

Shared Lives

Sharing homes, enhancing lives



Shared Lives



The Isle of Wight Council is committed to ensuring that vulnerable adults are given every opportunity to live full and independent lives in ordinary homes.



What is Shared Lives?

The scheme recruits comprehensively-assessed carers who use their own family home as a resource in order to support individuals to live in their local community.

As well as providing high quality, regulated care, it enables people to build a full life in their community and contribute to it.

Shared Lives can offer long-term care, respite and flexible day support to a wide group of people. And on top of this it is a cost effective and flexible use of resources which promotes innovative and non-institutional alternatives.

Who can become a Shared Lives carer?

Any island resident over the age of 18 can become a Shared Lives carer if they have a home that they own or rent with a spare room, subject to the approval process. Relevant care work experience is not essential as we welcome all applicants, and will provide full training, fees and ongoing support.

Shared Lives carers are self-employed and do not work to a fixed schedule but are paid in line with the expectations set out in a Shared Lives agreement.



Who can be supported by Shared Lives?

Shared Lives carers can support anyone over the age of 18 with a learning disability, physical disability, sensory impairment or mental health condition.

What are the aims of the scheme?

Shared Lives scheme aims are to:

- Give people the opportunity to live with a Shared Lives carer, long or short term as valued members of the local community.
- Develop placements in homes that can provide supportive, safe, clean and comfortable surroundings.
- Develop placements that can provide a warm, caring environment where a person can receive individual care and support when they need it.
- Provide a setting that allows the person to think and act independently and to take responsibility for their own actions.
- Provide a service that promotes choice and independence.
- Provide a service that is flexible and sensitive to the needs of the individual and their family.

What type of support can Shared Lives provide?

- Daytime opportunities
- Emergency services and overnight stays
- Short stay and respite services
- Long-term services

Who pays for what?

- Shared Lives carers offering their home to support a person will receive a standard fee in return for their support.
- The level of care and support required to meet the desired outcomes of the person will determine the fee.

For example, a Shared Lives carer supporting a person with low level needs would receive a starting payment of £155.40 per week for a long-term arrangement.

- Day opportunities, overnight, respite and short stay payments will be assessed on an individual basis depending on the needs, wishes and outcomes of the individual.
- Each individual supported by the scheme will be expected to pay a personal contribution towards rent, food and utility bills along with purchasing their own toiletries, clothing and community/leisure activities.



Want to know more?

If you are interested in Shared Lives either as a carer or someone who would like to find out if this type of support is right for you please visit the Shared Lives website, or give the team a call or email.

- iwight.com/sharedlives
- 01983 823209
- sharedlives@iow.gov.uk
- Riverside, The Quay, Newport, IW, PO30 2QR



Shared Lives is a local authority service provision which is delivered and monitored by the Isle of Wight Council. The service is also regulated by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).



The Isle of Wight Council is committed to ensuring that vulnerable adults are given every opportunity to live full and independent lives in ordinary homes.



If you have a visual impairment or need help understanding this document please contact us on (01983) 821000 and we will do our best to help you.

Route into Shared Lives for people interested in being supported by the scheme

Initial enquiry made to Shared Lives.

Face-to-face informal introductory visit by a Shared Lives worker at a place of your choice (eg in your home) with you, your family or representative and the social worker making the referral on your behalf to establish how a shared lives placement could make a difference to your life.

Individual expresses an interest to proceed with a Shared Lives arrangement.

Social care worker will establish the individual needs and wishes of the person that need to be met within a Shared Lives placement.

Independence plan submitted to Shared Lives service.

Shared Lives scheme establishes a compatible match, where possible, with a Shared Lives carer.

We aim to tell the person within 28 days whether we can meet their needs. If not, we will explain the reasons why.

The Shared Lives Scheme will support you with claiming your welfare benefits.

Matching Process by Shared Lives scheme identified.

Information provided about potential match who may be suitable to meet the needs of the person.

Introductory visit/s to potential Shared Lives carer e.g. overnight stay, pop in for tea.

Person, family or representative is happy to proceed with the Shared Lives arrangement.

Person, family, representative informed. If placement cannot go ahead, we will explain the reasons why.

Completion of placement and formal agreement signed.

Six week trial period and regular reviews.

Three month scheduled review.

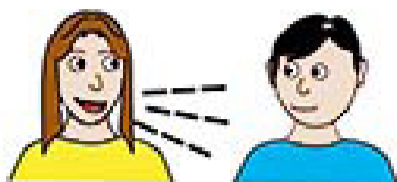
Six month scheduled review of placement.

Annual joint review.

An individual placement agreement may be terminated by the individual and their family and/or representative, the Shared Lives carer or the Shared Lives Scheme. In such circumstances, everyone will work together to safeguard the person until such time an alternative arrangement can be made.

Shared Lives: from enquiry to placement

talking

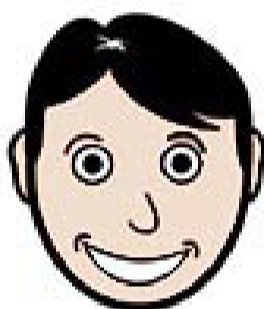


what support I need



happy

happy



checklist



agreed



live with a family



Route into Shared Lives for potential carer

Initial enquiry made to Shared Lives via contact details on the back page of this leaflet.

Information pack posted.

Follow up telephone call to arrange an introductory face-to-face visit with a Shared Lives worker at a place of your choice for an informal conversation.

Individual expresses an interest to proceed with a Shared Lives application.

Shared Lives worker will visit your home to establish if your home environment is acceptable to the scheme's requirements.

Shared Lives carer application form completed.

Shared Lives carer's application will be presented to the Shared Lives panel, skilled and experienced members who play a key role in approving new and existing carers into the scheme.

We aim to inform you of the panel's decision to accept or decline your application within 28 days of the application being received.

You will be required to attend a Shared Lives carer's induction.

Matching process by Shared Lives scheme identified.

The Shared Lives Scheme will support you will information and advice about welfare benefits.

Information provided about a potential match of a person who could be supported through the Shared Lives placement.

Additional training requirements identified to meet the support needs of the individual.

Introductory visit/s to the individual supported by the Shared Lives scheme e.g. overnight stay, pop in for tea.

Shared Lives carer happy to proceed with the Shared Lives arrangement.

Shared Lives carer informed. If placement cannot go ahead, we will explain the reasons why.

Completion of placement and formal agreement signed.

Six week trial period and regular reviews.

Three month scheduled review.

Six month scheduled review of placement.

Ongoing support and relevant training for carer, as and when required. Annual joint review.

An individual placement agreement may be terminated by the individual and their family and/or representative, the Shared Lives carer or the Shared Lives scheme. In such circumstances, everyone will work together to safeguard the person until such time an alternative arrangement can be made.