

# Would you like to live in a supportive and caring home?



Information for people who are interested in  
living in a Shared Lives family home



## Bristol Shared Lives

## What does Bristol Shared Lives do?



At Bristol Shared Lives we help adults with learning difficulties, physical disabilities, mental health issues and older people.



We help you to find a carer to stay with for the length of time that is right for you. This could be long term or short term.



Some carers live alone, some live with a partner and some live with their children.



All our carers receive ongoing training and have had police checks.



The carer will include you in their home and family life and activities.

## Finding a Shared Lives carer for you



When we have helped you to find a family home that might be right for you, we can show you a brochure of the home and a photo of the carers.



You will be able to meet the carers and visit them a few times so that you can get to know each other.



You can try staying overnight once or twice.



If you and the Shared Lives carer are happy, you will be able to move into your new home.



## Your Plan



We will ask you to help us write a Service User Plan which will tell your carers all about you.



**Your Plan** will say what you do during the day and what you like to do in the evenings and at weekends.



**Your Plan** will say what support you will receive to look after yourself and to do the things you want to do.



**Your Plan** will also say what new things you would like to do and learn.



Once your support from Shared Lives has started we will have regular meetings with you and your carers. At the meetings we will talk about whether you and your carers are both happy and whether there is anything we need to change.

As well as your service user plan you will have a placement agreement. This will tell you the things that you and your carer will do to support each other.

## In your new home



In your new home you will be treated with respect. You must also treat the people who live with you with respect.



In your new home, you will have your own room and you can bring your own things to put in it.



Your friends and your family can visit you and you can also go to see them.



Your carers will be paid for supporting you.



You will also need to contribute to your living costs.



You will agree with your Shared Lives carer how you can be involved in daily living tasks.

# Staying in touch with Bristol Shared Lives



You have the right to make a complaint if you feel there is a problem with your placement.

## Bristol Shared Lives contact information



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Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm  
Friday 9am to 4.30pm



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