

## What is “Can’t Wait”?

Can’t Wait is a scheme run by SGDEN with assistance from South Glos Council to encourage businesses to make their toilets available to disabled people with an urgent need.

We created a local, credit card-sized ‘Can’t Wait’ Card, for individuals to show to businesses, with a request to allow them to use staff or non – public toilets, or to use customer toilets without purchasing anything.

Can’t Wait cards have been distributed through trusted partners, which include, but are not limited to: Age UK, the Alzheimer’s Society, Bristol Area Stroke Foundation, community nurses, SGDEN, Disability Action Group and Memory Nurses and GP surgeries.

## Who is it for?

The card can be used for all impairments which would necessitate quick, discreet access to toilets. This includes “invisible” disabilities and conditions.

Sometimes a disabled person might need to be accompanied by someone of the opposite sex and can’t use single sex toilets. Fear of being unable to access a toilet urgently means some disabled or elderly people have trouble getting out of the house, contributing to isolation.

## How can I get involved?



### Businesses:

Businesses are asked to sign up to the scheme and display a postcard in their windows, to show people that they are supporting the initiative. If you own or are part of a business which might be able to help, please contact us for more information at [admin@sgden.org.uk](mailto:admin@sgden.org.uk)

### Individuals:

We are carrying out a project this year having taken over management of the scheme from the Council. We need people to help us carry this out - whether it's on the ground going into businesses and asking them to sign up to the scheme, putting on events, updating a directory of businesses involved or promoting via the media – we’re keen to get local people on board, either short term or longer term. If you are interested then please contact us at [admin@sgden.org.uk](mailto:admin@sgden.org.uk)