style is valued by his clients with particular needs and utilises this as a springboard to offer advice on architectural projects and when preparing accommodation reports to Part 35 requirements.

Professional Memberships

Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)	Fellow Member
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)	Associate Member
Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)	Affiliate Member
Member of the Centre of Accessible Environments	Member and subscriber to Accessible Environments
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

Jonathan France's background is in designing homes for disabled people at a "treating stage", and presently is instructed to assess future accommodation needs for disabled persons for both Claimants and Defendants. Jonathan France has been working in architecture and design since 2004, specifically designing homes for disabled persons since 2007.

Jonathan 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 for a property to be adapted

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- Cost reports for property adaptations
 - Planning and Building Control consent
 - Contract Administration of building projects to provide inclusive and accessible homes

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.

Jonathan France is involved with building projects which are all exclusively for persons with disabilities, and typically for persons with severe disabilities.

Jonathan 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 Managing Director, France + Associates

An award-winning Chartered Architectural Practice specialising in designing inclusive and accessible homes, providing accommodation Expert Witness reports. Jonathan 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. Jonathan France introduced the firm to the field of working with law firms and insurers and grew this within the company before setting up F+A. He worked entirely for law firms, acting as designer and project manager for homes undertaking substantial adaptations for disabled persons, as well as new build specialist bungalows.

Jonathan France was influential in expanding the company and establishing it as a recognised firm in Leeds and London at the time. Jonathan 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 (Campings Associates Ltd), before their respective retirements.

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 disabled persons, and the formation of extensions to care homes.

Jonathan France's role was to work entirely on the new contract with the care home adaptations and renovation work, involved as lead designer and project manager. The changes made to the building were to incorporate the latest standards and requirements. The project totalled £7.5m 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 disabled persons 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 £3.5m was worked on at this time at the company, having had a role from inception to completion of the project and working first-hand with disabled persons.

2006 - 2009 Architectural Technician and Assistant Project Manager, Noel Heppenstalls Ltd

The Chartered Building Surveying firm was instructed on industrial and commercial work, but primarily on residential projects. At the time, the company undertook design work for the local authority for disability facilities grants.

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 in cases of dispute and of 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 £5m in value around the country for a nationally recognised practice, covering a range of developments.

Qualifications and Training

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