

Pilot programme to improve support for people with neurological conditions

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A pilot programme has been launched by the Chilterns MS Centre to open up its services to people with neurological conditions other than multiple sclerosis. Initially focussed on people with Parkinson's Disease, the programme will make further use of the expertise the Wendover-based charity has built up over the last 36 years.

Being diagnosed with a neurological condition can be a daunting experience but the Chilterns MS Centre provides a wide range of treatments and services that help support people on their journey, services that go beyond what the NHS is able to offer. This support is also available to carers.

Physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and counselling, not to mention the provision of a supportive community, all help empower people with MS to thrive. 500 people benefit from the services offered by the charity every year.

Those diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease can often face the same or similar challenges so the Centre is keen to use its knowledge and expertise to enhance their quality of life too.

"So many people with multiple sclerosis have benefitted from the life-enhancing services we offer," said Catherine Golds, Chair of Trustees at the Chilterns MS Centre. "This is a really exciting time for our charity as we expand our capacity to support many more people who desperately need it."

Should the pilot be successful then the Centre will look at expanding this further to include people with other conditions such as those who have had a stroke.

If anyone with Parkinson's Disease feels they would benefit from the services offered then they should get in touch with the Chilterns MS Centre by phoning 01296 696133.

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