

Specialist Disability Service

A leaflet for professionals

Introducing the Specialist Disability Service as part of the Oxford Centre for Enablement at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust

Costs

The costs of the assessment and involvement of staff are met, provided the client's local Primary Care Trust has a service level agreement with the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust. This will be checked before an appointment is made. If there is no service level agreement an application will be made to the client's Primary Care Trust.

Equipment that is recommended is not funded by the centre with the exception of environmental controls and communication aids for Oxfordshire clients. Some small items such as collars and shoulder supports are also provided.

Costs for other equipment are usually met by the local services.

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Introduction

We are an experienced team of people who offer a specialist service for the management of people with complex disabilities.

We see people from Oxfordshire and other parts of the country. Appointments are carried out either at the centre or in the person's home or any other setting.

We work with the person adopting a problem solving approach to meet their needs. Our aim is to maximise their quality of life and independence by providing comprehensive assessment, advice, information and recommendations for equipment solutions.

Our Manufacturing and Technical Department are able to design and make customised

The team comprises:

Occupational therapists and physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, nurse, technical instructors, clinical scientists, rehab engineers and administrative staff. We have access to medical support as required.

Services available:

- Alternative and Augmentative Communication (communication aids)
- Baby care for parents with a disability
- Clothing Advice and adaptations
- Computer Access
- Customised equipment design and manufacture; for example Mobile Arm Supports and Moulded Shower Chairs
- Electronic Assistive Technology, including Environmental Control systems and specialised wheelchair adaptations.
- Practical management of Motor Neurone Disease.
- Specialised seating
- 24 hour posture management

How to access the service.

Referrals can be made by Social or Health Care professionals.

The Clothing service can also take referrals from the general public.

Referral forms can be obtained by phoning
01865 227447

More detailed information on each of the individual services is available on request.

Assessment

This can be carried out at the Oxford Centre for Enablement or locally to the client. Local staff will be invited to be present.

For clients with very complex needs an inpatient stay can be arranged to allow postural, electronic assistive technology and personal care issues to be addressed by the various members of the team in an integrated process.