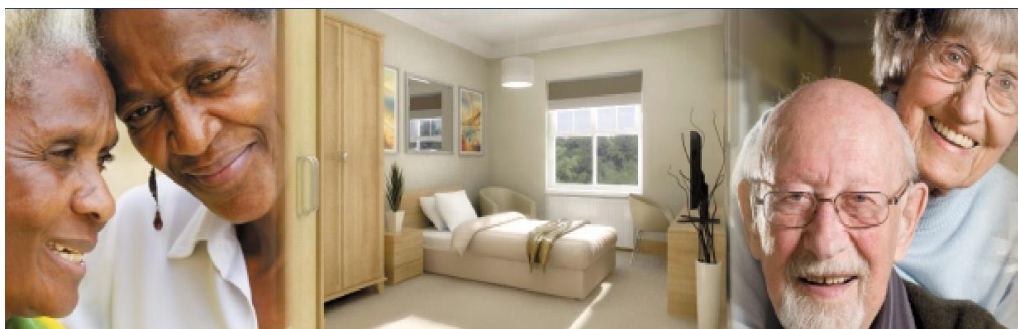


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Introduction

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This section gives a brief description of Okeley Care Centre and our aims. It also sets out our commitment to provide a high quality service

Welcome to Okeley Care Centre

On behalf of the Senior Management Team and all the staff we would like to extend a warm welcome to you. The management and staff team at Okeley are committed to providing the very best quality of care for our Service Users.

We hope that you find the information in this document useful and informative. It contains detailed information about our aims and objectives, our philosophy of care, facilities and services, staff and organisation, and our care arrangements. It also contains brief answers to many questions often asked by potential and new Service Users.

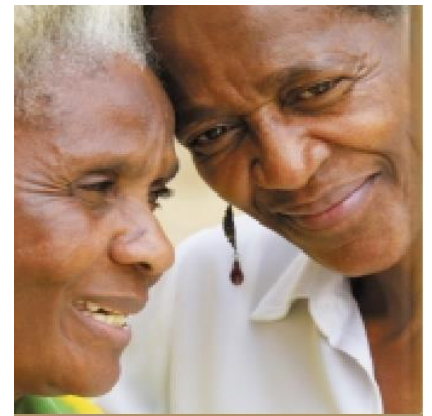
Additional copies are available in Reception or can be requested from the Home Manager, Administrator or Senior care staff.

If you require any more information or have questions about Okeley Care Centre and the service we provide, please do not hesitate to approach any member of our staff team who will be happy to give you more detailed information. Your comfort, care and wellbeing are always very important to us.

We will always remember that you are an individual and this will always be our priority when planning your care.

Throughout your stay with us, we will endeavour to ascertain your preferences and choices in all aspects of your care.

At Okeley Care Centre we aim to offer a home from home feeling with the added assurance of a safe environment. We aim to make the difference by offering care with integrity.



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About Our Home

Okeley Care Centre is an 84 bed purpose built care home in Chelmsford, Essex situated over three floors. Accommodation for Permanent & respite is provided for 84 Frail Elderly Service Users over 65: Dementia care is provided on the first and second floor. All areas of the home are accessible for wheelchair users.

Okeley Care Centre is registered with the Care Quality Commission to provide the following activities:

- ◆ Accommodation for persons who require personal care.

The home is within walking distance of the town centre which contains a wide range of shops, cinema banks & entertainment venues. There are also local shops, churches, along with pubs and restaurants.

The local bus stops outside the home to the town and other areas of Chelmsford & surrounding Villages.

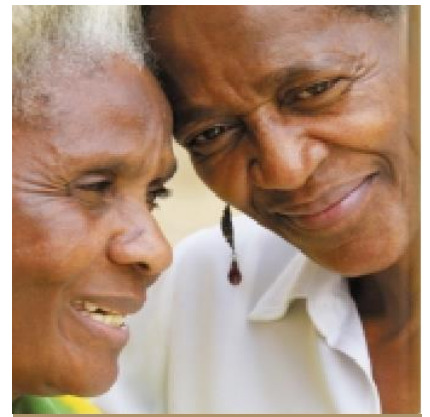
The Registered Provider of the home is Okeley Healthcare Ltd which is part of Excelcare, a private care company that has been operating since 1989. Excelcare currently operate homes for older people and younger adults in Southeast London, Cambridgeshire, Milton Keynes and Essex.

Our Aims

Our aims are to provide a caring and secure environment within which Service Users are treated with respect and regard for their dignity and well being.

Mission Statement

The company is an experienced, professional care provider committed to the delivery of a quality care service to adults and older people through nursing, residential and the provision of domiciliary services

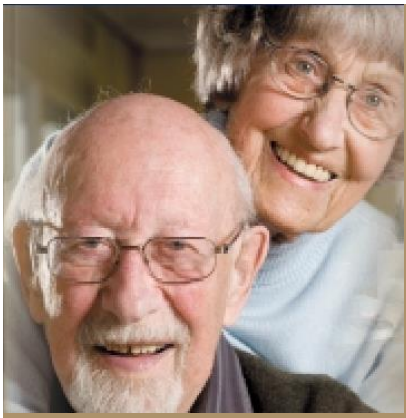


Home Objectives

Care

- ❖ To ensure that services are delivered within the framework of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2009, and the Care Quality Commission (Registration) Regulations 2009.
- ❖ To ensure all Service Users are actively involved, where possible, in devising their own personalised, assessed needs and abilities Care Plan.
- ❖ To ensure all care plans and risk assessments are reviewed no less than once a month.
- ❖ To promote local community links.
- ❖ To meet cultural, spiritual, social and diversity needs of Service Users.
- ❖ To provide regular activities - both inside and outside of the home.
- ❖ To ensure Service User/relatives meetings are held at least 6 times a year.
- ❖ To compile a regional newsletter for circulation every 3 months.

