

The North Rapid Response Team

The function of the North Rapid Response is replicated across South Oxfordshire and the Oxford City.

We are a very friendly and welcoming team. We have a Team Manager and 7 Practice supervisors (4 Social workers and 3 Occupational Therapists by professional background). When fully staffed we have 8 Social Workers 7 Occupational Therapist and 12.2 Coordinators. The Coordinator role is generic across both disciplines which we give robust and plentiful training for. The specialised and complex work is dealt with by the Social Workers and Occupational Therapists.

North and West Oxfordshire are very rural areas with three large towns; Banbury, Witney and Bicester. There are many villages and smaller towns spread across this large area. There is a A&E hospital in Banbury and three community hospitals.

We work with adults 18 and over with a range of both physical and mental health needs. Older adults 65 upwards make up about a third of our overall case work but we also work with younger adults with a variety of issues regarding long term physical conditions and social and economic challenges.

Currently we are split across two sites to cover such a large geographical area. There is an office in Witney in an old Victorian Rectory which is split into small offices of 4-6 desks. The Banbury office in contrast, is a large open plan and purpose built building. Our office is on the 2nd floor and has wide reaching views!

Parking and transport:

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.

The office is 500 yards from the train station with regular trains coming from Birmingham from the North and London from the South via Bicester.

In Banbury there is limited parking on site which is shared among staff on a rota basis for the morning, but it is available to all based at Samuelson house in the afternoon on a first come first serve basis. There is parking on local streets or in the Morrisons car park across the road for up to 3 hours. Otherwise there is a pay and display car park just around the corner from the office.

In Witney there is onsite parking for members of the team who are based here. Otherwise there is 3 hours parking in Sainsbury's car park around the corner, or free all day parking behind the Church.

Security:

- Whilst in any OCC building ensure you must wear your ID badge.
- When leaving the building ensure this is taken off or out of view.

I hope this gives you a bit more information about the North Rapid Response Team but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on Deborah.White@Oxfordshire.gov.uk or call 01993 894345.