

LEWISHAM SHARED LIVES SCHEME

SHARED LIVES CARER RESPONSIBILITIES

Title: Shared Lives Carer

Supported by: Shared Lives Officers

Carer role:

- To provide care, support, and accommodation, within your own home. To promote independence for an individual with assessed care and support needs.
- To support the individual to become part of the family home and community, and to enable the development of skills and opportunities to enhance their quality of life.
- Carers are self-employed but approval by the Shared Lives Scheme makes them bound to adhere to legal requirements as regulated by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Carers may provide long term arrangements or respite stays.

Carer Responsibilities:

- To provide care/support and accommodation in your home for between 1 and 3 service users. Each person must have their own adequately sized bedroom and access to communal areas.
- To provide advice or support in line with the following values:
 - Develop independence skills e.g., practical tasks such as cooking, cleaning, laundry, medication, and managing finances.
 - Enable choice making in daily living.
 - Ensure inclusion in family life, services and the local community.
 - To support people to their health appointments, when required
 - To work closely with the Shared Lives Scheme which is registered with Care Quality Commission, and to follow borough and Scheme policies and procedures.
- To maintain accurate and confidential written records.
- To attend and contribute to service user and carer reviews and support positive outcomes from these.
- To be committed to continuous self and professional development which involves attending relevant training courses.

- To liaise effectively and jointly with family members and professionals of the Community Learning Disability Team (this includes Care Managers, Social Workers, Community Nurses, Speech and Language Therapists etc) to ensure the best quality of care for the individuals.
- To work positively and closely with the Shared Lives team and keep them well informed of all issues and events.

