

Dear Prospective Trustee,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a trustee of Shared Lives South West (SLSW). SLSW is an award-winning regional charity that delivers Shared Lives services across Devon, Plymouth, Torbay, Cornwall and Somerset. Our purpose is to support people to live meaningful lives, enable independence through personalised, affordable care, by sharing a home and family life and by supporting involvement in the local community. We have been providing this support for over 15 years and had the best 15th birthday present in 2019 when we received an 'Outstanding' rating from the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The shining report stated that SLSW is well led, provides and promotes high quality care and that leadership was exceptional and distinctive with a culture that is totally focussed on people's success and achievement. It is the passion, commitment and hard work of our carers and staff that enables us to do this.

Our Board of Trustees support the organisation in their governance role, though strategic planning support and as 'critical friends' to the leadership team. Trustees are offered an opportunity to have a real and meaningful involvement in what the organisation does. We are looking for a small number of new trustees who will work well alongside the existing team. If you are interested in the Shared Lives approach and are able to commit regular time to the role, we would love to hear from you. Previous board-level experience is welcome but not an essential requirement and you will receive training and support.

I hope the enclosed information encourages you to pursue your application. If you would like an informal chat regarding the trustee role, I would be happy to chat with you. Please contact Claire Waring on **01626 360170** to arrange this.



Cheryl Lewis
Chair of the Board of Trustees

