

# Shared lives SERVICE

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## What is Shared Lives?

Shared Lives supports adults with learning disabilities, physical or mental health problems and older people. The scheme enables them to become part of a real family and live life to the full.

The service matches people with an approved carer. Some people move in with their Shared Lives carer, while others stay for a short break or regular daytime visits.

## Who can be a Shared Lives carer?

Our Shared Lives carers come from all walks of life and they do a superb job.

They are friendly, have lots of enthusiasm for the people they look after and find it very rewarding.

We just ask that you are committed, caring and that you have a spare room in your house.

## What does the work involve?

This depends on the person you support. You might need to:

- Accompany people to appointments.
- Provide personal care and support.
- Provide transport to leisure activities or work placements
- Assist with holidays and outings.
- Encourage people to get involved with their local community.
- Help to manage finances and safekeeping of medication.

## Do I need any qualifications or experience?

You don't need any qualifications, our Shared Lives team provide all the training and support you will need.

## What is the recruitment process?

All of our carers go through a thorough assessment process which involves an application form, home visits, and an interview with an individual representative.

Once the assessment has been completed you will then attend an informal interview with a panel.

## Will I get paid?

Our carers get a generous allowance ranging from £15,600-£23,800 a year (£300-£450 a week), based on the needs of the person you are caring for.

## How do I find out more or apply to become a Shared Lives carer?

Visit our website to find out more about becoming a carer and complete the online enquiry form

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Or give our friendly team a call on **01772 531326** or email **[sharedlives@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:sharedlives@lancashire.gov.uk)** and we will be happy to help.