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Dear Sir or Madam,

Shared Lives Banding update

I am writing to provide an update around the Shared Lives banding toolkit that is being brought into place.

As you will be aware, Somerset County Council alongside Shared Lives South West carried out a consultation process with carers around implementing a banding system.

Adult Social Care have received sign off from cabinet members to introduce the banding toolkit for carers, including a two-year protection for current Shared Lives placements for carers where they would make a financial loss from a change in banding.

Moving forward, we are now working with Shared Lives South West, Shared Lives carer, service users and their families to carry out Reviews within the Taunton locality on all long-term Shared Lives placement. Once the reviews have been carried out within the Taunton area, we will review the process and roll out throughout Somerset. Please note, the two-year protection will commence from the completion of the Review for each individual.

For individual queries regarding reviews for individuals within your care, please contact allocated workers or your local triage team via Somerset Direct. For queries or questions around the introduction of then banding toolkit, please contact myself via the details above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellie Welch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E' and a stylized 'W'.

Ellie Welch
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