

1. About Shared Lives South West

Shared Lives South West recruits, trains and supports individuals and families (Shared Lives Carers) who can offer accommodation and care for vulnerable and disabled adults in their home, enabling the person to share in family life and maintain their independence. This is known as Shared Lives.

Our service supports adults over 18 years of age and occasionally young people in transition into adult services from the age of 16 upwards. We currently support around 340 people on a long-term basis in around 310 shared lives homes and have up to a further 170 people using our short break services. We provide support to people with learning disabilities, people who have a diagnosis of dementia, a physical or sensory disability, mental ill health and parents who have a learning disability with their child. We currently have five contracts from Local Authorities across Cornwall, Devon and Somerset to support our work and a range of project funding totalling around £1.8 million per annum.

You can read more about the activities of Shared Lives South West on our website www.sharedlivesw.org.uk.

Shared Lives South West is a registered charity and a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. We were set up in 2004.

2. If I join Shared Lives South West as a Trustee what can I expect?

You will be joining an enthusiastic and committed team of eight Trustees. Induction and training for the role will be provided. The appointment will run for three years and be subject to an annual review with the Chair of the Board. Two further terms of three years may be agreed. You will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement, declare any relevant business interests and complete a charity related parties register prior to your first Board meeting. You will be required to declare, on an ongoing basis, any further relevant business interests and/or conflicts of interest that may arise.

This is a voluntary post and would be offered subject to satisfactory references.

3. How do I apply?

If you would like an informal chat about the role, please call Claire Waring, Leadership Assistant on **01626 360170**. Claire will arrange a call for you with Cheryl Lewis, Chair of the Board of Trustees. The closing date for all applications will be 18th March 2020.

Please complete the application form (CV's alone are not accepted) and return it before the advertised closing date. All candidates will be notified if selected for interview or not ASAP after that date. Application forms can be requested by post or downloaded in full from our website www.sharedlivesw.org.uk

If you have any queries about the recruitment process, please contact Claire Waring, Leadership Assistant on **01626 360170**.