HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Care after a hospital stay

Coming home is a big step. Tell us the expected discharge date as early as you can, and we will plan the support with you and the hospital team.



IN BRIEF

Day and Nightcare arranges care for people leaving hospital: live-in care anywhere in England, and home care visits or night care across Oxfordshire. We can often start within 24 to 48 hours of the assessment, depending on carer availability. We assess the care needed, arrange a carer and confirm the start date once the carer is arranged, so please tell us the expected discharge date as early as you can. Care can be short term during recovery, or ongoing.

Our experience

Since 2014 we have provided Discharge to Assess (D2A) care, and for several years we ran Oxfordshire's Urgent Response service. We know how hospital discharge works and how to work with ward staff and discharge teams.

How it works

1. **Tell us** the expected discharge date, as early as you can, on 01865 715780.

2. **Free assessment:** we talk with the person, anyone they want involved and the hospital team about what support is needed at home.
3. **We arrange a carer and confirm the start date:** live-in care anywhere in England, or in Oxfordshire home care visits, night care or a mix. We can often start within 24 to 48 hours of the assessment, depending on carer availability, and we will tell you honestly what we can arrange.
4. **Reviews during recovery:** often more help in the first weeks, then less as strength and confidence return.

Funding after hospital

Some people are offered a short period of free reablement or Discharge to Assess (D2A) support, arranged by the hospital or the council. If more help is needed after that, we can carry on, either privately or with council or NHS funding. See costs and funding.

Questions people ask

How soon can care start after a hospital stay?

We can often start within 24 to 48 hours of the assessment, depending on carer availability. Tell us the expected discharge date as early as you can. We assess the care needed, working with the hospital team, arrange a carer, and confirm the start date once the carer is arranged, and we will tell you honestly what we can arrange. Live-in care is available anywhere in England; home care visits and night care are provided across Oxfordshire.

Who pays for care after a hospital stay?

It depends on your situation. Some people receive a short period of free reablement or Discharge to Assess (D2A) support arranged by the hospital or the council. Others arrange and pay for care themselves while they recover. NHS Continuing Healthcare pays in full when the main need is a health need.

Can care be short term?

Yes. Many people need more help for a few weeks after hospital and then less as they regain strength and confidence. We review the care with you along the way.

Start date

Often within 24 to 48 hours of the assessment, depending on carer availability; confirmed once a carer is arranged

Care options

Live-in care, home care visits, night care

Experience

Discharge to Assess (D2A) care since 2014; Oxfordshire's Urgent Response service for several years

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