

Market Position Statement

Shared Lives

May 2024

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL / COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS

Commissioning intentions:

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- Commissioners are currently working to develop Category 5: Shared Lives of the DPV.
- In Summer 2024, providers will be invited to apply for admittance onto the DPV. Following the conclusion of this exercise, commissioners will re-procure this contract via mini competition.
- Commissioners intend for a new Shared Lives contract with a revised service specification to be in place by June 2025.

Direction of travel:

Specific areas to be explored during development of the re-procurement include but are not limited to:

Increasing the availability of accessible properties available to Shared Lives recipients – as well as Shared Lives Carers.

- Increasing opportunities for Younger People (16+)
- Increasing referrals and attachments for individuals with more complex needs
- Increasing the utilisation of the Disabled Facilities Grant to fund home adaptations, enabling continuation of placement(s).
- Embedding Shared Lives into Adult Social Care operations with face-to-face engagement and embedding Shared Lives as a BAU option in placement panels
- Ensuring carers' fees are reviewed and proportionate settlements agreed
- Developing a champions network within Adult Social care

DEMAND / NEED

The below highlights service activity for 2023-24.

| Primary support need for long term placement (2023/24) | No. |
|--|-----------|
| Learning Disability Support - Primary Support Reason | 31 |
| Profound Multiples Learning Disabilities | 3 |
| Mental Health Support – Primary Support Reason | 6 |
| Physical Support- Primary Support Reason | 11 |
| Learning Disability - Sensory Impairment Visually impaired | 1 |
| Learning Disability Support and Autism | 1 |
| Mental Health Condition -Social Support for social isolation / other | 1 |
| Physical Support - Access & mobility only | 3 |
| Physical Support - Support with Memory and Cognition | 1 |
| