
Occupational Therapy Services

Community alarm suppliers - Bedfordshire

What is a community alarm?

A community alarm may also be known as 'personal alarm', 'aid call', 'care alarm', 'emergency alarm' or 'lifeline'.

A care alarm system allows you to call for help and reassurance 24 hours a day for example if you are unwell, have an accident or a fall in your own home. The alarm system consists of a base unit, usually attached to your telephone and a portable alarm (usually a pendant, but sometimes worn on the wrist).

There are varying systems on the market all of which require a fee to be paid to either rent or buy the system and back-up service. People who receive benefits may be able to pay a reduced fee or sometimes no fee at all.

How does it work?

To activate the system you press the button on the portable alarm; a call is then automatically made to a central control area. The people in the central control area will try to contact you. If they cannot contact you and/or you require further assistance they will contact nominated relatives/friends or in some cases the emergency services.

Council providers

Bedfordshire County Council

<http://www.bedfordshire.gov.uk/HealthAndSocialCare/ServicesForOlderPeople/CommunityAlarmServices.aspx>

North Bedfordshire – BPHA Carelink Community Alarm Service

01234 716420

www.bpha.org.uk/services/older-people/care.asp

Mid Bedfordshire – Aragon Housing Association Lifeline alarm

01525 840505

www.aragon-housing.co.uk/contact_us.html

South Bedfordshire – Careline

01582 603893

Voluntary agency providers

Age UK

0800 772266

www.ageuk.org.uk/seniorlink

Disabled Living Foundation

DLF Factsheet: choosing a personal alarm system

http://www.dlf.org.uk/factsheets/pdf/Choosing_a_personal_alarm_system.pdf

You can find further suppliers in your local telephone directory.



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