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Support and Care Guide for Adults 2023/24

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Welcome from Oxfordshire County Council

Welcome to the Live Well Oxfordshire Support and Care Guide for Adults 2023/24. This edition contains a wealth of information on health and social care options across the county.

We know that people want to remain living independently in their own homes, connected to their communities and enjoying the best possible quality of life for as long as possible. We aim to support this by enabling people to receive care closer to home. It is something we call 'The Oxfordshire Way'.

Behind the scenes, we are working with our partners in the NHS and voluntary and community sector to make sure our services are more joined up, so our residents are better supported. This includes organisations like Age UK Oxfordshire, Active Oxfordshire, Restore and other groups who deliver all kinds of community-based activity that supports people to stay well and independent.

We know that finding the right support can sometimes be a challenge and we hope this guide helps you to make the choices that are right for you. Everyone is different and we hope by providing the right information and advice to people when they need it, it will enable them to take control of their own health and care, potentially without relying on more formal social care and health services.

Of course, for people who do need extra support, we will remain strongly focused on delivering it in a way that enables people in Oxfordshire to live as independently as possible, with access to goodquality services within their community.

Our Live Well Oxfordshire online directory provides the most up-to-date information about community and voluntary organisations in the county. More than just a directory, there is a calendar so you can see what's on in your local area and you can search for useful information on a range of subjects. It's all aimed at connecting you to your community and giving you greater choice and control over the support and services you need. Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell

Please note that the information contained within the directory is subject to change.

For the latest information regarding availability, contact the provider directly.

If you have any feedback about this guide or information you would like to see included in the next edition, contact

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Health and wellbeing

Better Health



Modern life can sometimes make it hard to be healthy. But it's never too late to improve your health making small lifestyle changes such as eating well, drinking less alcohol, dealing with stress, can

double your chances of being healthy at 70 and beyond. Our busy lives often mean that our own health is at the bottom of our list of priorities. Better Health is here to remind you that your health matters. Visit www.nhs.uk/better-health

A good way to start is to take the free health quiz, 'How Are You'. This provides personalised recommendations based on your results and directs you to tools and offers to help you take action where it's most needed. Visit

www.nhs.uk/better-health/how-are-you-quiz

Keeping healthy and fit

Staying active

Being regularly active helps to prevent diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Other benefits of staying active:

- Improves co-ordination, flexibility and muscle strength, which can help to reduce the risk of falls.
- Helps to ease depression and anxiety and

improves sleep patterns.

- Helps to reduce high blood pressure.
- Helps you maintain an ideal weight and can help with weight loss.

Make activity part of your daily routine; once it's a habit it's easy to maintain and there are several ways to get active.

→ Health walks are short, organised walks, led by trained volunteers from the local community. Health walks can improve both physical and mental health by offering a safe, friendly and supported environment where everyone can walk at their own pace. Visit www.nhs.uk (search 'walking for health').

Age UK Oxfordshire can support you to maintain health, mobility and independence, and keep doing what you love for longer. You can access a variety of group exercise classes, both in-person and online, along with options to support you to be active at home, all of which are tailored to support people in later life. Visit www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/ourservices/exerciseandwellbeing or call 01235 849403.

Move Together can help you to move more and feel better. Starting to move more, in a way that works for you, is hugely



beneficial. It can help with mood, energy levels, sleep and weight management, as well as helping to manage long-term conditions. Visit

www.getoxfordshireactive.org/move-together

If you would like more information on fitness activities available across Oxfordshire, or a Move Together Activity Pack, visit

www.getoxfordshireactive.org

Stopping smoking

Quitting is the single biggest thing you can do for your health. The Stop For Life Oxfordshire service provides free support to help people who want to quit smoking. Visit **www.stopforlifeoxon.org**, call **0800 122 3790** or text 'STOPOXON' to **60777**.

Alcohol and drug addiction

For advice and information on drug and alcohol services for adults aged 18 and over, visit the Turning Point Roads to Recovery website

(www.turning-point.co.uk/services/oxfordshire) or call 01865 261690.

Alternatively, drop in to one of the hubs – no appointment needed. Call or look online for hub addresses and exact opening times.

NHS Health Checks

What is an NHS Health Check?

A free preventative programme for adults in England aged 40 to 74. It's designed to spot early signs of stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia. As we get older, we have a higher risk of developing one of these conditions. This check finds ways to lower this risk. Visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-health-check

What happens at the NHS Health Check?

The check usually takes about 20 to 30 minutes. A health professional – often a nurse or healthcare assistant – will ask you questions about your lifestyle and family history, measure your height and weight, take your blood pressure and do a blood test to check cholesterol levels.

Your results are used to calculate your risk of getting heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and diabetes. Everyone will also be told the signs and symptoms of dementia to look out for. You will then receive personalised advice to reduce your risk. This could include:

Improving your diet and increasing physical activity levels.

- Taking medicines to lower your blood pressure or cholesterol.
- Losing weight or stopping smoking.

How do I get an NHS Health Check?

There are two ways to get your free NHS Health Check:

- 1. Via your GP. If you're aged 40 to 74 without a pre-existing condition, you should receive a letter from your GP inviting you for a free check every five years. You can also call your GP to book a check if you're eligible.
- 2. In the community. You can now have a free NHS Health Check in the community via Health Checks Oxfordshire

(www.healthchecksoxfordshire.org). This is a new service designed to support GPs and will be taking place around Oxfordshire in libraries, shopping centres and community hubs, to name a few. You will be asked some preliminary questions to establish that you are eligible before the health check takes place but there's no need to book, you can just turn up at one of the regular settings.

Dementia support

Age UK Oxfordshire's support service,
Dementia Oxfordshire,
provides specialist support



for people of all ages with a dementia diagnosis, and their families and carers on their dementia journey whilst they live in the community. The service doesn't discharge, it supports people from the point of diagnosis until a move to residential care, or end of life. Dementia Advisers keep in regular contact with people and become a single, trusted point of contact for advice and support. Dementia Oxfordshire aims to help people to live as well as possible for as long as possible in their communities.

Tel: 01865 410210

(9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday). Email: info@dementiaoxfordshire.org.uk Web: www.dementiaoxfordshire.org.uk

For out of hours support, call the **Dementia UK** helpline on **0800 888 6678** and speak to a dementia specialist Admiral Nurse. The helpline is open Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 9.00pm; and weekends, 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Become a Dementia Friend

Dementia Friends raise awareness and understanding so that people living with



dementia can continue to live the way they want. Dementia Friends help people living with dementia by taking actions – big and small. Being a Dementia Friend could be visiting someone you know with dementia or being more patient in a shop queue. You could also get involved in things like volunteering, campaigning or wearing a badge to raise awareness. Visit **www.dementiafriends.org.uk**

Mental wellbeing

Mental wellbeing describes your mental state – how you are feeling and how well you can cope with day-to-day life. One in four of us will experience mental ill health each year, and people from all walks of life can be affected. Poor mental wellbeing can lead to issues



such as depression and anxiety. Five simple actions can support positive mental wellbeing:

- **1.** Connect with people, friends, neighbours and communities around you.
- 2. Give do something nice for others a smile or helping with a task, volunteer with a local group.
- **3.** Take notice of your surroundings and experiences.
- **4**. Keep learning try something new, re-discover an old hobby, visit the library.
- **5.** Be active walking, dancing, cycling, gardening.

Find ideas to support positive mental wellbeing at **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell**

Local and national mental health support CALM

United against suicide. • Tel: **0800 585858**

NHS Oxfordshire Talking Therapies

A free NHS service for people living with depression or anxiety in Oxfordshire.

Tel: **01865 901222**

Email

oxon-talking-therapies@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk (general enquiries).

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www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/oxon-talking-therapies

Oxford Cruse

Bereavement support. • Tel: 01865 245398

Oxfordshire Mind

Runs a wide range of services for anyone over 16 affected by mental health conditions.

Tel: 01865 247788

Email: info@oxfordshiremind.org.uk Web: www.oxfordshiremind.org.uk

PAPYRUS

Support for young people.

Tel: **0800 068 4141**

→ Restore

An Oxfordshire-based charity that supports people to take control of their recovery, develop skills and lead meaningful lives.

Tel: **01865 455821**

Email: information@restore.org.uk

Web: www.restore.org.uk

Rethink Mental Illness

Offers support to people affected by mental illness. Provides services in Oxfordshire to support carers looking after people with mental illness.

Tel: **01865 904499**

Email: oxfordshirecarers@rethink.org

Web: www.rethink.org

Samaritans

Offers emotional support and someone to talk to when you need it.

Tel: 116 123

Support After Suicide Partnership

A national partnership of suicide and bereavement organisations.

Web: www.supportaftersuicide.org.uk

Switchboard LGBT+ helpline

A safe space for anyone to discuss anything, including sexuality, gender identity, sexual health and emotional wellbeing.

Tel: **0800 011 9100**

Topaz LGBT Oxford

A safe space for young people seeking support who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender.

Web: www.topazoxford.org.uk

Breathing Space Scheme

The scheme will help take the pressure off people with debt issues while they are receiving mental health crisis treatment and up to 30 days after. Referrals can be made by a nurse, social worker, care co-ordinator, the patient's informal carer or the person in crisis themselves, but they must be certified by an Approved Mental Health Professional.

