Handing-off accessible designs

We design inclusive services for those on the autistic spectrum, using screen readers, experiencing low vision, dyslexia, physical or motor disabilities.
[Based off of the Gov.uk list of Do's and Don'ts](#)

Accessibility Checklist

Interface Design:

- ❐ Use simple colors
  - ○ *We avoid using bright contrasting/clashing colors*

- ❐ Describe images and provide transcripts for video
  - ○ *We provide alt text for images or visual artifacts on a page*

- ❐ Use high contrast colors and a readable font size
  - ○ *We use [WebAIM](#) to check our color contrast and use 16pt font as a minimum size.*

- ❐ We break up content with sub-headings, illustrations, and videos

- ❐ Make large form fields and clickable actions
  - ○ *Use 60px height for buttons and fields*

Content Design:

- ❐ Write in plain English
  - ○ *We avoid using figures of speech or idioms*

- ❐ Use simple sentences and bullets
  - ○ *We use design elements to breakup large blocks of text*

- ❐ Make buttons descriptive
  - ○ *We clearly articulate an action for buttons (ex: 'attach files' not 'click here')*

- ❐ Include context with buttons and notifications

- ○ *Include helpful information or actions before buttons and notifications*

- ❒ Write descriptive links and heading
  - ○ *(ex: 'Contact us' not 'Click here')*
- ❒ Build simple and consistent layouts that are linear, logical, and short

- ❒ Build for keyboard use only

Preparing for a Successful Handoff (Design/PM/Engineering)

- ❒ Review the story in Pivotal to make sure all design details are included and are consistent with your design in Figma.
  - ○ *Copy Match:* copy, line breaks, and styling
  - ○ *Interface Mock Match:* margins, spacing, button size, type
  - ○ *Link & Button Functionality:* correct link included in story

- ❒ Include designs for all interaction states, error states, and transitions between states.
  - ○ *What happens when someone hits the back button?*

- ❒ Include a link to your Figma design file in the Pivotal story. If you have icons or images on the page, drop files directly into the story. If there is any question, ask engineers what format they prefer.
  - ○ *Double-check file names and pages to ensure they uphold conventions and are labeled as the latest version.*

- ❒ When a ticket/feature has new content or functionality, plan an accessibility check before acceptance.
  - ○ *Schedule usability tests with your researcher for user feedback*
  - ○ *Follow all accessibility listed guidelines above. Once launched, run the WAVE accessibility audit to identify possible problem areas with the visual design or code.*