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Occupational Therapy

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What is occupational therapy?

During your stay in hospital you may be referred to occupational therapy. Occupational therapists (also referred to as OTs) are skilled health and social care professionals who form part of the multidisciplinary team working with you. Occupational therapists can help promote your independence in daily routines or tasks, which are essential to everyday living.

How can you identify us?

Occupational therapists wear a white tunic with a dark green trim and dark green trousers.

What can you expect from the occupational therapy service?

If you are having problems with your daily activities you can request a referral to occupational therapy from any of the staff on your ward.

An occupational therapist will meet with you on the ward and discuss your concerns in depth. From this information we will agree treatment goals with you and arrange assessments.

What can we help with?

Our aim is to promote independence in activities of daily living. We can offer assessment/treatment and encouragement to help you be as independent as possible. This includes:

- Washing and dressing
- Bathing
- Meal preparation
- Transfers, for example on/off the bed, in/out the bath)
- Home adaptations
- Providing assistive equipment

As part of our assessment process it may be necessary to visit your home or complete assessments. This will always be discussed with you prior to being completed.

If you have any concerns around your independent living, please discuss these with your occupational therapist.

How to contact us

If you are an inpatient in one of our hospitals you can contact the occupational therapy department on one of the following numbers:

North Tyneside Hospital	0191 2932773
Wansbeck General Hospital	01670 564020
Alnwick Infirmary	01665 626782
Berwick Hospital	01289 356617
Hexham General Hospital	01434 655038
Blyth Community Hospital	01670 396432
Whalton Unit	01670 395623

You can contact us Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5pm. On weekends you can contact us 8:30am to 4:30pm for North Tyneside and Wansbeck only.

What if I need help when I get home?

If you require further assessment once you are home you can contact us to request a free assessment. Cases are prioritised depending on identified need.

If you live in:

North Tyneside telephone: 0191 6432777

Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm

Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm

www.northtyneside.gov.uk/mycare

Northumberland telephone: 01670 536400

Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm

Friday 9am to 4.30pm

www.northumberland.gov.uk and click on Health & Social Care



Alternative Formats

If you would like a copy of this information in large print, another language, audio tape or other format please call the Contact Centre on **03 44 811 8118**

Other sources of information

NHS 111

NHS Choices

www.nhs.uk/pages/homepage.aspx

NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence)

www.nice.org.uk

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

Freephone: **0800 032 0202**

Text: 01670 511098

Email: northoftynepals@nhct.nhs.uk

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General Enquiries **03 44 811 8111**

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