

Occupational Therapy at the Front Door of Adult Social Care: A Practice Evaluation

Interested in helping shape research about Occupational Therapy services in Surrey?

We are carrying out a research project to evaluate how Occupational Therapy (OT) services are delivered at the front door of Adult Social Care in Surrey. The study will involve interviews with professionals who provide these services, and we want to make sure the research focuses on the issues that matter most to people who use services and those who support them.

To help with this, we are looking for up to 10 people to join a User Reference Group. The group will include clients and carers with experience of Adult Social Care and Occupational Therapy services from across Surrey. Members will be asked to share their views and experiences to help shape the research and make sure it reflects what is important to local people.

People who take part will be reimbursed for their time in the form of a £45 Love2Shop Voucher per session they attend. Members are asked to attend three sessions of 90 minutes which happen as the research progresses, these will be online or in person. Then there is a final, in person event where we'll share our findings with everyone who has been involved.

If you would like to be considered, please complete the form below. We are keen to hear from people with a range of backgrounds, experiences and perspectives. As places are limited, unfortunately we will not be able to offer a place to everyone who applies. Completing this form does not guarantee that you will be selected to join the group. We will review all applications and aim to create a diverse group that reflects communities across Surrey.

If you have any questions before you complete this form please contact:

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After submitting this form one of the research team will contact you for further information and next steps.

* Required

1. First Name: *

2. Last Name: *

3. Preferred contact details: *

4. Do you have experience of Adult Social Care Occupational Therapy services at Surrey County Council? *

☐ Yes, as a client

☐ Yes, as a carer

☐ No

☐ I'm not sure

5. How would you prefer to meet? *

☐ In person

☐ Online (Microsoft Teams video call)

6. If you prefer to meet in person are you able to travel to any of the following locations:

☐ Victoria Gate, Woking, GU21 6JD

☐ Dakota, Weybridge, KT13 0YP

☐ Woodhatch Place, Reigate, RH2 8EF

7. Are you available on the following dates? *

☐ 14 September 2026 (in person or online)

☐ 26 October 2026 (in person or online)

☐ 15 March 2027 (in person or online)

☐ 26 July 2027 (in person event to share findings)

8. Do you have any access requirements?

9. Do you have any dietary requirements?

10. Do you require an interpreter and if so, what kind (e.g. BSL)? *

11. Your views and experiences are highly valued by the research team. It's important to us that everyone who takes part feels included and respected. If selected to take part in this User Reference Group do you commit to actively contributing your views to shape this research? *

- ☐ Yes I do
- ☐ No I don't
- ☐ I'm not sure

12. As part of participating in the User Reference Group the Research Team at Surrey County Council will collect data necessary for the purposes of this research project. This data includes your name, contact details and any other information shared here including if you have a disability. We will use this information only to contact you in relation to participating in the User Reference Group and ensuring any events are accessible for you. We will not share this information with anyone else. Your information will be stored securely on Surrey County Council devices and accessible to the Research Team only. After the research project concludes in August 2027 your information related to this research project will be deleted. You can request your data is deleted earlier at any time. Further information is available in Surrey County Council's Corporate Privacy Notice which is publicly available online. Do you agree to your data being used in this way?

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I do not agree

13. If selected to participate in the User Reference Group you will be reimbursed for your time via a voucher. It's important that you understand this counts as income which you should declare and may affect benefits that you may receive. Further advice on this is available from the Citizen's Advice Bureau: Benefits Advice Service (0808 278 7945).

- ☐ I understand and would like to receive a voucher
- ☐ I understand and would NOT like to receive a voucher
- ☐ I'm not sure

14. Have you taken part in any Co-production or Public Patient Involvement in Research activity in the last year?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

15. Is there anything else you'd like to tell or ask us about taking part in the User Reference Group?

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