If you would like to speak with a member of staff about the scheme, call **0808 801 0745**. People facing debt with a mental health condition but who aren't in crisis may be eligible to apply for the standard Breathing Space Scheme, preventing creditors from enforcing debts and adding interest and changes for up to 60 days.

Reading Well (Books on Prescription)

Books and reading can have a great effect on your health and wellbeing. From self-help books to health information and creative reading, your library can help you to get well and keep well in several ways. To find your local library, visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk and search 'find a library'. Or find out more at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk by searching 'health and reading well'. Many titles are now available as eBooks for free loan. Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk and search 'eBooks



The Home Library Service

Offered in partnership with Age UK to people who are unable to visit the library themselves because of frailty, infirmity or a disability and who have no other means of accessing reading materials. Full-time carers and those who might need the service on a short-term basis following debilitating illness or hospitalisation can apply too. The Home Library Service is free of charge, and there is no charge for requests or late returns.

Contact the service to discuss the kind of books,

DVDs, music CDs or audio books that you like to read or enjoy. It will then arrange for a library volunteer to deliver these to your home. The volunteers wear identification badges and provide a helpful and friendly service. Wherever possible, the service will try and arrange for the same volunteer to visit you each time. Your library materials will be delivered and collected every three weeks. To register for this service, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call **01865 810259** or email

homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk

and eAudio'.

Oxfordshire Reablement Service

Allows you to leave hospital once your medical needs are stable, or to remain at home following a minor accident or illness, rather than being admitted into hospital or residential care. Reablement is short-term support provided by a group of specialists to help a patient, who is at home,

regain their independence. It is centred around helping with practical daily tasks and activities. An assessment will be completed to see what you can do now, what you would like to achieve and how the service can help get you there. If you require the reablement service, this will all be arranged for you.

NHS Continuing Healthcare

Some people with long-term, complex health needs qualify for free care arranged and funded solely by the NHS. This is known as NHS Continuing Healthcare and is provided to people aged 18 or over to meet significant and complex physical or mental health needs that have arisen as a result of disability, accident or illness. It is free of charge for those who are assessed as eligible.

NHS Continuing Healthcare support may be provided in a care home, a hospice or in a person's own home.

Getting NHS Continuing Healthcare can be a difficult process to understand, and NHS England has commissioned Beacon to provide independent information and advice. Visit www.beaconchc.co.uk or call 0345 548 0300.

NHS 111

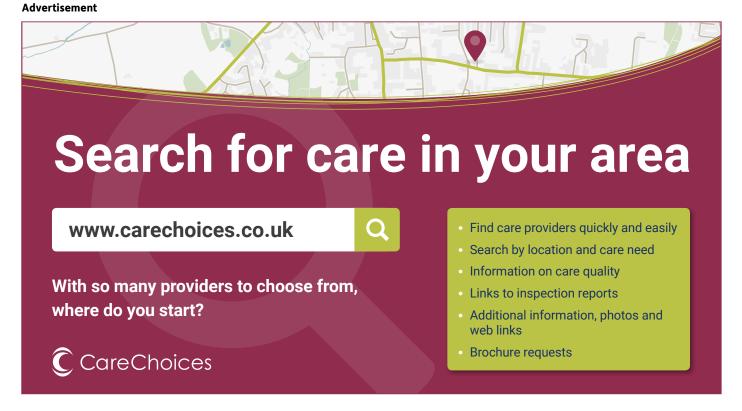
This number gives you access to local NHS healthcare services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls from landlines and mobiles to **111** are free.

The service is part of a national programme to make it easier for the public to access urgent health services.

MyHSN – Health Service Navigator

If you are having difficulties knowing which forms, phone calls and appointments need to be made to get the NHS healthcare you need, MyHSN aims to

tell you exactly how the system works and how you can get the best out of it. It is not there to give you medical or health advice. Visit **www.myhsn.co.uk**



Community activities

The Live Well Oxfordshire website

This website brings together over 2,300 services and activities in one easy-to-search online directory: from care services to help you stay living at home, to things to do in your community and the community support to help you do these things. The services and activities are supported by information pages which can help you get the most out of your search and support you going forward.

You'll find a calendar letting you know what's on in your community (such as exercise classes, singing groups, support groups and IT sessions), as well as a news section keeping you up to date with local stories and events.



To find information to connect you to your community, visit the Live Well Oxfordshire website at **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell** or if you aren't online or need some help navigating the website, call **01235 849410**.

Community Links Oxfordshire

Linking you into what matters to you, Community Links Oxfordshire is an



established local service available to all adults living in the county. It listens and talks through what could make a difference to your life.

At your pace, the service will work with you to get the information you need to make informed choices and connect you to any activities or services that will support you in living well.

Call **01235 849434** or email **community@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk**

Social prescribing

A service provided by your local GP surgery and can link you with a range of local, non-medical activities, opportunities and support that can improve your life and help you live life to the full. Whether you need help at home, want to discover more about local activities or find out about benefits and support services, Social Prescribers can help you. Each GP surgery will have a Social Prescriber as part of its team, also known as a Community Link Worker or a Community Connector. Speak to your surgery and ask to be put in contact.





Good Neighbour Schemes

Local voluntary groups that offer a service in their community for those in need of help and support – whether it's transport, collecting repeat prescriptions, walking the dog, tidying up the garden, taking someone to hospital, doing a bit of shopping or changing a light bulb,

Good Neighbour Schemes can help you to stay independent, safe and well. Call **01993 776277**. email oxfordshiregns@vlu.org.uk or visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell (search 'good neighbour scheme').

Voluntary organisations

Headway Oxfordshire provides support and guidance to anyone affected by brain injury, along with their families and carers. Headway offers a range of services to support and help speed up recovery; from physical and mental therapy, to vocational support and training. Call **01865 326263**, email admin@headway-oxford.org.uk or visit https://headwayoxfordshire.org.uk

Age UK Oxfordshire works within communities to support older people to stay independent and live life to the full. The charity provides advice, information, services and support. There are opportunities for older people to take part in activities and volunteer. Call 0345 450 1276, email contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or visit www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire

Age UK's national helpline is open 8.00am to 7.00pm, seven days a week, including bank holidays. Call **0800 678 1602**.

Alzheimer's Society Oxfordshire, alongside partnership agencies, runs dementia cafés, carers' support groups and singing for the brain groups, COVID-19 restrictions permitting. For more information, visit www.alzheimers.org.uk or call 0333 150 3456.

Autism Oxford raises awareness of the realities of living with autism and supports the development of autism services. The organisation offers training sessions and speaker events featuring people on the autism spectrum, family members and expert professionals in the field. Autism Oxford provides the Autism Alert Card Scheme, which offers a free card to anyone on the autism spectrum in Oxfordshire. The card can be used to let people know if you are autistic. For more information, visit www.autismoxford.org.uk

LGBT+Oxon can help you find to connections to local community and support services.

Call 07875 515499 or email hello@lgbtoxon.uk

Unlimited Oxfordshire is a user-led charity committed to the empowerment and social inclusion of people living with physical or sensory impairments in Oxfordshire. Volunteers can help with practical advice and support individuals with challenges they may face in their everyday lives, helping them to help themselves. Unlimited Oxfordshire is always looking for members to grow its voice in Oxfordshire. Call 01865 376478 or email info@unltdox.org.uk

My Vision Oxfordshire supports children and adults who are visually impaired, advising on and providing services and equipment that enable visually impaired people to live independent lives. Call **01865 725595** (Monday to Friday, 10.00am to 4.00pm), email info@myvision.org.uk or visit www.myvision.org.uk



Day centres and daytime activities

There is a wide variety of daytime support activities and day centres available in Oxfordshire for adults of all ages and with differing needs. Often organised by voluntary and community groups, they provide places where people can receive support and have fun socialising, learning new skills and retaining their independence. They also provide a valuable break for carers.

There are also many smaller-scale community activities around Oxfordshire such as lunch clubs, tea dances, church cafés, book clubs, exercise classes, film clubs, computer classes and walking groups. You can explore the different groups and find out more about community activities on Live Well Oxfordshire.

Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell

Oxfordshire County Council has seven Community Support Services centres which offer bespoke support activities for adults who have a learning disability, health needs relating to their age, a physical disability, dementia or mental health needs.



Abingdon

Audlett Drive OX14 3GD

Tel: 01865 897104

Email: abingdoncss@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Banbury

Neithrop Avenue OX16 2NT

Tel: **01865 897101**

Email: banburycss@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Bicester

Launton Road OX26 6DJ

Tel: **01865 897105**

Email: bicestercss@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Oxford

Awgar Stone Road, Horspath Driftway OX3 7JQ

Tel: **01865 897102**

Email: oxfordcss@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Wallingford

51 High Street OX10 ODB

Tel: **01865 897106**

Email: wallingfordcss@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Wantage

Charlton Village Road OX12 7HG

Tel: **01865 897103**

Email: wantagecss@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Witney

6 Moorland Road OX28 6LF

Tel: **01865 897107**

Email: witneycss@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Adult learning

Whether you are looking to learn a new skill, take up a new hobby, or progress at work, Oxfordshire Adult Learning at Abingdon and Witney College offers a wide range of courses designed to fit in with your lifestyle so that you can study in a way which suits you.

