

Physical Disability Resource Team

Brief Overview of Service Provided

A Community team consisting of professionals with therapy, health and social service backgrounds bringing together a range of skills available to people with physical disabilities to enable them to maintain or increase independence and quality of life. It offers a single access point into health, voluntary, local authority and independent resource and services.

The Team has specialist knowledge of community resources. It is comprised of five Team members with backgrounds in O.T, Mental Health, Social Work, Health Visiting/Nursing supported by a Team administrator.

The Team works to the social model of disability.

The Team works closely and shares accommodation with the following people:
Brain Injury Co-ordinator (County-wide)
Parkinson's Disease Nurse Specialist.

What We Do

A comprehensive needs led assessment will be undertaken by the key-worker with the client at home. The Team member will then work in partnership with the client.

The Team can offer:

Counselling skills
Problem solving
Liaison and co-ordination with other services in contact with

- G.P.
- Education
- Employment
- Accommodation

Information and advice on:

- Health issues
- Relief care
- Support groups
- Disability benefits
- Holidays and leisure activities
- Equipment for daily living
- Independent living

Where located

Cedar House, Manfield Health Campus, Kettering Road, Northampton, NN3 6NP Telephone 01604 678021

Referrals

Open referral system, (including, self-referral) from a variety of statutory and voluntary/independent services. Referrals from G.P and Primary Health Care Teams can be particularly welcome, with the client's consent.

Type of Clients

- Disabled people from age 16 years whose primary problem is physical disability.
- People with newly diagnosed or newly acquired physical disabilities.
- People who have changing or complex needs as a result of their impairment.

- Young people making the transition from children's to adult services.

Key Links

- Social Services/Care Management
- Stroke Unit, NGH
- Mary Marlborough Disability Centre, Oxford
- Northamptonshire Council for Disabled People
- Housing Department, NBC
- Northampton Disability Information Project6
- M.S Society
- M.N.D.A.
- Huntingtons Disease Association

User Group

The Team has close links with an independently funded group of service users. The User Group is involved in:

- Service planning
- Support groups for users e.g. Back Pain Group
- Evaluating and monitoring the P.D.E.T

They can be contacted/accessed via the Physical Disability Resource Team on Northampton 01604 678021 or email