

The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Team

The safeguarding adults team coordinates enquiries into allegations of abuse or neglect across the county of Oxfordshire. We support people aged 18 and over with a range of care and support needs in a variety of settings. We apply the principles of personalisation and Making Safeguarding Person using strengths based approaches to enable people to achieve what they want.

Oxfordshire has a mixed landscape of both urban and rural areas, and areas of both poverty and deprivation and comparative wealth making for a range of challenges. This means we have developed strong working relationships with the police, trading standards, housing and fire and safety services among others to respond to these challenges.

The county hosts about 100 care homes and an equivalent number of home care agencies, in addition to two major hospitals. The safeguarding team work closely with the Care Quality Commission, health and colleagues in our quality and contracts team and adult social care teams to monitor these services, and takes the lead in overseeing the council's response to the most poorly performing providers. The proportion of good or outstanding providers in Oxfordshire as rated by CQC is significantly above the national average.

The team consists of one operation manager, one team manager, 6FTE practice supervisors and 12FTE social workers. Staff turnover is consistently low reflecting its supportive and friendly but positive outlook despite high workloads.

The team is based at Abbey House in Abingdon and Samuelson House in Banbury. We also regularly use Knights Court in Oxford so we can maintain strong relations with our adult social care colleagues across the county. We are also part of the wider safeguarding adults service which includes the Older Adults Mental Health, DOLS and AMHP teams. This unique combination gives us access to a wide range of additional skills and knowledge as well as encouraging the development of specialist knowledge in the team.

Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JE



Parking and transport:

- Various car parks where there is two hours free parking including one directly in front of Abbey house and one to the left. You can also access the multi-storey car park which is a four-minute walk from the office.
- You will be required to pay for parking, there are a few free permits which may be made available to new starters for a short period while you find what suits you best. You can take advantage of the free two-hour spaces and move your car throughout the day, but that isn't always effective if you have a busy day on Duty.
- If you live locally and feel you do not need your car for that specific day why not try walking or biking to save paying for parking.
- If you park in Waitrose be aware its only two hours and is camera controlled.
- There are also various bus routes which come close to the office. Local bus from Oxford City Centre X3, X13 run every fifteen minutes and stop in the town centre.

Local area:

- Whilst based in Abbey House you are a two-minute walk away from the town centre.
- There are a variety of shops, banks and restaurants all within walking distance.
- We are incredibly lucky to be placed right next to Abbey garden – it really is beautiful and perfect if you fancy a relaxing walk at lunchtime.
- Abingdon is an historic market town, as such we are a two-minute walk away from one of the nicest markets in Oxfordshire, market days are Mondays and worth a visit.
- For those who like visiting the gym we are also close to the White Horse Leisure centre which has a full gym, swimming pool, tennis court and various other facilities.

Samuelson House, Tramway Road, Banbury OX16 5AU



Parking and transport:

- Temporary free parking is available at Morrisons Supermarket which is situated opposite Samuelson House.
- Alternatively, some street parking may be available nearby and there is a relatively cheap car park (£3.50 per day) within 5 minutes' walk.
- Parking permits may also be available for the Morrisons staff care park.
- Banbury railway station is only a short walk from Samuelson House.

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Local area:

- Whilst based in Samuelson House you are a ten-minute walk away from the town centre.
- There are a variety of shops, banks and restaurants all within walking distance.
- Banbury is an historic market town, famous for its cross, and there are a variety of shops, banks and restaurants all within walking distance.
- For those who like visiting the gym we are also close to the Spiceball Leisure centre which has a full gym, swimming pool and various other facilities.

I hope this gives you a bit more information about the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Team but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me, Fay Brown, on 07801 203604.