Call **01235 555585**, email **enquiries@abingdon-witney.ac.uk** or visit **www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/oxfordshire-adult-learning**

The University of the Third Age is an organisation of retired 'but not retiring' people who come together to learn. It does not run formal courses and no qualifications are necessary to join. Visit

www.u3aoxford.org.uk



Travelling in Oxfordshire

Community Transport

Many groups across Oxfordshire provide transport services, from small volunteer car schemes to larger minibus schemes offering timetabled services. They are run largely by volunteers and do not make a profit but may make a charge to cover expenses.

Contact Community First Oxfordshire on **01865 883488**, visit **www.communityfirstoxon.org** to find out more information about community transport groups and services in the county or search the Live Well Oxfordshire website at **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell**

Bus passes

There are several different types of bus pass available, subject to eligibility criteria. To find out more, visit **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk** and search 'bus passes'.

Blue Badge parking permits

The national Blue Badge Scheme helps people with severe walking difficulties who travel as drivers or passengers to park close to their destinations. For more information on the scheme and to apply, visit

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/disabledparking

Public toilets - including accessible toilets

District councils have a list of all public toilets in your area and can tell you how accessible they are. They'll also let you know about local shops and businesses which have accessible toilets. A list of contact details for local district councils begins on page 47.

The Changing Places website has a map of toilets that are fully accessible and have the equipment that disabled people may need.

Visit www.changing-places.org

Keeping safe

Trusted traders

The 'Buy With Confidence' Scheme provides a list of reputable local businesses. Oxfordshire County Council's Trading Standards staff have checked local member businesses to ensure their trustworthiness and compliance with the law. Visit **www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk**

Scams and doorstep crime

Scams are more common than most people realise. Every day, Oxfordshire County Council's Trading Standards Team hear from people who have lost money to a scam-artist or rogue trader. Some scams are one-offs that persuade you to part with a lump sum, while others go after your personal details so they can access your money or copy your identity. Cold calls, high-pressure sales tactics and automated voicemails asking for people's details are just some of the tricks scammers are using.

If you have been a victim of a scam or know someone who has and would like advice, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0808 223 1133**, or call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** to report a scam. Unfortunately, there are also a number of traders that want to cheat us out of our money. A rogue trader may persuade a homeowner to have work carried out on their property. This work is often unnecessary, may be charged at inflated prices, may be poorly done and often the trader will charge for work that hasn't been completed.

If you think a rogue trader has called in your area, report it immediately to the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0808 223 1133**. For more information, visit **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk** (search 'scams'). If you are over 50 and would like face to face advice about staying safe from scams, contact Age UK Oxfordshire on **0345 450 1276**.

Fire and rescue

To reduce the chance of having a fire in your home, you need to be aware of the risks, how to prevent them and what to do should a fire occur. Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service offers free 'Safe and Well' visits to vulnerable members of the

community. Your home will be assessed for fire risk, and if required, free smoke alarms will be fitted.

The visit will also cover home escape plans and provide advice to lower fire risk. Visit **www.365alive.co.uk**

Keeping warm in winter

It's important to stay safe and keep warm in winter. The Age UK website has some excellent tips on preparing for and coping with cold weather; visit **www.ageuk.org.uk** (search 'keep well this winter').

Better Housing Better Health (BHBH) is a one stop shop for a range of free services aimed at helping Oxfordshire residents reduce energy bills and keep warm and well at home. Call **0800 107 0044** or visit **www.bhbh.org.uk**

Safeguarding and protecting vulnerable adults

Sadly, some adults suffer abuse and neglect, sometimes at the hands of relatives or people in trusted positions. The abuse can be physical, sexual, psychological, emotional or financial, or it can arise from neglect. Organisational abuse may occur within an institution or specific care setting such as a hospital or care home, or where care is provided in a person's own home. It may range from a one-off incident to ongoing ill-treatment.

If you are worried about contacting the police, contact Oxfordshire County Council's Social and Health Care Team on **0345 050 7666** (option two). Further information is also available on the

Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board website at **www.osab.co.uk/** If someone is in immediate danger, call **999**.

Domestic abuse

Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse services offer emotional and practical support to victims of domestic abuse. Call the helpline on **0800 731 0055**, 10.00am and 7.00pm, Monday to Friday; or visit

www.reducingtherisk.org.uk/oxfordshire

There is also a National Domestic Abuse Helpline which is open 24-hours, call **0808 200 0247**.

Protecting children and young people

If you are worried about a child or young person's wellbeing or think they may be at risk of harm or being abused or neglected, let someone know. There are various organisations you can speak to but if you think a child is in immediate danger, call **999**. You can also get advice and help from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children helpline on **0808 800 5000** or via email on

help@nspcc.org.uk

Contact Oxfordshire County Council if you are a concerned member of the public, a child or young person who is being harmed or a parent or carer who feels at risk of harming a child.

Oxfordshire County Council's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 5.00pm; and Friday, 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Tel: 0345 050 7666

Emergency Duty Team

Outside office hours, for emergencies only.

Tel: **0800 833 408**

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www.myfamilyourneeds.co.uk

For parents and carers of children with additional needs.

Support and care – where do I start?

This guide is a good starting point to help you think about your options and provide you with information to help you remain independent and well.

There is a wide range of local support services and activities across the county, and a broad network of voluntary, community and faith organisations.

These can increase your social connections and help you to live well in your community.

Search the Live Well Oxfordshire directory at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell or contact the Community Link Oxfordshire (see page 10). Family, friends and neighbours can often be an invaluable source of help and support, as well as care homes and providers of care and support in your own home. Oxfordshire County Council's Adult Social Care pages at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk also have further information and advice to support you.

Assessment

Anyone who thinks they may have a need for social care support can ask the Council for an assessment of their needs. If you need help to manage day-to-day activities, such as getting washed and dressed or getting yourself something to eat, and as a result there is a significant impact on your health and wellbeing, then you may be eligible for support from Oxfordshire County Council.

The Council uses national eligibility criteria for both adults with care and support needs and carers with support needs to work out if you are eligible. You have the right to have an assessment regardless of your ability to pay for the support you may need. The assessment may be over the telephone or face-to-face and you may also be able to complete some assessments online.

Your assessment will involve talking with you, your carer, and other people who know you well about different aspects of your life, which may include your physical health, your emotional health, how you manage to look after yourself, and your current family and support networks.

The assessment is an opportunity to understand your situation, the needs you may have and your strengths and capabilities. It should take your personal wishes into account in deciding what sort of care, advice or information you need. You can arrange an assessment either for yourself or for someone else:

- Via the Oxfordshire County Council website (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk).
- By phone on **0345 050 7666** (option two).
- By email (socialandhealthcare@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

If you know you will not get financial support from us, the assessment may waste your time. There is currently a very long waiting list for a needs assessment from the Council, which could be up to six months. However, you can get an assessment privately without the wait. My Care My Home can carry out your care needs and capacity assessments. Call **0800 731 8470** or visit

www.mycaremyhome.co.uk

Planning your support

If your assessment shows that you are not eligible for help from the Council, you will be told about other organisations that can help you. If you have eligible needs, the Council will tell you how much money you are likely to need to cover the costs of your assessed needs – known as a Personal Budget.

A Personal Budget helps you have control over your life, identify your needs and the things you want to do and, if you wish, manage your support.

If you are eligible for financial support from the Council, you can choose to have your Personal Budget paid to you as a Direct Payment, which means you can plan exactly how to use it to meet the eligible needs agreed in your assessment.

Contact Oxfordshire County Council's **Social and Health Care Team** on **0345 050 7666**(option two) or visit **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk**

What is a Direct Payment?

An agreed amount of money allocated to meet your support needs and allows you to spend the money allocated to purchase your own care and support in a way that best suits you, so that you can be as independent as possible. You will then be able to choose how the total sum of money is spent and take control of your own care.

You can choose to have:

- A Direct Payment.
- Services that are provided or arranged by Oxfordshire County Council.
- A mixture of a Direct Payment and the services the Council can provide or arrange.

Having a Direct Payment

You can receive your Direct Payment in different ways:

- Direct Payment Online Account (DPOA).
- Self-Managed Account.
- Managed Account Service.

Considering a Direct Payment?

To find out more or to discuss which option might be best for you, contact the Direct Payments Team on **01865 898989** or email **directpaymentadvice@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

Oxfordshire County Council's approved provider list

The approved provider list includes providers offering support specific to Managed Accounts, Payroll and recruitment support for you to purchase to help you meet your support needs; the cost of which will be included in your agreed Personal Budget amount.

Access the approved provider list at **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk** (search 'direct payments').

Looking after someone

You may not see yourself as a 'carer' – you see yourself as a son, daughter, partner, friend or neighbour. But if you regularly support and care for someone who could not manage without you then you are a carer and there is help available to support you to carry on with this vital work and consider your own wellbeing. The law says you have the right to have your own needs assessed, even if the person you care for has refused support services or an assessment of their own needs.

A carers' assessment gives you the chance to say what you need as a carer, and to find out

what support might be available to help you to continue in your caring role while still being able to pursue your own interests or lifestyle. Your physical and emotional wellbeing and quality of life are at the heart of the assessment. Your carer's assessment will result in a personalised support plan. You can also talk to a specialist carer support worker.

