

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Older Adults Home Treatment Team (OAHTT)

The team provides short term intensive home treatment to older adults with a functional mental health problem or dementia diagnosis. Their aim is to assess and treat people in a community setting preventing admission to a mental health ward where possible. They also facilitate a person's discharge from an acute inpatient mental health ward back to their home when additional mental health support has been identified.

The team operates from 8 am to 8 pm 7 days a week

ADDRESS: 7 Edmund Road, Sheffield, S2 4EA

CARE NETWORK: Crisis and Emergency Care Network

DATE: April 2019

1. ELIGIBILITY

The selection criteria for the above service are applicable to:

- Individuals over 65 years who have a functional mental health problem (Sheffield City Wide Depression Protocols 2004) and in line with the Trust's Transition Protocol (adults to older adults) irrespective of gender, ethnicity, sexuality, culture or physical abilities;
- Individuals with an established or working diagnosis of dementia;
- Individuals who are willing to engage with the service with the aim of preventing hospital admission and supporting recovery at home;
- Individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis;
- Where there is significant risk of self harm and harm to others (Sainsbury Centre 2006);
- Individuals who require intensive treatments (e.g. medication management/maintenance and complex case management, cognitive behavioural approaches).

2. THE REFERRAL PROCESS

Referrals are accepted from the Older Adult Community Mental Health Teams, Sheffield Memory Service, Liaison Psychiatry Service and other specialist services within Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust.

3. GEOGRAPHICAL POPULATION COVERED

The registered populations of NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group.