



Shared Lives scheme

The Shared Lives scheme places people aged 16 and over who need care and support with approved carers who care for them in their family home. This factsheet is about the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole scheme but there are other schemes across the country.

Placements can be long term, short term, respite or day support.

There are lots of opportunities for Shared Lives carers and people using the scheme to meet and get to know each other before any placement goes ahead.

This scheme is registered with and regulated by the Care Quality Commission.

Shared Lives is for people who:

- have a learning disability
- have mental health concerns
- have a physical disability
- are an older person who needs care and support
- have dementia
- have complex needs.

People are referred to the scheme by their social care worker.

Shared Lives carers

Shared Lives carers are recruited, assessed and approved by the Shared Lives Team. Carers are continually given support and training, and placements are monitored by the team. Carers are self-employed and are paid for the service they provide, household costs and rent.

Great care is taken to match the people using the scheme with appropriate carers, and to provide support for carers to maintain positive and quality placements.

The scheme always welcomes interest from potential new Shared Lives carers.

For more information

- telephone 01202 451392
- email shared.lives@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

More information about the scheme is available at <https://sharedlivesplus.org.uk/>.

For more information about services please go to www.mylifemycare.com.

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