Complete a carers' assessment form at **www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk** (search 'carers' assessment'). If you would like support in completing the assessment, contact Carers Oxfordshire. See page 17.

Respite care and short breaks

Respite is alternative care or support for a 'caredfor' person so the carer can have a break from caring. It can range from some assistance with chores, or a break of a few hours during the day so that the carer can go out, to a longer break of a week or more. A respite service may be provided in the home, for example a care worker comes in to look after the cared-for person, or in another place such as a care home or respite centre.

Respite is considered to be a service for the person

being cared for. If they have a Personal Budget for their own needs (see page 16), they could use that money to pay for it. A financial assessment of the person being cared for will confirm whether they need to pay towards the cost of this service.

Carers Oxfordshire



Here to support unpaid Oxfordshire adult carers in Oxfordshire.
That means if you are 18

or over, and a child, another adult or both relies on you to do something they are unable to do for themselves, Carers Oxfordshire can help you find solutions that can make caring easier. Carers Oxfordshire aims to help you recognise your vital role as a carer. Whilst you care because you are a parent, family member or friend, you may not recognise yourself as a carer. Doing so can be the first step to getting the information, advice and the support that you need.

Caring for someone else shouldn't come at the cost of caring for yourself. Carers Oxfordshire will support you to find ways to care for yourself as you care for another – whatever that looks like for you. Carers Oxfordshire wants you to know that you are brilliant. The service will be here to encourage you when times are tough and celebrate your wins with you. Carers Oxfordshire will be here to listen to your needs and work together on solutions.

Call **01235 424715**.

email carersinfo@carersoxfordshire.org.uk or visit www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk

Young carers

Someone under the age of 18 who may be physically or emotionally caring for someone in their family because of an illness or disability, including mental health conditions like depression and addiction. Being a young carer can have a positive impact on some children, for example, they may acquire new skills, or be safely independent. However, being a young carer may also have a negative impact on a child and for some children, providing care to another person can cause them to have

support needs, or put their health, development or education at risk.

If you have emerging concerns for a young carer, consider Early Help and the Locality Community Support Service (LCSS). Visit www.oscb.org.uk (search 'early help'). If you have concerns that a young carer may be at risk of significant harm, contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 050 7666.

Carers' benefits

Carer's Allowance

If you care for someone for at least 35 hours a week and you are over 16, you may be entitled to Carer's Allowance. However, you cannot claim it if you are in full-time education or employment, and it can affect other benefits or pension you receive.

Carer Premium

If you are over 65 and you can claim Carer's Allowance, you may be able to get extra money added to your existing benefits or credits. This is called Carer Premium.

Carer's Credit

Carer's Credit is a National Insurance credit which will let carers build up qualifying years for the basic State Pension and additional State Pension. This means that there will be no gaps in your National Insurance record if you have to take on caring responsibilities. Visit www.gov.uk for more information about benefits.



Resource for those supporting children with additional needs

My Family, Our Needs is an online resource providing impartial information for parents, carers and practitioners supporting children from birth to 25 years with additional needs. As well as guidance, policy and signposting, there is a

lifestyle section for parents covering topics such as health and wellbeing, work, family and relationships.

Visit www.myfamilyourneeds.co.uk

Living at home

For many people, it's important to stay in their own familiar surroundings near to friends and family and to retain their independence. But some of us may need a little extra help. Adaptations to your home, trying different ways of doing things or equipment may make your life easier and safer.

An occupational therapist can work with you to identify changes that could help in your day-to-day life, from simple solutions such as walking aids;

to major adaptations such as walk-in showers. Occupational therapists, social workers and co-ordinators can all assess for items of assistive technology, for example memory clocks to help remind someone of daily events and to take their medication.

Call Oxfordshire County Council's Social and Health Care Team on **0345 050 7666** (option two) or visit **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/equipmentaidsadaptations**

Equipment, aids and gadgets

Telecare

Sensors in your home that are linked through a base unit connected to a 24-hour staffed monitoring centre. This base unit will connect to the monitoring centre via your phone line or a roaming sim card. If the sensor detects a potential danger, such as smoke, flood or fall, or the person presses their pendant alarm, a call will automatically be put through to the monitoring centre. Staff at the monitoring centre will then phone the person and if necessary, can request further help from their family, friend, neighbour or the emergency services.

Standalone assistive technology (AT)

Can increase your independence, safety and help you with day-to-day tasks. It can also reduce carer stress. This equipment ranges from providing you with memory prompts for day-to-day tasks, to alerting a family member or carer living in the property that you need help. Standalone equipment is not linked to a staffed monitoring centre. The following are some ways that AT may support you.

Reduce risk of falling:

Sensors/lights may help, particularly at night, for

- example, when getting up from bed to go to the toilet.
- Sensors can be placed inside the home to alert a carer or family member, such as if a person gets out of bed at night.

Support to remember important things:

- Remembering to take medication on time and remembering doctor's appointments.
- Knowing the date and time and distinguishing between day and night.
- Remembering to eat and drink regularly or at specific times.
- Remembering to take your mobility aid, keys or purse when going out.

Manage/reduce the risk when going out:

 Locating systems using GPS/mobile phone technology can be used to find somebody outdoors.

Activity monitoring:

 An assessment tool which involves the installation of infrared sensors. The sensors detect a person's movements within their own home, and this helps to show the person's routine to see how well they are managing tasks and daily living activities. These sensors are normally installed for a short period of time to collect information as part of a social care assessment.

Will I have to pay?

If you have an eligible need for Telecare, and a referral is made via Oxfordshire County Council to its Telecare provider, a financial assessment will be undertaken to work out what contribution you need to make towards the cost of your Telecare service. There are other providers available on the market and you can approach these companies privately.

Standalone AT is provided based on your need for

the equipment and some items are free. However, other items will require a financial assessment where there is an ongoing subscription, such as GPS trackers.

How can I find out more and get an assessment of my needs?

Oxfordshire County Council can tell you about the full range of options available. Visit

www.oxfordshire.gov.ukequipmentaidsadaptations

If you can't get online, call the Social and Health Care Team on **0345 050 7666** (option two) and let them know that you're interested in AT. Once you've identified equipment that might help with your support needs, use the checklist on page 21 to make sure it's right for you.

Improving your home

Each district council in Oxfordshire provides the following assistance to help residents remain safe, secure, independent and warm in their own homes. There is also information available online at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

(search 'improving your home').

Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG)

If you have a permanent and substantial disability you may be eligible for a DFG. This grant is administered by your local district or city council and is subject to a financial assessment. This means you may have to pay something towards the cost of the work. If you rent your property from the Council or a housing association, they may directly fund work to adapt your home. If not, you can still apply for a DFG.

Essential Repairs Grants (ERG)

This is a means-tested grant for homeowners. An ERG of up to £5,000 can be made available to eligible people to help with essential repairs to the home.

Flexible Home Improvement Loans

This loan scheme for owners and occupiers aged 60 and over is designed to help improve the comfort, safety and security of your home.

Small Repairs Service (SRS)

Available to owners, occupiers and tenants who

are aged 60 and over (aged 55 and over in Oxford), disabled and suffering from a long-term health condition. This service covers small plumbing, electrical and basic household repairs. There will be a labour charge as well as the cost of any materials used.

Insulating and heating your home efficiently

If you are struggling with your fuel bills or need information on how to keep warm, call the Better Housing, Better Health helpline on **0800 107 0044** for free, impartial advice on:

- Reducing your energy bills.
- Heating your home affordably and efficiently.
- Grants and financial assistance.

Contact your district council to find out more about these schemes. See page 47.

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Tel: **0345 050 7666** (option two). Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408** Web: **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell**



Falls prevention

The Oxfordshire Falls Prevention Service helps people to avoid falls and regain confidence following a fall. Specialist nurses offer a detailed assessment and make recommendations about medication, physiotherapy and home adaptations. For more information, call **01865 903400**, email **falls@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk** or visit **www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk** (search 'falls prevention').

Age UK Oxfordshire, in collaboration with Move Together, offers a free introductory exercise and information programme, Stay Strong and Steady, which is specifically designed for people who are concerned about their balance.

Call **01235 849403** or visit **www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/our-services/exerciseandwellbeing**

Support and care at home

Get the help you need to stay safe in familiar surroundings whilst retaining your independence. You can receive assistance to carry out a range of tasks, for example, helping you to get dressed, cook or go out. You can choose to:

- Purchase your own care privately.
- Have a Direct Payment to arrange your own care.
- Have services provided or arranged by Oxfordshire County Council.
- Have a mixture of a Direct Payment and services

the Council can provide or arrange.

Most home care providers are regulated and inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) which publishes inspection reports and quality ratings on its website (**www.cqc.org.uk**). When considering a service, it's a good idea to check the CQC report. If you hire a care and support worker (sometimes called personal assistant), you may become an employer and there are responsibilities that come with this. Care and support workers/ personal assistants employed directly by you are exempt from CQC registration.