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Hotel and Housekeeping

- ❖ To promote health and safety within the home with regard given to providing an environment which is clean, safe and beneficial to Service Users.
- ❖ To maintain the quality of buildings and grounds on a planned basis.
- ❖ To ensure that all menus are reviewed at least four times a year and to use seasonal foods and incorporate Service User's choices.

Staff

- ❖ To ensure all staff receive a full and comprehensive induction programme.
- ❖ To facilitate staff training and supervision on an ongoing basis with annual personal development reviews.
- ❖ To ensure that staff adhere to the Company code of conduct, policies and procedures.
- ❖ To hold regular staff meetings.
- ❖ Maintain the dignity, privacy and respect of the Service Users at all times.
- ❖ Assist Service Users to maintain their independent living skills for as long as they are able.
- ❖ Ensure Service Users retain their rights as citizens.
- ❖ Offer support to the family and friends of each Service User during the pre and post admission stages, with continuing support throughout the Service Users permanent care.
- ❖ Promote good care practice and maintain good working relationships with other professionals.

Philosophy of Care

Our aim is to look after our Service Users in a “home from home” environment creating a homely atmosphere and quality care services which meet the individual needs of each person.

We regard each Service User as an individual with their own rights to voice opinions, make choices, and be kept well informed about their identified needs and the way we will help meet these.

We offer at all times, sensitive and conscientious personal care from our team of competent and committed staff who have an understanding of the needs of elderly people.

We have staff available who are willing and happy to advise and assist with personal problems. We believe in the value of having each Service User allocated a key worker. It is an important part of our philosophy to provide care with respect to privacy and dignity. Care Plans are established from an assessment of individual needs and ensure the information available guides us on how best to provide care.

We strive to maximise the autonomy of Service Users, and maximise their independence.

We are also aware of the spiritual requirements of the individual and act accordingly to ensure those needs are met.

It is an important part of our philosophy to provide quality care. Respect for the privacy and dignity of each individual being uppermost in our minds. Care plans are established from an individual assessment of needs to ensure the retention of dignity and as much independence as possible.

With the consent of Service Users with capacity, we encourage the involvement of families and their participation in regular assessment and care planning for Service Users whilst observing the rights of Service Users to personal privacy.

Above all, we will strive to create a home, where in comfort, safety and security, the Service User can be the individual that he or she has always been.

We believe life history is fundamental to care planning. It allows the staff to have an in depth understanding of the Service Users background and social history.

We believe that all Service Users are individuals and therefore we individually assess each Service User prior to admission and on admission.

The involvement of Service Users and support of the family we devise person centred care plans which assist us to ensure our Service Users receive the highest standard of care.



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Facilities and Services

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This section describes:

- ◆ Our Accommodation
- ◆ Meals, Mealtimes and Kitchen Facilities
- ◆ Arrangements for Personal Medical Care
- ◆ Arrangements for
- ◆ Accommodating Service Users Personal Possessions.

Accommodation

Number of Lounge/Diners	5
Number of Therapy/Activity/Quiet Rooms	6
Number of Smoking Rooms	2
Number of Assisted Bathrooms	6
Number of Toilets (not en-suite)	10
Number of Lifts	

Bedrooms

Ash Unit	Number of Rooms: 12
Willow	Number of Rooms: 16
Aspen & Larch	Number of Rooms: 33
Sycamore	Number of Rooms: 23

Bedroom sizes are a minimum of 12 m² to a maximum of 19.90m²

Fees

Okeley Care centre accepts placements from private individuals and Essex County council.

Fees for individuals start from £900 to £1000 pw and are determined by the level of dependency and the needs of the service user following an assessment by the home. Individuals may, subject to a financial assessment, be entitled to local authority funding. The home will contract directly with the local authority on such occasions.

All Fees are subject to annual reviews and changes in dependencies.

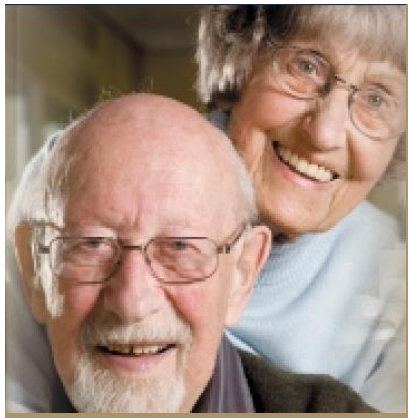
All Service Users will receive either a statement of terms and conditions in respect of the accommodation provided or a contract if they have purchased their accommodation privately.

Contract and statement of terms and conditions will detail the following information.

- ◆ Room which will be occupied
- ◆ care and services (including food) covered by the fee
- ◆ fee payable and by whom
- ◆ additional services to be paid for over and above those included in the fees
- ◆ rights and obligations of the service user and registered provider and who is liable if there is a breach of contract
- ◆ Terms and conditions of occupancy, including notice period.



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Additional information

Garden Facilities

3 secure landscaped garden areas along with a central courtyard are provided. All areas are wheelchair accessible, with water features & aromatic planting.

