

What is Shared Lives?

[Opening image: concentric circles. Blue walls, four paned window, cartoon]

[Text: Logo: Durham Shared Lives Scheme; Durham City Council]

[Text: What is Shared Lives? Become a Shared Lives Carer in Durham]

[Image: Cartoon image of young male waving]

[Music: uplifting music throughout]

[Image: Concentric circles. Animation of young man seated on yellow chair beside low table with books and a clock. Green walls and carpet. The Shared Lives logo on the wall as if a picture.]

[Young man narrates:] “Shared Lives is a care and support service which is for people aged 16+ who want to live independently in their community with the support of a family and community network.”

[Image: pans back to reveal a cat playing with a ball, a chest of drawers with photos on top and a potted plant]

[Young man narrates:] “It’s an alternative to supported living or residential care.

Over 10,000 Shared Lives carers use their own home and family life to share it with somebody who needs support around the UK.”

[Young stands up and walks to next room, kitchen, with an older woman seated at the table holding a book. Green walls and floor. The young man joins her at the table. There are kitchen cabinets with yellow doors, a microwave and a bin and a lampshade above the dining table, upon which is another potted plant.]

[The cat walks into the kitchen and sits by the table looking at the woman.]

[Young man narrates:] “Working at home you can earn between £350 to £650 a week with tax relief, training, regular breaks and a UK support network. And you get to see the amazing difference in someone’s life. Shared Lives Care is based on shared interests, lifestyle and sense of humour. It’s a bit like fostering but for adults. It feels like an ordinary life for someone who needs support and doesn’t like feel like a job for you.”

[Image: Concentric circles]

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