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It's a good idea to consider the following questions before buying any assistive technology. If you are unsure about what technology might help meet your needs, you can contact your council or visit

https://asksara.livingmadeeasy.org.uk

You can download and print this checklist at w	ww.care	choices.co.uk/checklists	
Suitability		Will it need to be installed by a professional?	
Does the equipment support your specific needs?		Can the retailer provide you with training in using the equipment?	
Are you willing to use it?			
Will it fit into your everyday life and routine?		Reliability	
Have you tried a demo of the equipment?		Will it work if you have pets or live with other people (e.g. could someone else set off a sensor	
Do you understand what the equipment is for?		alarm by accident)?	
Do you need to take it with you when you leave the house? Is it transportable?		Have you read reviews of the equipment you are looking at? Consider these before making your purchase.	
Does the equipment have any limitations that would make it unsuitable for you?		Can you speak to someone who already uses it?	
Will it work alongside any assistive technology you already have?		Does it require batteries? Find out how often they will need changing and whether the equipment will remind you to do this.	
Usability		Is it durable? If you drop it, is it likely to break?	
Is a simpler piece of equipment available (e.g. a pill case rather than an automated pill dispenser)?		Cost Do you know how much it costs?	
Does the equipment need a plug socket and		Will you need to pay a monthly charge?	
will any wires cause a trip hazard?			
Is it easy to use? Can you read/hear it clearly and are any buttons big enough for you?		Are there alternative solutions that might be free?	
Are you able to use it? Are there any aspects you don't understand?		Is there a cost associated with servicing the equipment?	
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→ Other care and support workers/personal assistants are self-employed, and by hiring them you will not become an employer. They will be able to show you their HMRC self-employment status, insurance certificates and will invoice you for their services. Before you make any decisions regarding care, be sure to contact several providers and ask for a service user's guide, their charges and a draft contract between you and the provider.

Community Links Oxfordshire can help you remain as independent as possible through its knowledge of local voluntary and other support organisations. Email **community@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk** or call **01235 849434**. You can also contact My Care My Home, which provides people who pay for their own care with advice about their care and support options over the phone, or in person.

Visit www.mycaremyhome.co.uk

Age UK Oxfordshire's Homeshare service brings together an older person, or couple, who might be looking for practical help or companionship at home, with a carefully matched person who is happy to lend a hand in return for an affordable place to live. Call **01865 410670**.

email homeshare@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or visit www.homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk

Local support in your area

People want care and support at times and in ways that suits them. Local people helping other local people is good for everyone and for communities. Very small organisations can offer great care and

be imaginative and responsive. You can find a list of these smaller local micro enterprises on Live Well Oxfordshire website at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell (search 'micro enterprises').

Paying for support and care at home

Depending on your personal financial circumstances, you may have to pay for some or all of the cost of support and care you need at home. Most people are likely to have to contribute something towards the cost of their care. The Council will carry out a financial assessment to work out whether you have to contribute. This will look at your capital, savings and income. Capital assets could include additional property, shares and other relevant assets. The assessment will be based on the current upper threshold limit of £23,250. This figure does not include the value of the home in which you live if you are receiving care at home but may include any other properties you own.

If you have savings or other capital assets over £23,250 then you would be expected to pay for the full cost of your care and support. If you choose not to have a financial assessment, you will be responsible for paying the full cost of your care and support. If you would like to arrange your own care and support, you may wish to receive a Direct Payment. Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/payingcare or contact Oxfordshire County Council's Social and Health Care Team on 0345 050 7666 (option two). More information on paying for care can be found on page 53.



Making life easier at home

If you're having difficulties with everyday tasks, these simple solutions could make life easier and enable you to retain your independence. These are a starting point; other solutions are available, which might better suit you.



Finding it difficult to **get in and out of chairs**? Try putting a piece of hard board under the seat base. Alternatively, buy chair raisers, a higher chair or an electric riser chair. Also try taking regular gentle exercise to improve your mobility.

If you can't **reach your windows**, could you move furniture out of the way? Ask someone to help if you need to move heavy furniture. There are also tools for opening and closing windows.

Struggling to **keep warm/cool**? Consider a fan or heater. Is your house insulated? Are there any draughts? You may also be eligible for the winter fuel payment from the Government. Visit

www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment

If you have trouble **using light switches**, think about replacing your switches for ones that are easier to use. Consider handi-plugs or light switch toggles, or there's even technology available that turns your lights on and off using your speech.

Use subtitles if you **can't hear the TV** or buy wireless headphones. Do you need a hearing aid? Request an assessment from your council.



Do you **forget to take your tablets**? Make a note of when you've taken them or buy an automatic pill dispenser or pill box. If you struggle to open your medicine, ask your pharmacist for advice on alternative packaging that could make it easier for you.

Can you **reach everything in your cupboards**? If not, try a handi-reacher or rearrange your kitchen so the things you use most are within easy reach.

If you are having **problems with preparing food**, consider buying ready-chopped options or try a chopping board with spikes. There are also longhandled pans, teapot tippers and lid grippers that could help. Palm-held vegetable peelers or a food processor might be a solution and meal delivery services are also available.

Is eating and drinking becoming difficult?

Large-handled cutlery could help, as could non-slip mats for the table. Lightweight cups and mugs with two handles could also be a solution.



Handled plug



Chair raisers



Chopping board



Level indicator



Teapot tipper

→ More information on staying independent and ideas to help you live at home can be found online at **www.carechoices.co.uk/staying-independent-at-home/** There is also information on making larger adaptations to your home.



If **moving whilst in bed** is a problem, have you thought about using an over-bed pole? You might also want to buy a pillow raiser or change your bedding so it's lighter.

Is it becoming **difficult to get dressed**? If so, specially adapted clothing is available, or you could buy a long-handled shoe horn, a dressing stick or a button hook. If you are having a lot of difficulty, consider home support – see page 17.

Clocks are available with large numbers or lights if you **can't read the time** in bed. You can also buy clocks that speak the time.

If you are **finding it harder to read in bed**, consider an e-reader that allows you to change the font size. Some also have integrated lights. Look for bedside lamps with a step-on or button switch if yours are difficult to use.

Do you **struggle to get in and out of bed**? You could learn new ways of moving around, purchase a leg lifter or a hoist, or install grab rails for support. Seek advice about these options. If the bed is the issue, you could buy an electric adjustable bed or raise the bed to the right height.



If it's **hard to hold your toothbrush**, try a toothbrush gripper. You might also benefit from having an electric toothbrush or sitting on a stool while brushing your teeth.

You might like to buy a raised toilet seat or a seat with a built-in support frame if it's **hard to use your toilet**. Flush-lever extensions are also available.

Has it become more **difficult to wash**? Items are available, like long-handled sponges and flannel straps. You could also consider a slip-resistant bath mat, grab rails, a half step to help you get in and out of the bath, or a bath or shower seat. Tap turners can also be used in the bathroom.

For more information on technology that could make your life easier, contact your council for an assessment. They might refer you to an occupational therapist (OT) or you could contact an OT privately. Search online for OTs near you.

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Grab handles



Bed table



Hand rail



Hand trolley



Tap turners

→ The standards you should expect

If you receive support at home from a care provider, these standards will set out what you should expect. Oxfordshire County Council uses these standards to monitor the quality of services. Home care staff should:

- Introduce themselves when they arrive.
- Know you and your support plan.
- Be trained to deliver the support you need.
- Always deliver support to a good standard.

When your home care worker visits you, they should:

- Focus their attention on you.
- Be pleasant and treat you with dignity and respect.
- Do their best to arrive on time and let you know by phone if they will be late.
- Tell you when they are leaving.
- Check to see how they can best support you at the start of each visit.
- Not rush you they should help you at a pace that suits you.
- Carry out all agreed tasks.
- Make sure that you are always comfortable.
- Communicate and discuss topics that interest you.
- Check you are happy with the support you are given and encourage you to feed back where they can improve.
- Show you your care record if you ask for it.
- Be aware that their visit may affect other household members.

These standards have been jointly written by people who receive care in their home and home care support providers. If you have any compliments, comments and/or complaints about the support you receive, contact your care provider; usually, talking to someone in the service can put it right. If not, call Oxfordshire County Council on **01865 323589**, email **commentsandcomplaints@oxfordshire.gov.uk** or write to Comments and Complaints Service, Freepost RRYR-XTBE-GBTZ, County Hall, New Road. Oxford OX1 1ND.

