

People Select Committee

Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG): The Role of SBC Occupational Therapy Service

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SBC OT Service

Our Mission and Service overview

The Occupational Therapy Service aims to reduce, prevent, and delay escalation in care & support needs, thus reducing the likelihood of admissions to hospitals & long-term residential care settings

Or put in differently, OT interventions and provisions help people remain at home for as long as possible and be as independent as possible

Moreover, where possible OT interventions help reduce the burden to formal and informal carers

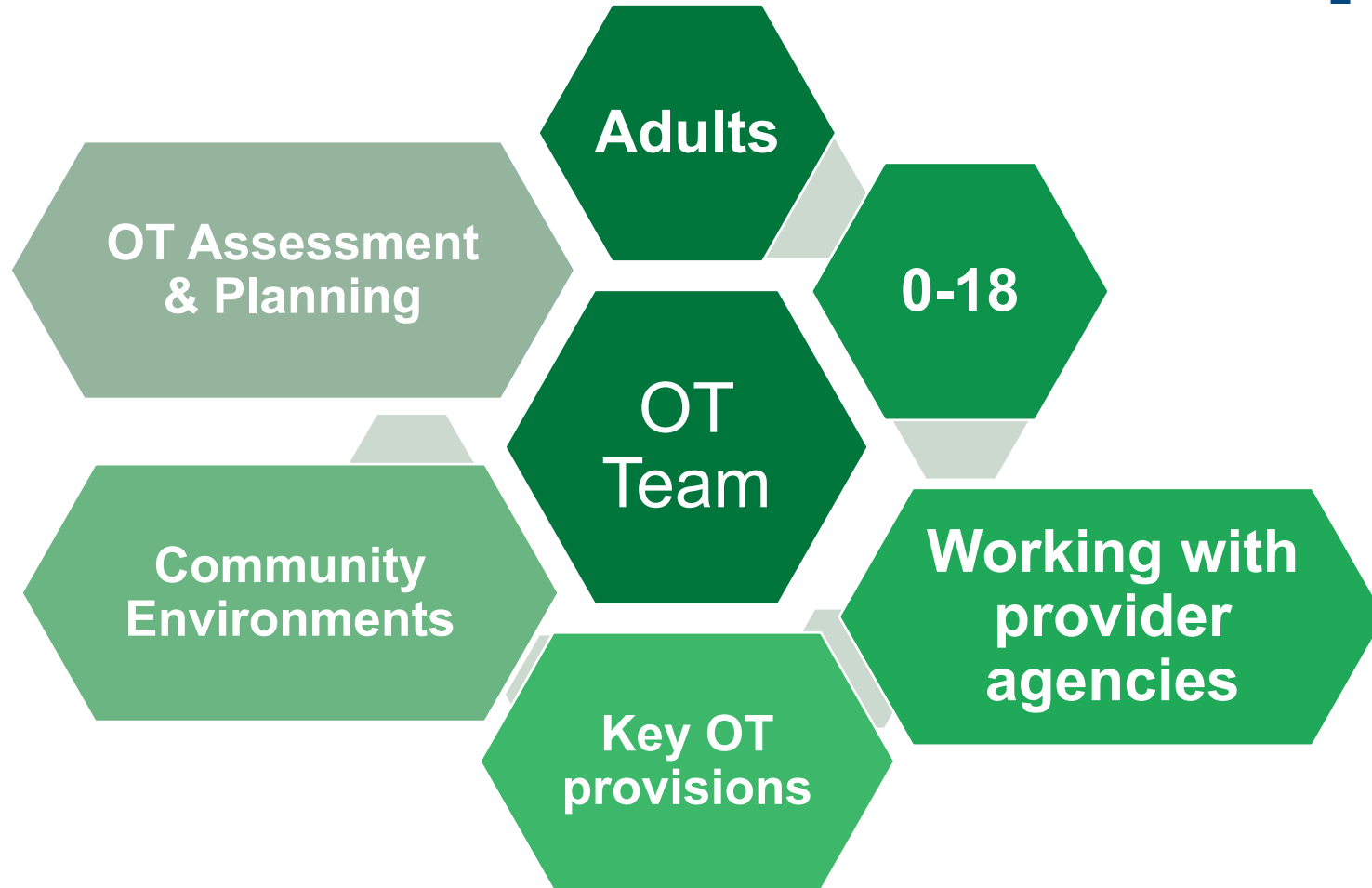
Legal Duties and OT Services

Housing Grants, Constructions, and Regeneration act 1996

Care Act 2014

- Assessment of need – “adaptations must be necessary and appropriate” (Housing Grants, Constructions, and Regeneration act 1996)
- LA’s legal duty to carry out assessment of need to anyone who “appears to have a **care and support** need” (Care Act 2014)
- LA’s general duty to arrange provision of preventative services (Care act 2014)