Telephone Access

Service user can request private access to the telephone in the homes administrators' office. Should a service user prefer to install a private telephone in their room, the home will assist to co ordinate the installation. Once an agreement has been made, the service user will be responsible for the installation charge and future running costs.

Security

The main door can only be opened by remote release, operated by reception or by staff via the homes telephone system. The front door would only be open if the receptionist is at her desk.

All staff are aware of the importance of security, visitors are requested to sign in and out of the Visitors book.

Fire Protection

The home is equipped a fire detection system & fire fighting equipment all of which is serviced annually.

The fire alarm system is tested on a weekly basis, with monthly checks in place for all other equipment.

The fire procedure is on display throughout the home.

All staff receives full fire training.

Furniture provided

Each bedroom is provided with -

- ◆ A single bed
- ◆ An armchair & Chair
- ◆ A bedside cabinet with lockable drawer
- ◆ A built in wardrobe
- ◆ A chest of drawers & dressing table
- ◆ A bedside table
- ◆ A desk/dressing table

Meals

Fresh, home cooked traditional meals are prepared daily by our chef and her team. We cater for special dietary needs and cultural preferences; meals are well balanced nutritional and tasty. We will ensure that our menus reflect Service Users choices and requirements. Our head chef meets all new residents and welcomes any comments or requests residents may like to contribute.

Our team of catering staff will provide a menu that rotates on a 4 weekly basis. This will be changed to take into consideration seasonal produce available locally.

We encourage all Service Users to be involved in menu planning and our chef will visit Service Users to ensure active involvement is available.

The home offers breakfast, lunch, an evening meal and supper with snacks and drinks provided during the day and night. Visitors are welcome to dine with Service Users for which a small charge will be made. Please book with reception or unit staff.

Mealtimes

Breakfast is served between 8.00am and 9.30am

Lunch is served between 12.30pm and 1.30pm

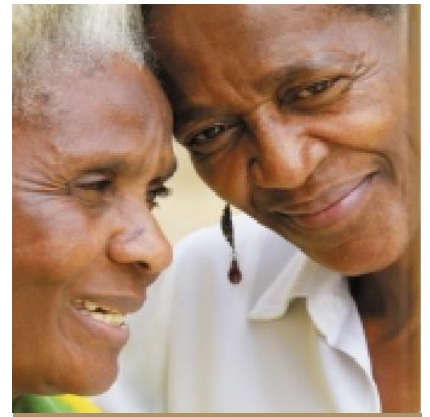
Evening meal is served between 5pm and 6pm

We have a 'Protected Meals' policy in place which asks visitors to avoid visiting during mealtimes unless they are dining with the Service User. This enables our Service Users to enjoy their meals without any interruption.

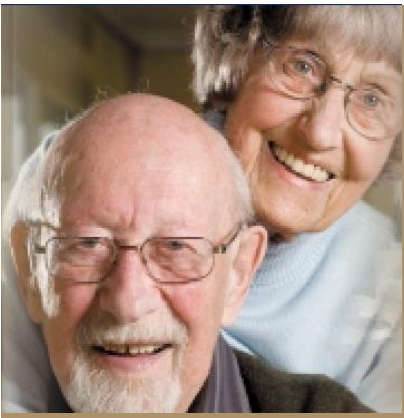
Kitchen Facilities

The kitchen facilities meet the standards set out by the Environmental Health Department and are inspected at least yearly by an Environmental Health Officer.

The main kitchen facilities are not accessible to Service Users and visitors due to Health & Safety and Food Hygiene Regulations, however there are kitchenettes on each unit which are equipped with tea and coffee making facilities where Service Users and visitors can help themselves to hot and cold drinks. Also within the kitchenette area there is a fridge, microwave and toaster where snacks can be prepared.



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Personal Care

Qualified Care Staff

Staff are always on duty to plan and supervise Service Users' care, ensuring the highest standards at all times. GP's, District Nurses and Primary Care Team staff will visit Service Users as needed and appropriate. Service Users where practical will be able to retain their own Doctor.

Optician and Dentist

Home visits will be made as requested and appropriate, although Service Users are free to make their own appointments if preferred.

Physiotherapy

A physiotherapist can be arranged privately please speak to the senior care assistant or manager.

Chiropodist/Podiatry

A private Chiropodist/podiatrist visits the home on a regular basis; a charge will be made for this service which will be billed to the Service User. Should an NHS assessment be required our staff will be happy to advise on this.

Hairdressing

A Hairdresser visits Okeley several days a week, details and price lists are available on request.

Shopping

We provide a small trolley shop in the foyer for personal items. Where appropriate we encourage Service Users to go shopping on their own or with relatives and friends. Where this is difficult staff will assist Service Users by purchasing goods on their behalf or will arrange a shopping trip.

Laundry

Laundry is undertaken within the home. All personal clothing must be clearly labelled prior to admission; we recommend "attach a tag", information is available in reception. Clothing must be machine washable at 40 degrees and suitable for the tumble drier. We cannot be held responsible for items damaged that are not so labelled. There are no facilities at the home to provide dry cleaning, or for Service Users to do their own laundry. We cannot accept responsibility for loss if clothing is not clearly labelled.