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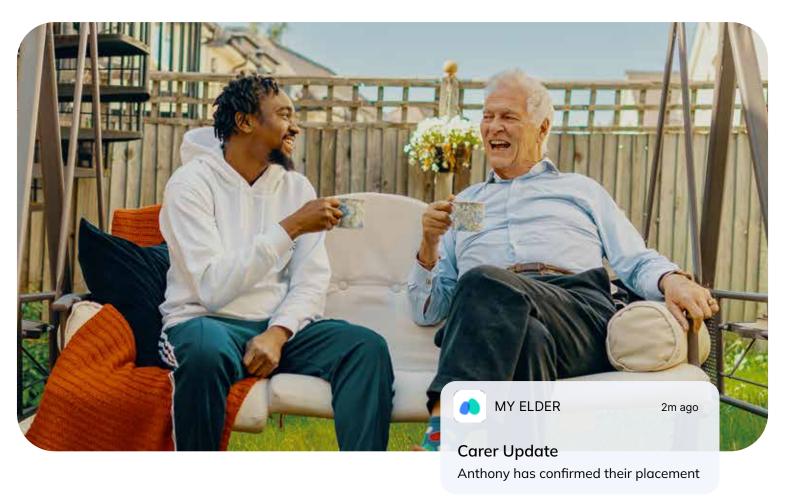




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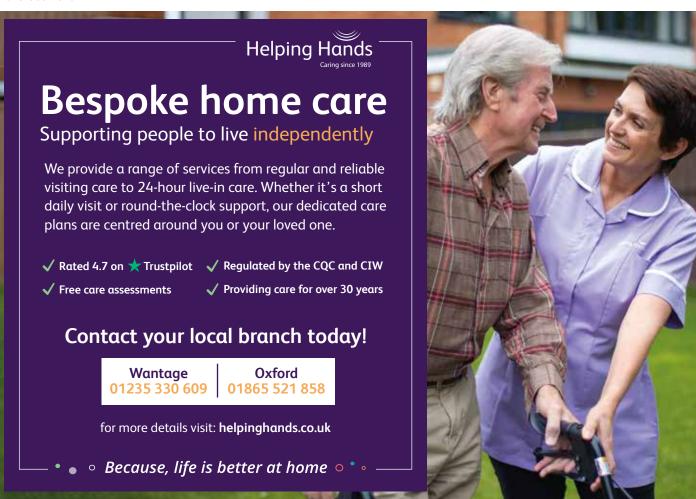


Community Catalysts

Are you interesting in working for yourself, offering care and support to older or disabled people in your community? Community Catalysts is funded by Oxfordshire County Council to provide free professional advice to help you get set up.

You don't need business or care experience to get support, but need to know what good care looks like and want to help people near you. Visit **www.communitycatalysts.co.uk** (search 'love your work').

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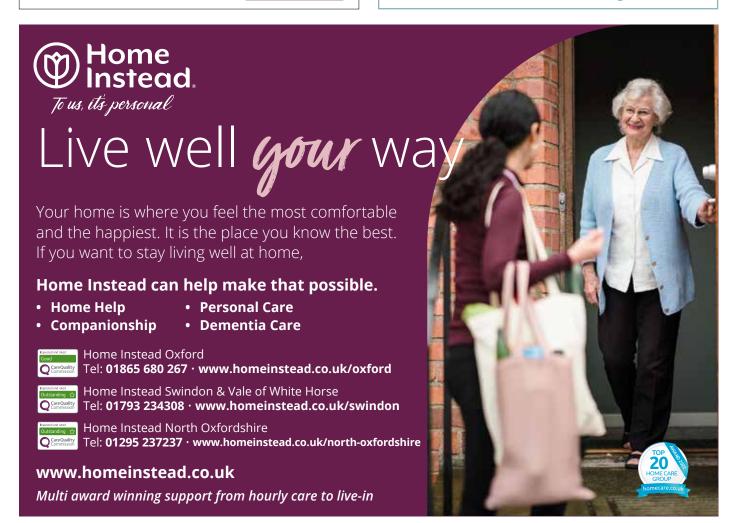


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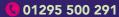


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Service OP Older people (65+) D Dementia PD Physical disability LDA Learning disability, autism

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OACP Member of OACP – see page 58. This provider list has been sourced from the Care Quality Commission.

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Housing options

Sheltered or retirement housing

Sheltered or retirement housing is provided by housing associations and some district councils. Sheltered housing, which is mostly available

for rent only, is a practical step if you would like more security and companionship and, for some, additional help and support.

Homeshare Oxfordshire



Age UK Oxfordshire's Homeshare service supports older people to continue

living independently at home by bringing together an older person, or couple, who might be looking for practical help or companionship, with a carefully matched person who is happy to lend a hand in return for an affordable place to live.

The householder receives 10 hours of help each week, combining companionship and practical support. This may involve cooking, light housework, help with technology, odd jobs and errands, gardening or even the odd trip out. The reassuring presence of another person in the house overnight

is often an important benefit to the householder. Homeshare cannot involve any personal care but can sit comfortably alongside other care provision.

The Homeshare matching process is robust. It involves interviews. DBS checks and full references. Each Homeshare arrangement is individual and underpinned with a carefully drawn up agreement. The Homeshare Team maintains close involvement and provides regular, in-person support for the duration of the Homeshare.

Call **01865 410670**, email

homeshare@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or visit www.homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk

Extra Care housing

Allows older and disabled people with care needs to rent, part-buy or buy their own home with roundthe-clock care if needed. For many people, Extra Care housing is an alternative to residential care. The look of the accommodation varies enormously; some are new, purpose-built retirement villages, others are modernised sheltered housing schemes with extra services on site. Many offer a choice of accommodation such as flats or bungalows.

What all residents of Extra Care housing have in common is the security of owning or renting your own home, control over your finances and the peace of mind that goes with having 24-hour care and support available on site. In most cases, Extra Care housing is accessed via an assessment of your care needs from a social worker and an assessment of your housing needs by a housing officer. Some apartments are available for full market sale and buyers do not normally require an assessment of their needs; they just need to be over 55 to qualify. If you wish to refer yourself or someone else for

assessment, arrange an assessment online or call the Social and Health Care Team on 0345 050 7666 (option two). To find out more about Extra Care housing, including how to apply, visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk (search 'extra care').

District council contacts

Cherwell District Council

Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4AA Tel: **01295 227001 •** Web: www.cherwell.gov.uk

Oxford City Council

Town Hall, St Aldate's OX1 1BX

Tel: 01865 249811 • Web: www.oxford.gov.uk

South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of **White Horse District Council**

Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon OX14 3JE Tel: **01235 422422 •** Web: www.southoxon.gov.uk and www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

West Oxfordshire District Council

3 Welch Way, Witney OX28 6JH

Tel: **01993 861000 •** Web: www.westoxon.gov.uk



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Banbury Road, Chacombe, Banbury, OXI7 2JL 01295 641 712 Glebefields

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36 Lower Icknield Way, Chinnor, Oxfordshire, OX39 4EB

01844 809 301

Middletown Grange

Middletown, Hailey near Witney, OX29 9UB

01993 627 810

Oxford Beaumont

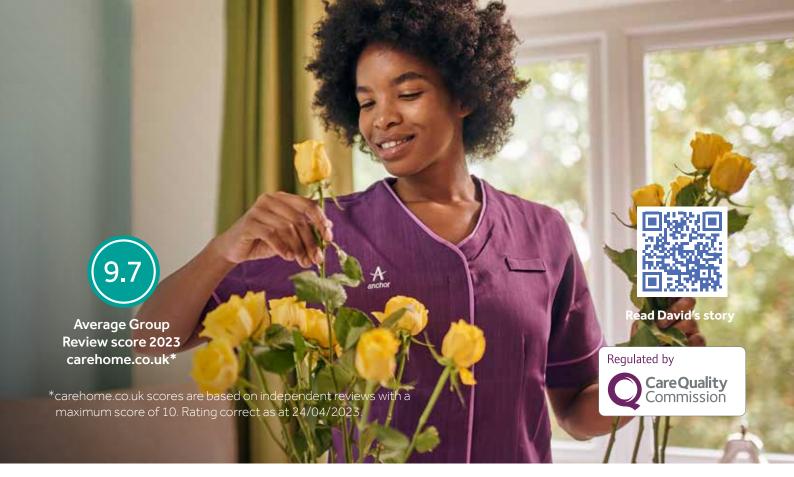
Bayworth Lane, Boars Hill, Oxford, OXI 5DF 01865 565 461 Southerndown

Worcester Road, Chipping Norton, OX7 5YF **Waterside Court**

26 Winterbrook, Wallingford, OX10 9EG **01491 455 208**

01608 433 192

Home 1		Fees per week	Quality rating*
Home 2		£	
Home 3		£	
We suggest that you take paper with you whe download and print this checklist at www.care	_		otes. You can
Staff	Personal pre	eferences	
What is the minimum number of staff that are available at any time?		o hot/cold? Can you ating in your room?	
Are staff respectful, friendly and polite?	Is the décor to	your taste?	
Do staff have formal training?	Are there restr	icted visiting hours?	
Are the staff engaging with residents?	Is there somew be alone?	here you can go to	
Activities	Does the home	e feel welcoming?	
Can you get involved in activities you enjoy?	Catering		
Is there an activities co-ordinator?	-	cater for any dietary	
Does the home organise any outings?	requirements y		
Are residents escorted to appointments?		change regularly?	
Do the residents seem entertained?	at night?	nen you like, even	
Does the home have a varied		ood in your room?	
activities schedule?	Is there a choic	e of food at mealtim	ies?
Life in the home	Is alcohol availa want it?	able/allowed if you	
Is the home adapted to suit your needs?	Can visitors joir	n you for meals?	
Can you bring your own furniture?			
Are there enough plug sockets in the rooms?	Fees Do your foos or	over all of the service	os.
Are there restrictions on going out?	and activities?	over all or the service	:5
Is there public transport nearby?	Are fees likely t	to change regularly?	
Does the home provide any transport?	Is the notice pe	eriod for cancellation	of
Can you make/receive calls privately?	the contract re	asonable?	
Can you decide when to get up and	Could you have	·	
go to bed?	Can you keep y into hospital?	our room if you go	
Does the home allow pets?		e your own money?	
Does the home use Digital Care Planning accessible to families?		- , - a	*See page 52.