Our Mission and How Do We Get There



OT Team

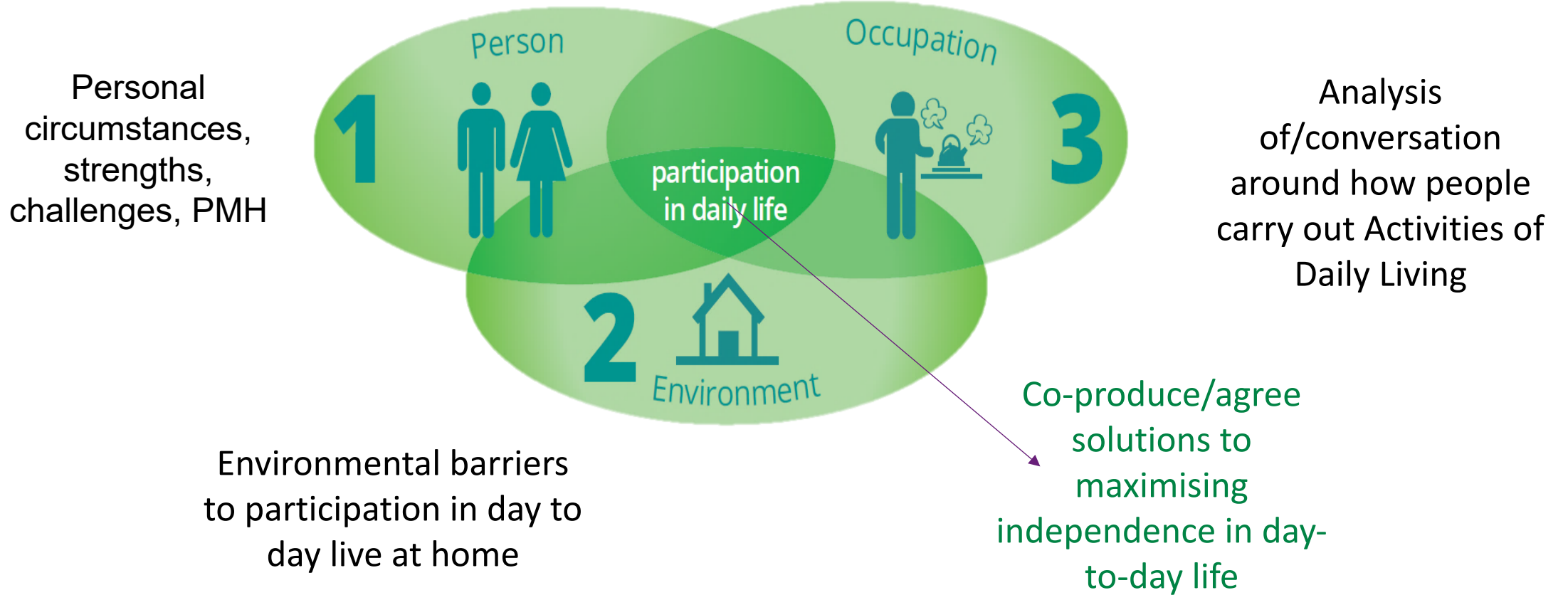
28 staff WTE 22.2 on part time and full-time contracts including:

- Team manager
- Deputy Manager
- 15 Occupational Therapists
- 11 Occupational Therapy Assistants (Trusted Assessors)

OT Provisions/output & Key Provider Agencies

- Equipment – Tess Community Equipment Store (TCES)
- Home Improvement Agency (HIA) – “Low-Cost Adaptations”
- **Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)**
- 13 group Social Housing Landlord and other Housing Providers
- Therapy plans to help people regain function
- Recommended reduction to existing domiciliary care packages
- Producing reports for appropriate housing
- Assess eligibility for Blue Badge and Buss Pass
- Best Interest Assessments under the MCA 2025 for those unable to consent to care/treatment
- Signpost/refer to other services and provide information and advise

OT Assessment & Planning



How do we measure success? Impact on Health & Wellbeing

Operational outcomes:

- Reduction in the cost of home care packages
- Reduction in long-term residential care admission/duration in stay
- Initiate assessments within 7 days of referral

Personalised outcomes:

- Functional independence Measures
- Personal Goals Attainment Scales
- Quality of Life Measure
- Service User Feedback

Long Term effects of waiting time/none provision

Financial impact: 1-week residential care £766/£834 and one day in hospital - £250-483

Adaptation Provisions:

1. Adaptations to facilitate Ground Floor Living: bathroom & toilet facilities
2. Adaptation to facilitate access to/from 1 floor: stair lift, through floor lift
3. Extension, if the above two fail
4. Ramped access
5. Wheelchair accessibility indoors
6. Wash and dry toilet facility

Long-term Implications of none provisions or delays in provisions:

- Re-housing
- Admission to long term Residential Care
- Delayed hospital discharge
- Remain in current accommodation – poor health outcomes & quality of life

OT Process

Recap

1. First Contact or SBC Internal Social Care Team (adults/children)
2. OT Team Triage processing time– 3-5 days
3. Initial contact made and background established within 7 days
4. Home visit: OT Assessment and Planning -7-10 days

Total lead time – up to **28 days** depending on priority and capacity & demand situation

5. Referral to DFG/13 Group for adaptations
6. After care for those on the waiting list

Demand on OT Services, OT output, and impact on demand for DFG

5-year trend

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Team Capacity	15.9	17.6 (+11%)	19.7 (+12%)	20.5 (+4%)	20.2 (0%)	20.2 (0%)
Total per year	2072	2670 (+29%)	3025 (+13%)	3649 (+21%)	3675 (0%)	4152(13%)
Per month (AVG)	173	223	252	305	306	346

Thank You

Any Questions / Feedback

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