

BECOME A SHARED LIVES CARER



SUPPORT **SOMEONE** IN YOUR HOME

-  Help someone in need
-  Earn a good income
-  Flexible schedule
-  Work from home

 RESET

 RESHAPE

 RESTART

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE **FLEXIBLY** WHILST SUPPORTING SOMEONE **FROM HOME?**

We leverage our community's strengths and kindness by connecting those who can help with those in need of support to lead fulfilling, ordinary lives.

90% of people felt Shared Lives improved their social life and made it easier to have friends

82% of people said their physical and emotional health had improved

94% of people have more choice in their daily life

85% of people felt more involved with their community

The Care Quality Commission rates Shared Lives as the safest and highest quality form of social care, with **96% of schemes rated good or outstanding** in 2018.



We match people based on interests, personalities and lifestyles to ensure it feels like home



Shared Lives offers **two different models of care:**
Long-term and Short-term/Respite



Assist with daily activities: cooking together, making friends, attending appointments...

Utilise your spare room and offer someone a full and independent life in the community



USEFUL INFORMATION

SELF-EMPLOYED PERKS

You can start your Shared Lives career with short-term or respite care. It doesn't have to be long-term, but it can be. You'll witness the amazing difference you make in someone's life!

Over 10,000 Shared Lives Carers across the UK share their homes with those in need. By supporting someone from home, **you'll earn between £498 - £608 per week with tax relief, training, regular breaks, and access to a UK Carer Support Network.**

WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

Shared Lives focuses on **helping individuals gain confidence, learn new skills, and thrive.** Carers are typically practical, sociable, patient, and have a good sense of humour. Whether or not you've worked in a caring profession before, we're looking for people who can use their skills to make a positive impact on others.

WHO COULD I SHARE WITH?

Everybody is unique, and **we ensure that we match people based on their personalities and the level of care required.**

Shared Lives could be the correct route for many including those leaving hospital, living with mental ill health, learning or physical disabilities, a senior person living with dementia, or a young person from fostering.

SUPPORT FOR YOU

As your local Shared Lives scheme, **we provide training, support, a dedicated support worker, and a fee with tax benefits.**

If someone lives with you long-term, you'll also receive annual respite. Our care inspectors rate Shared Lives as the safest and best quality social care each year. As a self-employed Shared Lives Carer, you can join Shared Lives Plus, the UK membership charity for shared living, offering legal and financial advice, tailored insurance, and high street discounts.

We are proud members of Shared Lives Plus.

NEXT STEPS

Interested in becoming a Shared Lives carer.
Start the journey with your first point of contact:

STEP 1

Call or email Shared Lives Team for application form.
Simply complete and return to Shared Lives Team.

STEP 2

Visit from Shared Lives Officer in your home.
Giving you a chance to ask more questions,
as well as assess your home suitability.

STEP 3

Suitable and happy, the 'Assessment Process' begins.
Including completing Right to Work checks.

STEP 4

Checks completed, you'll be invited to attend 'Panel for Approval'. You will be supported by a Shared Lives Officer who will attend with you.

STEP 5

Once Approved, the 'Matching Process' will start.
You will have multiple visits to get to know the individual and make sure this is the best match for all.

STEP 6

Start your Shared Lives journey.
Welcome to the team!

BECOME PART OF A COMMUNITY OF SHARED LIVES CARERS IN BIRMINGHAM



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