

Job Description

Job Title	Shared Lives Respite Carer
Pay	£444.51 per week, per person supported, paid in two parts. Fee from Council and person supported contribution.
Reporting To	Steff Anson
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Purpose

Shared Lives is a care and support service which offers an alternative to supported living or residential care. We support adults to live independently in their community with the support of a family and community network. It can be described as a bit like fostering, but for adults. People are matched based on shared interests, lifestyles, and sense of humour. Shared lives offer a rewarding and flexible way to support someone in your family home.

The people we support attend day service, work placement, volunteer or have day support from another carer Monday to Friday. You will be responsible for supporting an individual, who is carefully matched to your family, with daily living skills on a short-term basis. This is a post to provide respite support for full time Shared Lives carers and unpaid carers in your own home. The role is very flexible, and you would only provide respite when you are available to do so. As a shared lives carer, you could support- People with Learning disabilities, Autism, Mental health issues, ABI, Mum and baby, Dementia or people who need support after living in a Domestic Violence environment. All you need to be a shared lives carer is a spare room and an open heart.

Main Duties And Responsibilities

- Incorporate the person you support into your everyday family life.
- Enable the person you support to be an active member of your/their local community.
- Assist people with their individual needs which could include personal care, hydration, nutrition, medication, emotional and social needs.
- Always adhere to Safeguarding Adult's procedure.
- Follow the care and support plans of the individual residing in your home.
- Work with the scheme in a co-productive way to shape and develop the shared lives service.
- Follow financial procedure and keep a written record when required.

- Promote and encourage the people we support to be independent and to manage their own finances wherever possible.
- Adhere to Shared Lives policies and procedures.
- Comply with quarterly support checks which could include health and safety, support planning, medication and finance.

Role Specific Knowledge, Experience And Skills

Qualifications

- Full training will be provided.

Desirable

- NVQ/QCF level 2 or above in Health and Social Care.
- Care Certificate.

Knowledge & Skills

Ability to communicate effectively to the person you support, the Shared Lives scheme and other professionals.

Desirable

- Knowledge of person-centred approaches when supporting individuals.

Experience

- No experience is necessary as full training will be provided before you welcome anyone into your home. You will also receive on-going support.

Desirable

- Experience in supporting adults with various needs in a Health and Social Care setting.

Additional Information

- You will need to have a spare room in your home for the individual you are supporting to live.
- You will need permission from your landlord or Mortgage provider to register as a Shared Lives carer.
- You can apply if you are single, part of a couple, a family with children and everything in between.
- You will receive full support to complete your role and will be working under the Scheme Manager's registration however, this is a self-employed position.
- The pay you receive has tax benefits under the QCR (Qualifying Care Relief)



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Approved By: Amanda Parry Mateo, Head of Provider Services

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