Personal Insurance and Security of Valuables

Once you have chosen the home that is right for you, we will advise you on your moving in arrangements. We cannot however fund any costs for transport etc. We will advise on what personal possessions you need to bring in and what insurance arrangements you may wish to consider. Safety inspections will be completed on all electrical appliances. On arrival staff will help you unpack and assist in the completion of a full inventory of all personal possessions. This will include jewellery, glasses etc. Photographs will be taken and retained on individual files. For the sake of security it is not advisable to hold valuable jewellery or cash over £30 in your lockable drawer. Some cash may be stored in the homes safe if required. Please note that the home cannot be responsible for the loss of jewellery, cash or other valuable items. Property is brought into the home at the owners risk and we advise you to take out your own insurance policy cover. This includes glasses, hearing aids and dentures.

Personal Telephones

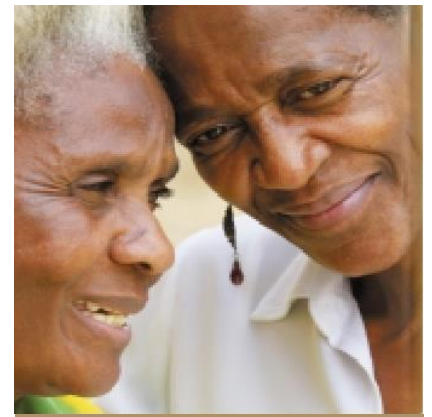
All bedrooms have telephone sockets in place and Service Users are able to arrange a private direct dial telephone for their room if they wish. The cost for connection and all bills will be met by the Service User.

Service User's personal mobile phones are acceptable within the home. The costs incurred will be met by the Service User.

Arrangements for Pets

Okeley Care Centre has a pet's policy which can be discussed with the General Manager.

Visitors are permitted to bring well-behaved pets into Okeley Care Centre with prior consultation and at the discretion of the General Manager.



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Locks and Keys

A lockable drawer is provided in each bedroom for residents to secure monies, personal papers etc. The key can be retained by the resident or if they so wish secured in the unit key safe.

Should Service Users require further privacy, a key to the bedroom door is available, however a master key will be held by the management to use in an emergency.

Gifts and signing Legal Documents

It is a management concern that Service Users may place members of staff in a difficult position by asking them to accept money or to assist them with the preparation of a will or any other document purporting to bestow property. Service Users may bequeath to employees gifts that could later be disputed by the Service User/next of kin/significant other or other beneficiaries. This could cause embarrassment both to the member of staff concerned and to the care home/service; consequently it is company policy for staff to politely decline the gift.

In order to reduce the risk of accusations of undue influence the management have drawn to the attention of staff the dangers that exist and have advised staff should not accept gifts or money from Service Users.

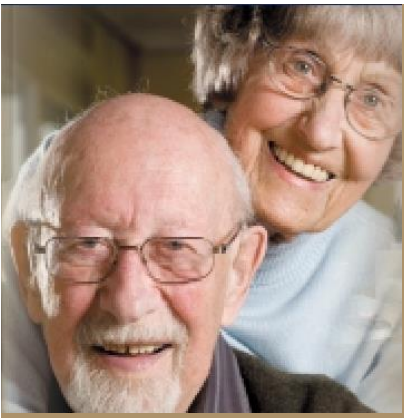
If, however, a Service User is insistent on making a gift the staff member must seek advice from the Management who may arrange for them to discuss the issue with a senior officer of the registration authority. In addition, staff are instructed not to help or offer advice upon the preparation of wills, deeds or gifts and are instructed that they can not witness the signature of a Service User or relative on this type of documentation.

If a Service User wishes to make a will, assistance can be offered by the home in order to obtain information about services that offer a will writing service.

Staff and Organisation

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This section describes the Organisation of Okeley Care Centre and the Management and Staff with details of their experience and qualifications.



Registered Provider, Responsible Individual and Home Manager

Name and address of Registered Provider

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Nominated Individual – Wendy McDonough

Home Manager – Nicola Ryan

Nicky is a qualified nurse and has worked within the elderly care sector since 1985. Over her years within the industry Nicky has experience at senior management level managing a portfolio of care services within East Anglia & surrounding counties. In 2010 Nicky commissioned Okeley care centre and commenced as home manager in January 2011.

Deputy Manager – Sheila Kerr

Sheila commenced at Okeley in January 2011 as a senior care assistant. Sheila has significant experience in elderly care services having progressed from a care assistant to unit manager & now deputy manager. Sheila supports the care team & is responsible for the running of the home in the absence of the Manager.

Administrator

Our Administrator is responsible for all aspects of administration within the home.

Receptionist

Our Receptionists are responsible for dealing with all incoming calls and meeting and greeting visitors to the home.

Senior Care assistants

Organise the management of their shifts and the staff who are on duty. They will either have an NVQ in Health and Social Care or be working towards it and have a minimum of two year's experience of working in a care home environment.

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Care Assistants

Care Assistants deliver care to Service Users under the guidance and instruction of senior staff, taking into account individual preferences including gender, religion, diversity cultural and linguistic backgrounds whenever possible. Many of Our care assistants have an NVQ 2 in care and others are encouraged to gain this qualification. All new carers commence the Skills for Care Induction.

Activities Coordinator

Our Activities Coordinators provide opportunities for meaningful, purposeful & enjoyable activities. Our activities programme is developed following consultation with residents families and important others. And is therefore subject to regular variations dependant on the residents wishes.

