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Oxfordshire Dementia Information Line and Website Press Release



The Oxfordshire Dementia Information Line is a new resource for the County. It is a telephone service that can give information to people who have dementia, their carers, social and health care professionals – in fact anyone seeking information about dementia and local dementia resources within Oxfordshire. There is also an accompanying website www.dementiaweboxfordshire.org.uk

The service is contracted to Guideposts Trust by Oxfordshire County Council and will be answered by a rota of volunteers under the guidance of our professional staff. We are extremely keen to promote this valuable service to as wide a range of individuals as possible.

Oxfordshire is currently estimated to have 7,500 people aged over 65, and 160 younger people under the age of 65, who have dementia. Not everyone who has dementia has a diagnosis. Not everyone has sufficient information about dementia or local resources. The Oxfordshire Dementia Information Line staff will guide callers to seek the appropriate input from health and social care as well as point towards other resources such as support groups, clubs etc.

The service can make a **real** difference to people. It will contribute to increasing awareness and understanding of dementia; break down barriers of fear, misunderstanding and stigma about dementia and be a valued local resource

We are currently looking to recruit, train and support volunteers to take calls on The Oxfordshire Dementia Information Line. There are also administration and networking opportunities around Oxfordshire to increase the awareness of our new service. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer. We would like to hear from anyone who may be able to make a commitment of a few hours a week to provide this very important service.

Please contact us if there is something you would like to know about dementia or the resources available in Oxfordshire – no question is too small or insignificant.

For more information, please contact The Dementia Information Line **01993 700061**

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