

# **Oxford Centre for Enablement**

## **Prosthetics Service**

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Opening times: Monday to Thursday 8.30 to 4.30pm  
Friday 8.30 to 4.00pm

## **Introduction to the Prosthetics Service Oxford**

The Prosthetics Service is part of the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust in Oxford. It is situated in the Oxford Centre for Enablement building. Each year it provides a service to around 1750 users of artificial limbs who come from a large area, including Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Wiltshire.

### **THE TEAM**

**Medical Staff:** There is one consultant at the centre, specialising in the rehabilitation and medical care of amputees and those with congenital limb deficiencies. He has a particular interest in pain management following amputation.

**The Prosthetist** is responsible for fitting the prosthesis (artificial limb). There is a team of five prosthetists at the centre.

**The Physiotherapist** advises on exercises, wheelchair use and walking training to help people achieve independence. There are two physiotherapists at the centre.

**The Occupational Therapist** offers advice and training to upper and lower limb patients on how to perform day to day activities, e.g. dressing, cooking, personal care. He/she can assess your home, work or school and offer advice on any necessary environmental and personal changes that can help you get on with your life. There are two occupational therapists at the centre.

**The Counsellor** provides counselling for those clients and members of their families who would like to discuss the aspects of change in their lives. There is one counsellor at the centre.

**The Nurse** provides nursing input to patients as well as ongoing support and advice on health promotion issues. There is one nurse at the centre.

**The Reception/Administrative Staff** deal with any queries you may have. They also organise appointments and help with transport issues.

In addition, doctors undergoing specialist training and student prosthetists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists may also be present at your appointment.

## **Important Notices**

### **Hospital Transport**

Please note that hospital transport can only be provided if you need it on medical grounds.

If transport has been arranged for you, please be ready by 8.00am. If you are going to be at the centre for a long time, bring some lunch or money as we have a sandwich trolley at lunchtime. Bring any medication you may need for the day.

Hospital transport will considerably lengthen the duration of your visit so if possible do try to come by other means.

### **Help with travel costs**

If you are on a low income or receiving state benefits you may be entitled to claim the cost of travel to the centre. Please ask at reception for details.

### **Parking**

Parking at the hospital is limited and finding a space is usually difficult after 9.30am on weekdays. Parking is pay and display. The minimum charge is £2.00 for up to 2 hours, £4.00 for up to 4 hours and £10.00 for all day. Change machines are located at entrances to the main building.

Please consider using public transport. There is a Park and Ride bus available from the Thornhill Park and Ride on the A40. The car park is free but there is a charge for the bus.

### **Appointments**

A review appointment is usually set up for you following delivery of your prosthesis. In the early stages, routine appointments will often be made for you. Please call to arrange an earlier appointment should you have any problems.

Once you are more established, you will usually be left to request appointments when you need one. You can telephone our appointments staff on 01865 227295 and do not need to go through your G.P.

## Driving

For detailed advice about commencing or returning to driving, contact the Regional Driving Assessment Centre (there is a Centre in Eynsham, Oxon. but the contact address is in Birmingham):

Oxford Mobility Centre  
c/o Regional Driving Assessment Centre  
Unit 11  
Network Park  
Duddeston Mill Road  
Birmingham  
B8 1AU  
Tel: 0845 3371540  
Fax: 0121 33371540

Email: [info@rdac.co.uk](mailto:info@rdac.co.uk)  
Internet: [www.rdac.co.uk](http://www.rdac.co.uk)

Alternatively:  
[www.mobility-centres.org.uk](http://www.mobility-centres.org.uk)

By law, you must notify the DVLA

Address: Drivers Customer Services (DCS)  
Correspondence Team  
DVLA  
Swansea  
SA6 7JL

Telephone: 0300 790 6801  
E-mail: via website (see below)  
Internet: [www.dft.gov.uk/dvla](http://www.dft.gov.uk/dvla)

You can also find the necessary information at: [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)  
*Look under: Motoring/DriverLicensing/MedicalRulesForDrivers*

## **Useful Contact Information**

Prosthetics Reception (Appointments) 01865 227295

Physiotherapy 01865 227272

Occupational Therapy 01865 227279

### **Wheelchair Services**

Amersham 01494 734046

Aylesbury 01296 504611

Kettering 01536 516069

Maidenhead 01753 638647

Milton Keynes 01908 372538

Oxford 01865 227273

Reading 01189 636337

Swindon 01225 0899130  
01225 0899121

If you were supplied with only one footplate you will need to contact your local wheelchair service to request a second footplate if you are issued with a prosthetic leg.