

TRANSITION FROM FOSTERING TO SHARED LIVES



1. REFERRAL

The Sandwell Shared Lives team receives a referral from a social worker, fostering agency or a foster carer. This may be from Sandwell or another local authority. The individual must live in Sandwell.



2. INFORMATION GATHERING

The team make enquiries to ascertain if the individual is suitable for the service, if they have capacity to make a decision on their living arrangements or if a Best Interest's Decision is required. A care plan is requested at this point.



3. INTRODUCTORY VISIT

The team will visit the carer and individual at the family home to discuss the service and processes. The workers complete a funding tool to determine the banding and costings of their service.



4. FUNDING APPROVAL

The team submit costings to the social worker via LAS or email. The team advise the social worker of any other processes to be complete where necessary such as MCA/BID. The team await costings to be approved in writing via LAS or email prior to beginning the assessment process.



5. CARER ASSESSMENT

The workers complete the Shared Lives assessment process for the carer. This can take up to 12 weeks. The carer's assessment will be heard in panel and they will receive a certificate of approval for the scheme.



6. LEGAL PAPERWORK

A placement agreement and tenancy agreement are drawn up. This outlines terms and rules of the placement arrangement for the carer, individual and scheme. This can be used to support the individual to claim any social benefits they may be entitled to.



7. TRANSITION DATE

A date is set for the placement to officially transition from a fostering placement to a Shared Lives placement. It is from this point that Shared Lives receive payment for the carer. The social care team remain responsible for the individual. Shared Lives role is to support the carer and manage the placement on their behalf.



8. REGULAR REVIEWS

The Shared Lives team monitor, support and review the placement arrangement regularly. The team conduct regular carer review and individual appraisals. The team ensure the home is safe and effective due to being CQC regulated.

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