

Date: 31st August 2018

Dear GP colleagues,

I am writing to inform you that from 1st September, Social Workers who were embedded in the Older Adults Mental Health service (age greater than 65) run by Oxford Health FT, will now be employees of Oxfordshire County Council and will be based in the Council's Area Offices.

Please be advised that the Social Workers for adults of working age (<65) with significant MH issues will remain embedded within the AMHT and employed directly by OHFT. This should not lead to a major difference for GPs as the Older Adults MH team will usually be communicating directly with the appropriate social workers if social needs arise affecting a patient.

If a GP wants to raise a purely social care need for a MH patient age >65 directly with social care, then you can contact **01865 328 050**.

The team's main office will be at:
Abbey House,
Abbey Close,
Abingdon,
Oxon
OX14 3JD.

A considerable amount of work has been completed ahead of this move to ensure pathways and future working arrangements have been agreed to ensure a smooth transition and most importantly, to minimise any potential impact this move could have in the interim period for those who require social care support.

Your sincerely



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