

What to expect from an OT assessment

A short guide for adults and families preparing for a private occupational therapy assessment with Restore OT in Grantham and across Lincolnshire.

What an occupational therapy assessment is

An occupational therapy (OT) assessment looks at how you manage everyday activities — washing, dressing, cooking, moving around your home, getting out and about — and what is making them harder than they need to be. It is practical, not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers.

Before your appointment

- We agree a date, time and place — usually your own home, so we can see how you manage day to day.
- We ask briefly about your health, medication and what you are finding difficult.
- You are welcome to have a family member, carer or friend with you.
- It helps to have any equipment you already use to hand (frame, stick, perching stool, bath aids).

On the day — what happens

- A conversation first: what matters to you, what a good day looks like, and your goals.
- A look at how you move around, transfer, use stairs, bathe and manage in the kitchen.
- A room-by-room review of access, lighting, flooring, seating and hazards, where relevant.
- Simple functional or cognitive screening if it is useful for planning your support.
- Trying out practical ideas and equipment together, at your pace.
- Assessments usually take 60 to 90 minutes. We take breaks whenever you need them.

Afterwards

- A written report with clear, prioritised recommendations you can share with family, carers, your GP or a contractor.
- Advice on equipment and adaptations — impartial and product-neutral.
- An agreed plan, with review or follow-up visits if you want ongoing support.

How to prepare

- Jot down two or three activities you would most like to be easier.
- Wear the footwear and clothing you normally wear at home.
- Have a list of your medication nearby if you have one.
- Note any recent falls, near-misses or hospital admissions.

Your privacy

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