

## Banding Levels

Shared Lives services are costed on a band level system based on the input required from the Shared Lives Carer in relation to the needs of the person using SLSW services. The band level descriptors and related fees form part of the agreed contract and are non-negotiable. The band level is determined between SLSW and the representative of the purchaser for each service using the descriptors and this must be agreed before the commencement of the service. The band level is reviewed after 15 weeks by SLSW once the day to day support for the person using the service within the Shared Lives placement has been more clearly established. The band level may be reviewed annually thereafter or where the purchaser is bound to consider this matter under the terms of the contract. Prices may be subject to annual review with relation to inflationary increases in fees, as agreed with the purchaser. All prices are shown ex VAT. VAT may be applied to elements of the price as applicable when invoiced.

## Long-term services

- The cost of service for panel figure at each band is the maximum likely cost to the purchaser or the Shared Lives service. This is the amount that should be taken to any funding panel. This may be reduced following a charging assessment, undertaken by SLSW on behalf of the purchaser as part of our contract. Any assessed contribution will be the responsibility of the person using the service.
- The cost of service for panel figure includes a fixed amount per service paid to SLSW to arrange, monitor and support the service in line with the requirements of CQC (the organisational charge), and a variable amount which is paid to the carer (the care and support charge), which considers the required input of the Shared Lives carer to support the person using the service meet the desired outcomes of the service. Both these elements have been agreed through the procurement process and are fixed for the duration of the contract, expect for inflation increases or other mutually agreed review.
- The cost of the service is shared between the person using the service and the purchaser. The commissioning purchaser meets all costs related to the provision of care and support and the management of the service minus any assessed contribution by the person. People using our services are normally also responsible for meeting their own rent and household costs.
- In some cases it may be agreed that the commissioning purchaser underwrites this cost while the person using the services is being supported to claim all eligible welfare benefits. Any monies recovered relating to this period may be reimbursed to the purchaser at a later date.

## Short breaks and day support

Short break and day support services are charged at an inclusive cost on a banded basis. The price of the service will be determined according to the needs of the person, the desired outcomes for the person using the service and the amount of effort, input, skills and knowledge required by the Shared Lives Carers to meet those needs and outcomes, as agreed by SLSW and the care manager. Prices for a person using our services whose needs are in excess of our band levels are negotiated on an individual basis.

## Specialist services

For Just Next Door services and Parent and Child services, please contact us direct for more information on 01626 360170.