Housekeeper

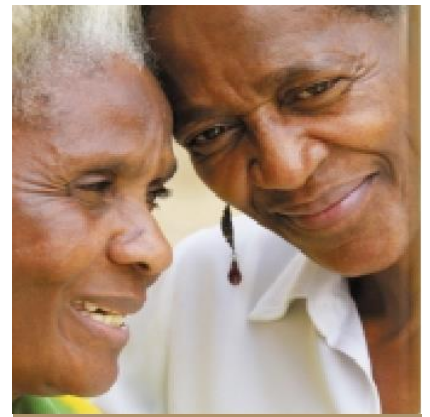
Our Housekeeper and the team of domestic and laundry staff are responsible for ensuring the highest level of cleanliness is maintained throughout the home and laundry this is undertaken with care and attention to infection control guidelines.

Chef

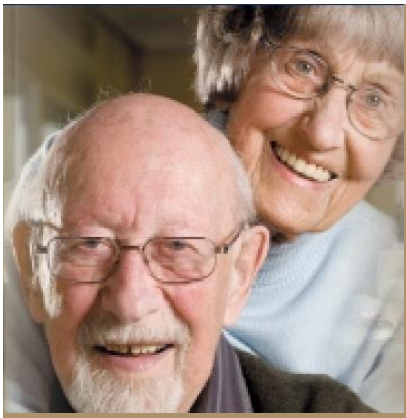
Our Chef is responsible for the day to day running of the main kitchen ensuring that all catering needs are met and that the kitchen meets the regulation standards.

Maintenance Manager – Alex Eley

Alex has worked in the Essex Region of Excelcare since October 2012. He brought with him the many skills required for his role which he obtained since starting working with his father in his building business at the age of fifteen. Alex is responsible for ensuring all our homes across the Essex region are well maintained and fit for purpose. He manages a team of 6 maintenance engineers and 2 gardeners, this team carries out the vast range of work required to keep our homes in tiptop condition. The team covers general repairs and maintenance of the buildings, services, grounds, facilities and equipment. The team also offer assistance in personalising a Service Users' room with picture and shelf hanging as an example.



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Staff Training

All staff attend training courses when they first start working at Okeley Care centre & attend refresher courses throughout their employment.

The mandatory training for all Care staff includes:

- ◆ PAR (Protection of adults at risk)
- ◆ Fire Awareness
- ◆ Health and Safety
- ◆ Customer Care & Communication
- ◆ COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)
- ◆ Manual Handling
- ◆ Food Hygiene and Safety
- ◆ First Aid
- ◆ Dementia
- ◆ Infection Control
- ◆ MCA & DOL
- ◆ Equality & Diversity

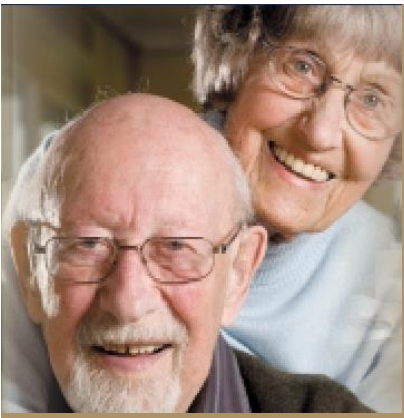
Employee of the Month Scheme

The aim of the employee of the month scheme is to recognise and reward the hard work and dedication of all staff. It is an opportunity for residents, relatives, professional visitors and colleagues to show their appreciation for the care, support and assistance provided by an individual, by nominating them to receive the award. Nomination forms are placed in reception and are available on request. The form contains further information about the scheme and gives you the opportunity to let us know who in your opinion has offered outstanding care and support or whose work has made a real difference in the team in which they work. The nomination forms should be placed in the black post box on the wall in reception. The Home Manager will meet with a judging panel on a monthly basis to consider the nominations and agree on an Employee of the Month.

Care Arrangements

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This section describes the Care Services offered at Okeley Care Centre and recognition of the Rights of our Service Users.



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Admission Criteria

Procedure

Prior to agreeing to the admission of a potential Service User, the General Manager, Care Manager or a suitably qualified member of staff will visit the intended Service User at home or in hospital, unless the Service User prefers to visit the Home and is able to do so. At this time, the needs of the Service User will be discussed. The Care referral from Social Services and our pre-admission assessment will be undertaken & form the basis for the individuals plan of care.

The General Manager, Home Manager or member of staff will ensure, as far as it is possible that both the potential Service User and their family/representative are fully informed of the scope of services and facilities available at the home within the Statement of purpose

Once a date for admission and a fee rate has been agreed (if appropriate), the following Home Pack is given to the Service User and or their family/representative incorporating the following.

- ◆ Information Pack
- ◆ Terms and Conditions / Contract for private Service Users
- ◆ For Local Authority funded Service Users, a formal service contract between the Home and the Authority will be agreed in addition to the above.

Any contract with Service Users shall be based on the above information and in compliance with the Care Quality Commission regulations.

Prior to admission the pre-admission assessment and Care Plan sheets will be given to the person responsible for the Service User's care.

The Care Plan will be reviewed on your allocated Resident of the Day in addition to any placement reviews. Full involvement with individuals, family members or advocates are actively encouraged.

We recommend all potential Service Users, relatives and friends to visit the Home to assess our facilities and their suitability. All potential Service Users are offered the opportunity to move in on a trial basis before they or their representatives make a decision to stay permanently.

Dementia Care

Within Okeley Care Centre we have 3 units specialising in care for residents suffering from dementia. In order to ensure good practice is set within dementia care all our staff attend dementia training. We also work closely with our local GP's and other outside agencies such as Community mental health teams, CPN's, District Nurses, Dieticians and the Falls Coordinator to ensure a high quality of dementia care is provided and maintained.