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Visit anchor.org.uk/care-homes

Home 1			Fees per week	Quality rating*
Home 2			£	
Home 3			£	
We suggest you take paper with you when this checklist in conjunction with the care checklist at www.carechoices.co.uk/che	homes checklist			
Design	Н	ealth		
Are there clear signs throughout the home?		an residents get nd drinking?	t help with eating	
Has the home been designed or adapted for people with dementia?		ow often does t esidents' medica	the home review ation?	
Are the home and grounds secure? Are there prompts outside the residents' rooms to help people identify their own? Is the décor familiar to your loved one?	re m	nedication? o GPs visit the h	ffer help if a sistance taking nome regularly?	
Choices Do residents get a choice in terms of what they wear each day?	Ai	esident might be	to identify when a e unwell? to spot when som	
Are residents encouraged to be independent? Can residents decide what to do	D	eeds to go to th o the staff have aining/experien	any dementia-sp	pecific
each day? Can residents have a say in the décor of their room?	of	•	ne have a membe ly responsible for	
Activities	A	pproach to c	are	
Are residents able to join in with household tasks like folding washing? Are there activities on each day? Can residents walk around outside on their own? Are residents sitting in front of the TV or are they active and engaged? Are there rummage boxes around?	ap ex W alt	kample, validation in the home keed oout changes to oes the home hoproach to end	entia therapy, for on therapy? ep you informed your loved one's ave a specific of life care? eep up to date wi	care?

^{*}See page 52.

Shared Lives

The scheme offers long-term accommodation, short breaks, respite care and daytime support to adults with care and support needs. Shared Lives carers receive training and share their family and

community life with the person needing support.

Call **01865 897971** or visit **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives**

Residential care

All care providers in the country must be registered with the Care Quality Commission. All services are inspected by the Commission, which reports on its findings and awards quality ratings. These inspection reports are available at **www.cqc.org.uk**

Care homes

Provide accommodation, meals and help with personal care, such as washing, dressing, bathing, getting in and out of bed, getting around and eating.

Care homes with nursing

Offer the same personal care as care homes, but with qualified nursing staff on duty 24 hours a day. If a care home providing nursing is the best

solution for you, a specially trained nurse will assess your nursing needs to determine the level of nursing care the NHS will fund.

This is known as Funded Nursing Care (FNC), sometimes referred to as Registered Nursing Care Contribution (RNCC) and is paid directly to the care home. The amount the NHS will contribute towards your support in a care home with nursing is limited. It is important to get this assessment done before you move into a care home. The assessment might be in your own home, or in hospital if you've been ill, or in a care home. You will be fully involved in planning your care needs.

Finding care in your area

Looking for care in your area? Want to know the quality rating of providers you're considering? Care Choices, publisher of this guide, has a website providing comprehensive details of care providers as well as essential information.

You can search by postcode, county or region for care homes, care homes with nursing and home care providers that meet your needs across the country. Your search can be refined by the type of care you are looking for and the results can be emailed to you.

The results can also be saved and emailed to others.

The website includes detailed information for each care provider, including the address, phone number and the service's latest CQC inspection report and rating (see above), indicating the quality of care provided. You can also view an electronic version of this guide on the site and have it read to you by using the 'Recite Me' function.

Visit www.carechoices.co.uk



Money and paying for support and care

Care funded by the Council

Figures mentioned in this section are subject to change annually. Check with your local authority for the latest information.

Do I qualify for local authority financial assistance?

If you have been assessed as having eligible care needs and your capital is below £23,250, you may be entitled to financial assistance from your local authority. The Council will complete an assessment of your finances to determine how much you can afford to contribute towards the cost of your care. This assessment will differ depending on whether you receive care and support in your own home or in a care home. To find out more, contact Oxfordshire County Council's Social and Health Care Team on **0345 050 7666** (option two) or visit **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/payingcare**

Do I have a choice of care home if the Council is paying?

Yes, and it can even be in a different county. The home you choose must be suitable for your assessed needs, comply with any terms and conditions set by your Council and not cost any more than it would usually pay for someone with your needs.

What if I want to choose a home that costs more than the Council is prepared to pay?

The Council will allow a third party to top-up your fees if the third party is able to do so for the long term. You are not allowed to top-up the fees yourself from capital below £23,250, except in limited circumstances. Speak to the Council for more information.

Paying for your own care

Paying for care can be an expensive and long-term commitment, so the Council strongly recommends that you seek specialist information and advice before entering any arrangements. If you are funding your own care because you are not eligible for local authority funding, there are other forms of financial assistance you may be entitled to. The important thing is not to try to do it alone, always seek professional advice.

My Care My Home

Offers a free advice service through home visits aimed at helping people find a suitable care provider.



As well as offering a professional assessment of needs to people who fund their own care, and helping them to source suitable providers, My Care My Home can refer you to an independent financial adviser. If you wish to arrange your own financial adviser, My Care My Home can give you the necessary details to enable you to do this.

For more information, visit **www.mycaremyhome.co.uk** or call **0800 731 8470**.

The following organisations can also offer help and advice.

The Society of Later Life Advisers (SOLLA) aims to help people to find trusted accredited financial advisers who understand financial needs in later life. The Later Life Adviser Accreditation Scheme is audited and endorsed by the standard-setting body, the Financial Skills Partnership (FSP). The website offers an online search of SOLLA accredited advisers. Call 0333 202 0454, email admin@societyoflaterlifeadvisers.co.uk or visit www.societyoflaterlifeadvisers.co.uk

The Saga Care Funding Advice Service specialises in providing care funding advice for people who need to pay for their own support. A free guide to paying for care is available on its website or you can request it by post. Phone 0800 096 8703 to speak to an adviser or visit

www.saga.co.uk/money/care-funding

Money Helper provides free, impartial money advice, including pensions and paying for care. Call **0800 138 7777** or visit www.moneyhelper.org.uk

The Mental Health Access to Breathing Space Scheme supports people with debt issues while they are receiving treatment for a mental health condition. See page 7 for more information.

Benefits advice

You can find out more about the benefits you might be entitled to by visiting

www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators which features reliable advice on how to make a claim and what to do if your circumstances change.



How solicitors can help

A solicitor can give you impartial advice about wills, making gifts, estate planning and powers of attorney. Some can also offer guidance on immediate and long-term care plans, ensuring (if applicable) the NHS has made the correct contribution to your fees.

Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) allow you to appoint someone you trust to make decisions about your personal welfare, including healthcare and consent to medical treatment, and/or your property and financial affairs. An LPA is only valid once registered with the Office of the Public Guardian. It allows a person of your choice to make decisions on your behalf at a time when you may be unable to do so.

The Court of Protection can issue Orders directing the management of a person's property and financial affairs if they are incapable of managing their own affairs and should they not have an LPA. The Court procedure is presently very slow, and the fees are quite expensive so preparing an LPA is always advisable, providing you have somebody sufficiently trustworthy to appoint as your attorney.

An 'advance directive' allows you to communicate your wishes in respect of future medical treatment, but it is not legally binding. You may instead wish to make a living will, properly known as an 'advance decision', setting out treatment that you do not want to receive in specified circumstances, which would legally have to be followed, even if you die as a result.

Any proposed gift out of your estate needs

careful consideration of the benefits, risks and implications, particularly on any future liability for care costs or tax liability.

If you don't have your own solicitor, ask family or friends for their recommendations. Contact several firms, explain your situation and ask for an estimate of cost and an idea of timescales involved. Many firms will make home visits if necessary and will adapt their communications to meet your needs. It's important to find a solicitor who specialises in this area of the law.

Solicitors for the Elderly is an independent, national organisation of lawyers who provide specialist legal advice for older and vulnerable people, their families and carers.

Call **0844 567 6173** or visit www.sfe.legal



The Oxfordshire Specialist Advice Service

Age UK Oxfordshire, Citizens Advice Oxford, Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire and Oxfordshire Welfare Rights have come together to provide a free, comprehensive and independent advice service. The service helps with advice on benefits, money, budgeting and other welfare issues and will link you with services that can provide further support.

The service is free and is focused on meeting the needs of people living in Oxfordshire who are struggling with their day-to-day lives due to disability or ill health. However, you don't have to have a carer or anyone looking after you. The service can help you if you:

- Have a disability or long-term illness.
- Have someone in your family household with a disability or long-term illness.

- Are caring for someone with a disability or long-term illness.
- Are a young person transitioning from children's care services.

The Oxfordshire Specialist Advice Service provides a dedicated advice line and email service. This is backed up by a team of specialist advisers, who can meet face-to-face with people unable to access advice by phone, email or in their local community. The service also supports social care professionals, through comprehensive and responsive training opportunities and a consultancy line for specialist case support.

Tel: **01865 410660**

(9.00am to 5.00pm, weekdays).

Email: advice@oxfordshiresas.org.uk

Having your say

How to make a complaint or comment

If you are unhappy or worried about any adult social care service, it is important to let someone know. Usually, talking to someone in the service can put it right. You can talk to the people who provide your care or their managers. They will have a process for managing complaints and listening to concerns that are raised.

