

Ageing Successfully In Oxfordshire

Please tick one box below to indicate the District/City service you are providing information on. Please complete a separate form for each service.

Health Promotion	✓	Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	DFGs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benefits Advice	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support for Older People's Groups			<input type="checkbox"/>

What organisations are your partners in delivery and how?

Message in a Bottle Scheme

Lead partner: Oxfordshire Lions who provide the bottles

Other partners: Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue, Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire Ambulance Service, NHS, local pharmacies, other District Councils.

All help to promote the scheme to vulnerable people and to distribute bottles through their networks, which include voluntary organisations, Age Concern, Parish Councils, housing associations, sheltered housing.

What are you achieving? What are the outcomes?

Providing a 'safety net' for vulnerable people especially those who have no friends or neighbours who could be called on in an emergency. Scheme helps the emergency services provide the right treatment at a home visit and to them to patient allergies, medication, current illness etc. CDC issues approx 1000 bottles per year.

What plans do you have to develop the service?

No specific plans, except to ensure that as many vulnerable people as possible are issued with a bottle.

What joint initiatives or other improvements would you like to see?

Improvements would include regular updates on the scheme and ongoing training/information about the service for new staff. Better promotion of the service through pharmacies, GP practices.

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