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Shared Lives Dementia Scheme Respite Breaks for Carers



SHARED LIVES SCHEME

Are you a carer?

Do you:

- ✔ Support someone with dementia?
- ✔ Are you in need of a break?

If so you might be interested in the [Richmond Shared Lives Dementia Scheme](#).

The scheme can help you, by providing a Shared Lives Carer to look after the person you care for. The care can range from a few hours to a number of weeks. It's a flexible home from home scheme.

What is the scheme about?

The Shared Lives Scheme is a registered care service. Shared Lives Carers support people with dementia, within the Shared Lives Carers own home.

Who is the service for?

People with dementia and their carers who live in the Borough of Richmond

How are people with dementia matched with Shared Lives Carers?

During the matching process every effort is made to ensure that the person with dementia and the Shared Lives Carer are compatible. Meetings will be held to ensure that all essential information is relayed to both the person with dementia, their family and the Shared Lives Carer.

For example:

- The support individuals need
- Information on the person's interest, hobbies and past experience
- Information on what the person would like to do
- Facts about the person's health



Are the Shared Lives Carers trained?

The Shared Lives Carers go through an assessment which includes training. Background checks including a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) are completed. Shared Lives Carers are only approved once the Shared Lives Panel has been satisfied they have the skills to support a person with Dementia.

Are Shared Lives Carers supervised?

All Shared Lives Carers receive supervision and their work is monitored. Shared Lives Carers participate in training to develop their skills. The Shared Lives Scheme ensures that people get the support they require.

How can I be involved?

As the carer of someone who has dementia you are involved from start to finish in the way the service is planned and delivered.

How can I apply and pay for a Shared Lives Break?

Any carer supporting someone with dementia can apply for a Shared Lives Break irrespective of their financial circumstances. The person with dementia will be assessed by a social worker to see if they have substantial or critical social care needs and are therefore eligible for the Shared Lives Scheme. Following this you can also request a financial assessment to see if you are eligible for council funding towards your break. If you are interested in the Shared Lives Scheme and feel that you meet the scheme's criteria, simply contact us and we will discuss your individual support needs.



Contact details are on the back of this leaflet.