

Disabled Children, Adults Learning Disability and Mental Health
Kent County Council | Adult Social Care and Health

Kent Shared Lives



Statement of Purpose

About the provider:

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Legal Status:

We are a provider service within Kent County Council and adhere to Kent's Adult Social Care and Health policies and procedures.

The Care Act and the Care and Support Statutory guidance, issued under the Care Act, provides the legislative framework for the provision of the Shared Lives service.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) will inspect the service to ensure we comply with legislation. CQC will provide a rating for the service which will be displayed on the service's website.

Aims and Objectives:

Kent Shared Lives provides recruited, trained, and approved carers, that offer care and support as identified within an individual's assessed care and support plan. This is provided within the carers family homes and can be for a long or short-term basis or day support depending on assessed need and outcome.

The carers provide alternative and highly flexible forms of accommodation, care, and support, including the regulated activity of personal care. This enables the individual to share and be part a of the life and activities of the Shared Lives carer and have a meaningful life within the local community.

The role of the Shared Lives Service is to support and monitor the carers, to provide high quality care and support to the individual.

What types of services can be provided:

The service provides placements for individuals across Kent, who have been assessed as having eligible care and support needs under the Care Act.

Shared Lives consider referrals from social care teams which should include an up-to-date care needs assessment, care and support plan or pathway plan and risk assessment (if required). The funding and support for this service will need to be secured through the individual's appropriate social care team.

Shared Lives may be able to provide a service to are people who have a learning disability or difficulty, sensory impairment, physical disability, autism spectrum condition, is an older person, dementia, mental health needs, people who misuse drugs or alcohol, people with an eating disorder.

The following services are available:

- Short and long-term placements.
- Short breaks (includes day support or overnight stays).
- Transition or preparation to independence.

Urgent placements - Consideration will be made when an individual needs a placement urgently. In these circumstances this will need to be closely monitored to assess the needs of the individual and if they can continue to be met within Shared Lives.

Out of county placements – Shared Lives will consider referrals for individuals wishing to live or remain in the borough of Kent, however funded by another council within the country.