Wherever you raise a concern, it should be listened to and taken seriously. The good and bad things people raise can help improve services for everyone. You will not be treated unfairly because of anything you raise. It is never wrong to give the service a call. The Comments and Complaints Team will help you decide what to do – you do not have to make a formal complaint to talk things through.



Tel: 01865 323589

Email

comments and complaints @oxfordshire.gov.uk

Write to: Comments and Complaints Service, Freepost RRYR-XTBE-GBTZ, County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND

The NHS Complaints Advocacy Service in Oxfordshire can support you to use the NHS complaints system. Call **0300 200 0082**, email **oxfordshireadvocacyhub@pohwer.net** or visit **www.pohwer.net/oxfordshire**.

Complaints about care that you pay for yourself

You can ask the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman to take up your case if you are not happy about how a care service dealt with your complaint about care that you pay for yourself. Call **0300 061 0614** or visit **www.lgo.org.uk**

Call the County Council's Comments and Complaints Service aforementioned for advice about what to do or to raise a concern about a service.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire

Aims to enable local voices to influence the delivery and design of local health and social care services in the county, both for the people who use them now, and for anyone who might need to in future. It does this by:

- Gathering information about people's experiences of health and social care services in Oxfordshire and making this available to the public.
- Using this information to make recommendations to relevant organisations

- about how local services, policies and strategies need to improve.
- Helping local people hold those in charge of local health and social care services to account for improving services – and doing this in a way that is visible to the public.
- Providing advice and information to help individuals to access health and social care services in Oxfordshire.

For more information, call **01865 520520** or visit **www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk**

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

A free and confidential service that provides help to the public when dealing with the NHS. It acts independently when handling patient and family concerns, liaising with staff, managers and relevant organisations to negotiate immediate or prompt solutions. If the team cannot answer your questions, it will put you in contact with someone who can help. There is a PALS at each NHS Trust.



Churchill Hospital

Tel: 01865 235855

Horton General Hospital

Tel: **01295 229259**

John Radcliffe Hospital

Tel: 01865 221473

Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre

Tel: 01865 221473

Oxford Health

Tel: **0800 328 7971**

Email: PALS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Integrated Care Board

Tel: 0800 052 6088

Email: bobicb-ox.palscomplaints@nhs.net

Unless stated otherwise, email PALS@ouh.nhs.uk

Get involved

Co-production

Working together as equals and making best use of each other's resources and strengths to find ways of doing things that benefit the community. Coproduction can improve the way health and social care services are designed and delivered by putting an emphasis on a more equal partnership between professionals and people using services.

Working together as equals builds better relationships (based on trust, respect and understanding) and helps to create services that work for the people using them.

Co-production Oxfordshire is a group of people committed to doing co-production or working together. By working together, co-production can

make local services better and more sustainable, and communities stronger and healthier. Members include:

- Families and carers using health and social care services.
- People from the voluntary and community sector.
- Council staff (and partners) working across Social and Health Care.

Visit **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk** (search 'co-production').

Health and Wellbeing Board

A partnership between Oxfordshire County Council, the NHS, district councils, local Healthwatch and the people of Oxfordshire. It is designed to ensure that we all work together to improve our health and wellbeing, especially those of us with health issues or in difficult circumstances. Visit

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/healthandwellbeingboard

Volunteering

Ami makes it easy to be more connected to people in your community, helping you to feel happier and healthier. You can use Ami to find someone in your community who needs a little neighbourly help or who would enjoy a friendly visit and a chat. Ami will show you exactly what's needed near you and

help you register with a voluntary organisation. Call **01865 305200**, email **hello@withami.co.uk** or visit **www.withami.co.uk**

The Oxfordshire Volunteers website is run as a partnership by Oxfordshire's three volunteer centres and is a 'one stop shop' for a wide variety of volunteering opportunities across Oxfordshire. Visit http://oxonvolunteers.org

Volunteer Connect provides community transport and a volunteering brokerage service throughout Cherwell. The service matches volunteers to opportunities and works with public and private sector organisations to increase volunteering. Call 0300 303 0126 or email info@volunteerconnect.org.uk

The **Volunteer Centre Oxfordshire** offers a service to people wanting to volunteer and organisations looking for volunteers in Oxford City, South Oxon and the Vale of White Horse.

Call **01865 251946**, email **vol@ocva.org.uk** or visit **www.vcoxfordshire.org**

Volunteer Link Up offers community transport, befriending and practical help in West Oxfordshire. Call **01993 776277**, email **office@vlu.org.uk** or visit **www.vlu.org.uk**

Advocacy

Someone to support you to get your views across. We all need help to get our views across sometimes, and to understand the information we are given. Advocacy can help support people of all ages to:

- Have their voices heard on issues that are important to them.
- Safeguard and defend their rights.
- Have their views and wishes genuinely considered when decisions are being made about their lives and services.
- Gain personal skills which can also be used elsewhere, thus promoting their independence across their life.

There are different types of advocacy which include:

 Family, friends or someone else speaking on behalf of an individual or supporting them to

- speak for themselves.
- The person advocating for themselves by developing 'speaking up skills.'
- Formal advocacy on behalf of one person provided on a paid or voluntary basis with a qualified, independent advocate.

An independent advocate is someone who supports you to understand information, express your needs and wishes, secure your rights, represent your interests and enables you to be fully involved in planning your care and support. Formal advocacy services are delivered via the Oxfordshire Advocacy Hub — visit www.pohwer.net/oxfordshire or contact Oxfordshire County Council's Social and Health Care Team by emailing

socialandhealthcare@oxfordshire.gov.uk or calling **0345 050 7666** (option two).

Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers

OA Oxfordshire Association CP of Care Providers

A membership organisation that represents and supports a diverse range of care providers operating across Oxfordshire. Most care providers work with adults, but some provide services for young people and children.

OACP represents all types of adult social care services, across all settings and conditions. These include residential and nursing care homes, home care companies, learning disability and supported living providers, community mental health services, housing-related support, day-time support and respite services. Some members also provide advocacy, information and support.

OACP is a go-to point of contact for all adult social care providers in Oxfordshire, sharing and promoting excellence in professional practice through its networks and learning exchanges, providing updated information and advice on funding, all whilst keeping a bird's eye view on business development opportunities for Oxfordshire's care and support providers. OACP truly believes that its strength is your involvement.

OACP also provides regular news updates covering local, regional and national news for the whole sector. In addition, OACP project manages and delivers on a variety of projects to support the care sector in Oxfordshire. Recent and ongoing projects include:

- Trusted Assessor Service to aid the discharge of people from hospital assessed as medically fit to go home.
- The Data Security and Protection Toolkit —
 an online self-assessment tool that allows
 health and social care organisations to provide
 assurance that they are undertaking good data
 security and that personal information is
 handled correctly.
- Proud to Care Oxfordshire website promoting careers in care and workforce recruitment.

Benefits of OACP membership for care providers include:

- Guidance, support and advice on all aspects of adult social care delivery, employment of staff and meeting CQC regulations, plus interaction with the Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System.
- Regular weekly newsletters, online weekly and monthly forums and webinars.
- Promotion of OACP members' services via the OACP website.
- Members' use of the OACP logo on their website and in their PR and communications.
- A free job matching scheme matching job seekers to care provider vacancies.
- The opportunity to advertise job vacancies for free on the OACP website and via Indeed.
- Discounted offers and special deals from our commercial suppliers.
- A collective voice representing the adult social care sector locally and nationally.
- The annual Oxfordshire Care Awards Inspiration for All, celebrating best practice in Oxfordshire.
- OACP's Annual General Meeting.

Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers

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Care home listings

Cherwell care homes

Cherwood House Care Centre

Buckingham Road, Caversfield,

Bicester OX27 8RA

Tel: 01869 245005

OP D PD LDA MH SI

Lake House (OSJCT) OACP The Green, Lake Walk, Adderbury,

Banbury OX17 3NG

Tel: 01295 811183

OP D

Fairholme House

Church Street, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4DW

OP D PD Tel: 01295 266852

Launton Grange Care Home

Skimmingdish Lane, Bicester OX26 4XI

Tel: 01869 227150 Advert 60

OP D MH SI

Featherton House

Chapel Square, Deddington, Banbury OX15 OSG

Tel: 01869 227122

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LDA YA

Calder Close, Daventry Road, Banbury OX16 3WR

Tel: 01295 500359 Advert page 50

OP D

Gosford Lodge OACP

95 Bicester Road, Kidlington OX5 2LD

Tel: 01865 371405

Short Term Breaks – 69 Neithrop Avenue OACP Banbury OX16 2NT

Tel: 01295 269646

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Holt Farm Care Ltd OACP

Hopcroft Holt, Steeple Aston, Bicester OX25 5QQ

Tel: 01869 347600

OP LDA MH YA

St Anne's Residential Care Home OACP

Clifton, Banbury OX15 OPA

Tel: 01869 338295

OP D PD MH SI YA

Cherwell care homes with nursing

Agnes Court

- Care Home with Nursing Physical Disabilities

Warwick Road, Banbury OX16 2AB

Tel: 01295 673760 **OP PD YA** **Godswell Park OACP**

Church Street, Bloxham, Banbury OX15 4ES

Tel: 01295 724000

OP PD SI

Banbury Heights Nursing Home

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