

IN THE BRIGHTON COUNTY COURT

^{11G}
Claim No. 7BN0016

BETWEEN:

MR COLIN BRUCE BENNETT



-and-

BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE OLD MARKET TRUST

Defendant

DEFENCE

1. The Defendant is the Board of Trustees of the Old Market Trust which is a charitable trust ("the Trust"). The Trust is and was the owner and operator of The Old Market, Upper Market Street, Hove, BN3 3AL ("the premises").
2. The Trust purchased the premises in 1994 which at that time was a derelict building. It was subsequently renovated to its present form as an arts centre.
3. The Trust admits paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Particulars of Claim. There is a main hall at the premises that is used for all performances and events ("the Bryson Hall"). To allow those with hearing difficulties to fully participate in the events held at the premises a Sennheiser Infra Red Hearing Aid System ("the infra red system") was fitted in or around September 1998 as recommended by Disability Consultants, Accessibility of Lewes Sussex to benefit the Bryson Hall and allow visitors with hearing disabilities to benefit from the facilities and events that the premises has and had to offer. This infra red system is fitted to such venues as the Theatre Royal, Brighton, Royal Opera House,

hen