Emergency Admissions

Emergency admissions are not frequent but occasionally a crisis arises and Social Services Emergency Duty Team will arrange for an older person to be admitted to Okeley Care Centre. The home will endeavour to gather as much information as possible about the Service User and staff will support that Service User to help reduce anxiety and distress. A review will be held within 48 hours of admission.

Care Planning

A Care Plan is developed with each Service User and their key worker, and reflects the Service Users individual needs and wishes. Service Users and their relatives (with the Service Users permission) may have a copy of their care plan.

Care Plans are regularly updated, (at least monthly) to reflect and address the changing needs of the Service Users; which are discussed and agreed with them.

Monthly reviews of the Care Plan will take place at the Resident of the Day meeting or as a need changes.



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Key Worker Role

A designated member of staff will be assigned to each Service User to support and develop a caring relationship with the Service User so as to provide both guidance and counselling help as appropriate. They will also develop communication with families and external agencies. A full description of the key worker role is available if required.

Resident of the Day

At the heart of our quality system is the concept of 'Resident of the Day'. This concept provides a structured approach for all staff to get to know the people they care for better. It helps staff to understand what is important to the person and how they can meet their wishes and needs. It gives the person who uses the service, and their family, a formal, planned opportunity to share their experience of living in the home and receiving care. The chef, administrator, housekeeper and Care Manager visits the person, their room is deep cleaned and any changes identified and planned for. A letter is provided to the individual, and their family if they so wish, which explains the concept and tells them their allocated date. The same date is allocated to the person who uses the service every month and is deemed 'their day'.

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Medication

Staff who have had medication training and administer medicines in the home however, should Service Users wish to administer their own medicines a lockable space will be provided (unless a risk assessment indicates otherwise).

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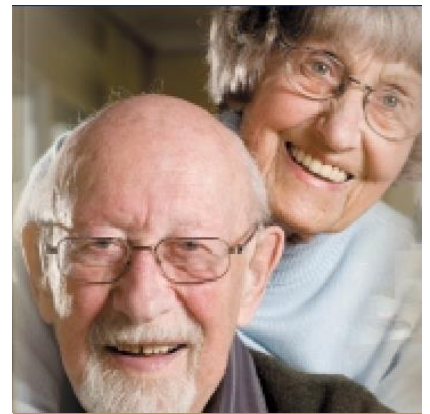
The following information summarises the commitment we have to ensure the rights of all Service Users are respected at all times.

Privacy

- ◆ Staff will knock and wait before entering a Service Users room.
- ◆ Staff are aware of the need to maintain confidentiality.
- ◆ When undertaking personal care procedures, these are provided in private.

Dignity

- ◆ All communication with Service Users is respectful.
- ◆ Service Users are called by their preferred name.
- ◆ Open visiting is welcome and arrangements for privacy are in place.
- ◆ Private access to a telephone is available.
- ◆ Service Users are offered a variety of activities and entertainment.
- ◆ Service Users are able to choose their own clothes and purchase their own clothes.
- ◆ Service User preference to receive care from a male or female is respected whenever possible.



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Rights

- ◆ Service Users are able to voice views at meetings and individually
- ◆ Service Users and chosen advocates are consulted when planning care
- ◆ Service Users have a right to take risks
- ◆ Complaints are treated with sensitivity and Service Users are encouraged to voice concerns without fear of reprisal
- ◆ Service Users give informed consent to treatment and have a right to refuse treatment or care
- ◆ Service Users are encouraged to bring their own furniture and possessions
- ◆ Service Users are involved in all aspects of planning their care and treatment

Choice

- ◆ Service Users may choose the time they rise and go to bed, the time they get washed and dressed, the number of showers, baths they have and choose where they eat
- ◆ Service Users have a choice of meals
- ◆ Service Users are allowed and encouraged to choose their General Practitioner
- ◆ Service Users are consulted when reviewing menus

Fulfilment

- ◆ Service Users are encouraged to fully realise their personal aims
- ◆ Service Users are encouraged to fully realise their full potential
- ◆ Service Users are happy and contented with their quality of life

Rights of the Home and its Occupants

- ◆ Service Users must respect the property and belongings of others
- ◆ Service Users must respect the privacy of other Service Users at the home
- ◆ Service Users must respect the rights of other people and allow them to continue in their beliefs and to make their own choices
- ◆ Service Users must respect both other Service Users and staffs' ethnic background, language, culture and faith
- ◆ Service Users must consider other Service Users in the home and not cause unnecessary noise, pollution or disturbance.



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Data Protection Act

In order to provide services we need to record your details which you have a right to see and check.

Information may be shared with other organisations we work with to provide services to you.

We will process and safeguard your details in accordance with the Data Protection Act. Information may be used in connection with the prevention and detection of crime.

Your permission is required to disclose personal information.

The address of the information Commissioners Office who ensures compliance with the legislation is given within our complaints section.

Principles

There are eight principles put in place by the Data Protection Act 1998 to make sure that your information is handled properly.

Data must be:

- ◆ Fairly and Lawfully processed
- ◆ Processed for limited purposes
- ◆ Adequate, relevant and not excessive
- ◆ Accurate
- ◆ Not kept for longer than necessary
- ◆ Processed in line with your rights
- ◆ Secure
- ◆ Not transferred to countries without adequate protection

By law data controllers have to keep to these principles.

Social Activities, Hobbies and Leisure Interests

Visitors

We have an 'Open Door' policy and visitors are welcomed at any time that is convenient to the Service User with the exception of our protected mealtimes unless they are dining with a Service User. Quiet rooms are available on each floor for Service Users to use if they wish to receive their visitors in a more private setting.

