

SHARED LIVES SOUTH WEST Services

Long term services

Where the person using our services lives permanently with one of our SLSW Carers.



Short breaks

Where the person using our services lives permanently with one of our SLSW Carers.



Day time services-

Where the SLSW Carer supports someone in the carers home and the community during the day.



Flexible support

Where the primary purpose is to support the person in a community based activity.



"Just next door" support-

- where the person using SLSW services can move on to a more independent living arrangement within or very near to the Shared Lives carers home.



Who can Shared Lives South West support?

Our services can meet a very wide range of support needs as our carers have a very broad base of skills and experience. We can offer a support service to:

- People with a learning disability.
- Young people with a disability in transition into adult services from aged 16+.
- People with mental health needs.
- Older people.
- People with dementia.
- Parents with a learning disability, with their children.
- People needing home from hospital support and reablement in the community.

What are the benefits of a Shared Lives service?

- It is Cost effective – a Shared Lives service usually costs the funding authority no more or even less than a residential care placement or a supported living service.
- Outcomes focussed – the service is focused on the individual and what they want to achieve.
- Enabling – Shared Lives gives people the opportunity to have one to one support to develop their daily living skills and independence and many people move onto a more independent setting after a service with SLSW. Our service is based on the strengths and abilities of the individual and working with them to fulfil their ambitions and desires such as getting a job, making friends, learning new skills and going to new places.
- Personalised – the service is delivered in a small scale family setting and the SLSW Carer gets to know the person really well, so can tailor all aspects of their support to the specific and unique needs and aspirations of each person using the service.
- Community based – Shared Lives takes place in an ordinary family home within the local community and people who use the service are supported to become active citizens.
- Warm and caring – the person who uses the service is supported to share in home and family life and is embraced as a full member of that family. Our support is all about living a full and happy life.

How is our service delivered?

SLSW delivers its service through a network of SLSW Carers. Our SLSW Carers have been comprehensively assessed and checked before being approved.

Carers undergo training before and after approval and have to meet agreed standards of care to be part of the scheme.

Each of our SLSW Carers is supported by an experienced and qualified social care worker employed by SLSW.

They will monitor and support the service through regular visits to the SLSW Carer and person using our services plus telephone support, and will liaise with relevant care managers and other professionals.

All Shared Lives services provide the following:

- Inclusion in home and family life.
- Support to develop your potential and work towards achieving goals and aspirations.
- Encouragement to take positive risks, in a safe and supportive environment.
- Flexible and responsive support, tailored to the person's (changing) needs.
- Encouragement to develop and express personal preferences, choices and views (including cultural/spiritual).
- Enabling support to develop and maintaining independence.

How do I find out more about Shared Lives services?

Visit: www.sharedlivesw.org.uk