Dementia Oxfordshire Fact Sheet (Updated May 2022)

Intro:

* Dementia Oxfordshire provides support and advice for people living with dementia and their families from the point of diagnosis until end of life or a move to a care home.
* The service supports people to live for as long as possible and as well as possible in the community, working to ensure people have a sense of meaning and purpose in their lives.
* There is no charge for the service and it is delivered in partnership by Age UK Oxfordshire and Dementia UK, combining our expertise to support people of any age with a diagnosis.
* We currently support around 2250 people living with dementia in the community. Often, we support a carer and the person living with dementia’s wider family too. We are likely supporting around 5000 people across Oxfordshire.

How we provide support:

* Dementia Oxfordshire is delivered by a team of 16 Dementia Advisers and 2 support workers with a very small back-office team.
* Dementia Advisers provide advice and support on any aspect relating to dementia. Areas we give advice on include local social groups to join, financial and legal support and planning for the future, home adaptations, carer respite. Support workers provide short term ‘enablement’ interventions to help individuals living with dementia connect or reconnect with communities of support and activities that interest them
* We provide guidance based on the NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) guidelines for Dementia as well as taking a person-centred approach to each individual case and working out what support is best for that client/carer.

What we offer:

* If someone is referred to our service they are allocated a Dementia Adviser to support them and their carer(s). The adviser will get in contact every 6 months, or more regularly if needed.
* We have a support line that is open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm (01865 410 210). Anyone can call this number to speak directly to one of our Dementia Advisers for advice on any aspect relating to dementia. This can be offered anonymously.
* We run some memory groups for people living with dementia and carer support groups in order for people to socialise with others on a similar journey and get peer support.
* We also run educations sessions for people living with dementia, their carers and local organisations/ groups and businesses to better understand dementia.
* We also have about 20 volunteers who offer befriending to some of our clients.

What we fundraise for:

* We are fundraising to support the running of our service. This includes our dementia Support Line, Carer Education Sessions, Memory Groups and Carer Support Groups. All of these activities help to support people living with dementia and their carers and relatives.
* 1 week of our Support Line costs £494, 1 Carer Education Session costs £49.40, and 1 Online Memory Group costs £24.70.

**A note on language:** We refer to dementia as a ‘condition’ not an illness or disease. We also refer to people with a dementia diagnosis as ‘people living with dementia’ as this centres the person rather than the condition.