We ask that visitors arriving after 8pm should telephone the home in advance for security reasons.

Activities

We aim to provide as varied a programme as possible. This is, in addition, to one to one activities based on social assessments undertaken to identify interests and abilities.

Activities are as person centred as possible and Service Users are able to carry out activities that are meaningful and enjoyable for them.

The programme is displayed on the homes notice board. We shall discuss the programme with Service Users and relatives on an ongoing basis to ensure it remains interesting and provides for everyone's wishes wherever possible.

We shall encourage outside links with the community and work towards continuing to facilitate interests followed prior to admission.

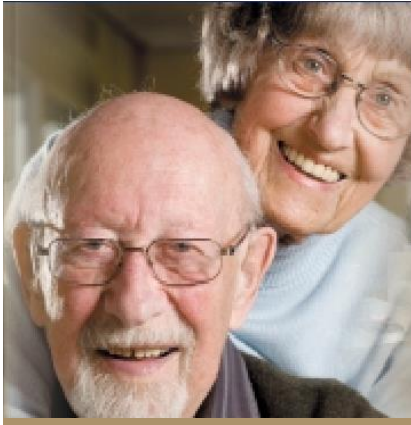
Additional Therapies

The home can provide information on additional therapies such as physiotherapy, reflexology and aromatherapy, and these services can be arranged to visit the Service User at Okeley Care Centre at an additional cost.

This list is not exhaustive and continuation of any additional therapies that a Service User uses prior to admission would be encouraged.



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Spiritual Needs

We try to meet all religious and spiritual needs and will encourage regular visits to the home by representatives from local churches or places of worship.

Individual requests will be discussed with each Service User on admission.

Advocacy

Advocacy services are available; details of the local advocacy service are available.

Post arrangements

The administrator is responsible for all post that arrives in the home; they will ensure all post is delivered to the relevant person unopened the same day that it arrives. Assistance is available if required to open and read post.

Service Users and Relative Meetings

Service Users meetings are held to discuss any issues that they may have, minutes from these meeting are available upon request.

Relatives meetings are also held to discuss any issues, minutes from these meetings are available upon request. Details of planned meetings are on display within the home.

Service User/Relative Satisfaction Surveys

These are routinely sent out to current Service Users and their families on a quarterly basis. These surveys are returned to the company's Communication and Support team who collate the information and produces a booklet showing the results, this is then sent out to the Home Manager who will display the results in the front hall and include any proposed action to be taken. Copies of these results are sent to Care Quality Commission, Social Services Contracts Managers and the Company Directors.

Quality Assurance

The home is registered and inspected by The Care Quality Commission, who carries out regular inspections. We may also be inspected by the following professional bodies:

- ◆ The Pharmacist
- ◆ Fire Service
- ◆ Health and Safety Executive
- ◆ Environmental Health
- ◆ Placement Officers/Care Managers
- ◆ County Council Contracts Monitoring
- ◆ Company personnel
- ◆ Training personnel

This list is not exhaustive.

Regular audits are undertaken by Company Personnel to monitor care standards and facilities.

Any change to our statement of purpose will be notified to the Care Quality Commission within 28 days.

Should a variation of registration be required in the future, a revised Statement of Purpose will be submitted to support the application.



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Fire Prevention Policy

Policy Statement

Okeley Care Centre is committed to the highest standard of fire prevention and control. Our policies have been developed to take account of the advice given to the company from the Fire Service Authority. Every effort is made to make sure all our equipment complies with current fire safety standards. All personnel are provided with fire safety instructions during the first session of their induction programme and given regular updates including fire evacuation exercises.

Fire Procedure

- ◆ Okeley Care Centre has a Fire Safety system that complies with current fire regulations that is approved by the local Fire Service.
- ◆ The General Manager or the nominated representative under takes a weekly check on the fire alarm system. The system is tested weekly and the test is recorded in the fire test register and kept at the care home.
- ◆ There is regular testing and maintenance of all fire extinguishers in line with current best practise. These tests are recorded in the fire register and are made available along with all test certificates during statutory inspections.
- ◆ All electrical appliances in the building are checked annually. The date of the test is noted on the appliance and entered in the fire appliance test register.
- ◆ All new purchased electrical appliances and any electrical appliances brought into the building by Service User or next of kin/significant other must be checked by the Maintenance Department before they are brought into use.
- ◆ All personnel receive fire safety training as part of their induction and ongoing staff training and development. This is recorded in the fire safety register
- ◆ The designated fire evacuation point for each home has been agreed with the fire service and is prominently displayed throughout the building.
- ◆ All fire drill exercises are recorded in the fire register.

Fire Action

If you discover a fire activate the fire alarm immediately.

Attack the fire, if possible, with the equipment provided, but do not take any personal risk.

On hearing the alarm a responsible person will call the Fire Brigade immediately.

Dial "999" (After pressing 9 to obtain an outside line)

The caller will remain calm and speak clearly and slowly to the operator and the operator will ask for the following information:

What emergency service do you require? State: **FIRE SERVICE**

Where is the fire? State: **Okeley Care Centre, Corporation Road Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2AR.**

What is the number of the telephone that you are calling from? State: **01245 287500**

What is your name? State: **My name is.....**

The operator or fire service may require the following information:

The type of home and the number of people in the building. This will include the Service Users, visitors and all staff.

The number of bed and wheelchair dependent people in the building.

