

What is Shared Lives and Compass?

Shared Lives and Compass are an alternative to traditional day support, respite and residential services. We support people to continue living as part of the community by sharing the homes of our carers/providers, developing independence, friendships and wellbeing.

Shared Lives support people aged 18 and over with a learning difficulty, physical disability, younger and older people with dementia, Neurodiverse, Asperger's syndrome, brain injury or mental ill health. We offer full time placements, short breaks or Compass Day support from Shared Lives Carers and Compass Providers.

Full time accommodation - This includes supporting individuals with all aspects of care and support in the home of the Shared Lives carer. Both parties agree to a license agreement and housing benefit is paid to the carer.

Compass Day Service - Support to develop independence skills and person-centred activities based in or outside the home of the Compass Provider. The home must be available to use, this is a one-to-one service tailored to meet the individual needs of the person accessing the service.

Short breaks - A short break within a Shared Lives Carers home to provide support to individuals. This can be a one off or take place on a rotational basis, for a weekend or longer.

Carers and Providers come from diverse backgrounds, from all walks of life within the Bradford District. There is a robust assessment process which can take up to six months, we complete a DBS, undertake references, provide

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training and approve carers and providers at our panel. Many of our referrals come from fostering as it allows for the foster carer to continue a paid role via a regulated service.

There is also a robust matching process, we draw up and exchange pen pictures, undertake introductory visits and monitor all matches via calls, visits and reviews. Matches are person centred and tailored to meet the needs of the individual, including language and cultural needs, mobility needs, interests and hobbies.

Principles of Shared Lives

Shared Lives enables people who use the service to:

- Have an independent life in the local community.
- Help people make informed choices.
- Undertake meaningful activities and have the social life they want.
- Develop and maintain relationships.
- Support their life choices and any spiritual and religious beliefs.
- In line with council vision of Happy, Healthy and at Home.
- In line with the council vision of Early Help and Prevention

How does it work for service users

- Service users need to have an eligible need under the Care Act 2014 and be referred to the scheme by a social work team.
- Funding needs to be agreed by the area team and a service line in place. A referral for a financial assessment needs to be made and a Mental Capacity Assessment completed where appropriate.

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- A Shared Lives social worker or Service Coordinator will visit the service user and whoever else the service user wishes to be involved and discuss the scheme.
- The service user will have a social worker or Compass Coordinator allocated to them for as long as they are on the scheme.
- The service user will receive routine visits and/or an annual review depending on the service they receive.

How does it work for Shared Lives carers/ Compass providers

- Once approved at the panel SL carers/providers are matched with prospective service users, this may take some time so that the right match is found.
- SL Social Workers/ Service Coordinators carry out regular visits and annual reviews.
- SL Carers/Providers are expected to attend regular training.
- The arrangement can continue as long as it is working well for both parties.

Cost of Shared Lives service

Full-time placements:

Nominal cost for application to panel = £598.96

NB The actual payment to the Shared Lives Carer is determined by the Shared Lives Social Worker, this is dependent on the needs of the service user. There are 6 carer fee bands;

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£580.58

£598.96

£617.42

£635.80

£654.26

£672.74

£672.74 CHC rate

Short Breaks:

24 hours stay – nominal cost for panel = £75.18

Compass Day Service:

Hourly rate – nominal cost for panel = £17.35

Cost to the Service User

For full time placements the service user will pay a charge for food and utilities and for board and lodgings.

For short breaks the service user will pay £14.87 per 24 hours stay.

For Compass Day service the service user will pay an assessed charge in accordance with their financial assessment. They will also need to pay for activities undertaken and reimburse the Compass Provider for mileage used during sessions at 45 pence per mile.

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Key Links

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