Staff should immediately start moving Service Users, visitors and staff horizontally away from the site of the fire. There must be at least two fire doors between these people and the site of the fire.

This gives you a minimum of 60 minutes fire resistance.



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A member of staff should be detailed to contact the manager on call and advise him/her of the situation. This person will alert other appropriate managers.

A senior member of staff on duty should be detailed to meet the fire service and direct them to the fire. They will also want the senior member of staff on duty to be identified to them.

From the time of the arrival of the fire service the senior member of staff on duty should accept direction from the senior fire officer who will advise when the Service Users, visitors and staff can return to their floor and rooms.

At the end of the emergency the senior fire officer will debrief all staff.

The senior member of staff on duty must require the senior fire officer to make an entry in the fire register.

Dealing with Complaints and Compliments

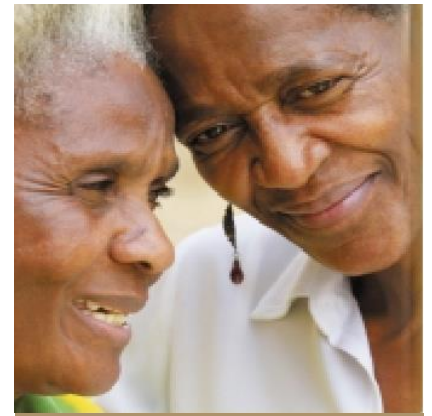
It is our belief that any comments, whether these be positive or critical can help in the improvement of Quality Standards and we are always pleased to receive feedback on the service provision.

Should anyone with an involvement in the home have cause for complaint, we would be happy to investigate the matter fully, record the details and offer a detailed explanation of the incident/occurrence and advise on action that has been taken. As a company we have a direct line to our Head Office who record and monitor Compliments and Complaints. The direct telephone number is 0800 1412168.

If a complaint is raised with a member of staff, the matter will be brought to the attention of the General Manager who will proceed to look into the matter in order to resolve the issue. The General Manager will also take steps to minimise the risk of a recurrence of the issue.

A full copy of the complaints procedure that details the second stage process is available within the home and the General Manager would be pleased to provide a personal copy on request.

In the event of the complainant not being satisfied, the person will be advised that the matter can be referred to Head of Internal Governance for Excelcare and/or Care Quality Commission and/or the Local Authority Social Service Department.



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The relevant addresses are:

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Excelcare Regional Office
Longfield Care Centre
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Tel: 01621 851010

Bill Scott

Head of Internal Governance
Excelcare
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61 Widmore Road
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Care Quality Commission

CQC Eastern Region
Citygate
Gallowgate
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4PA
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Contracts and Care Placements

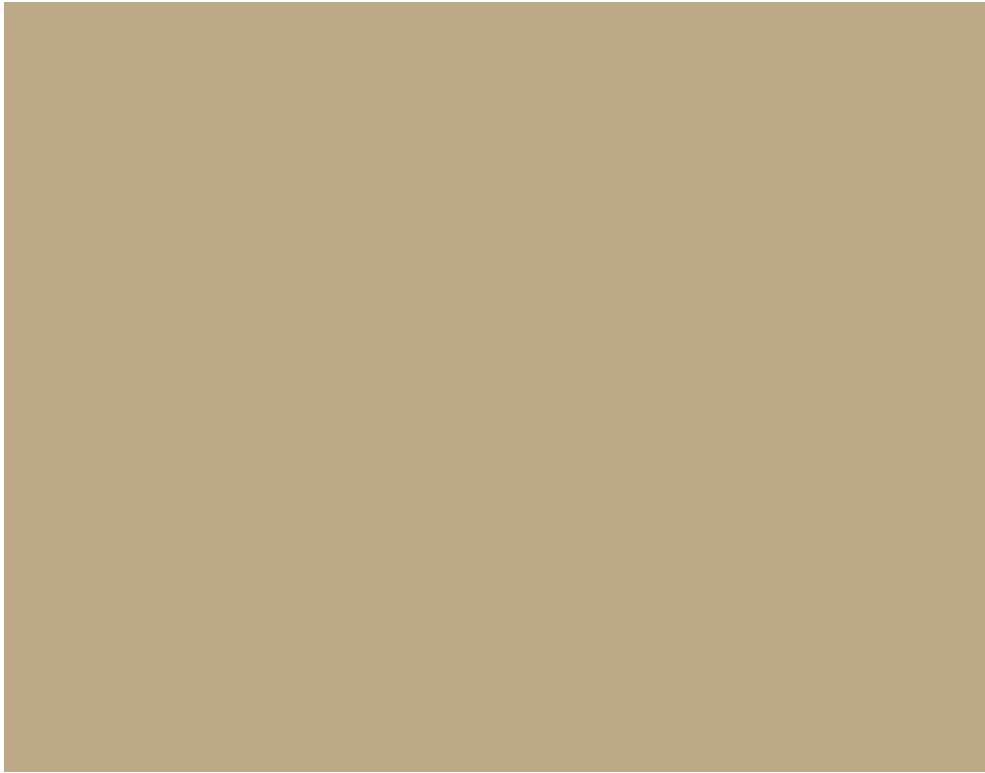
Essex County Council
County Hall
Chelmsford
Essex CM1 1HQ
Tel: 01245 434699

Local Government Ombudsman

Local Government
P.O. Box 4771
Coventry CV4 0EH
Tel: 0300 061 0614 or 0845 602 1938

Information Commission Office (Data Protection)

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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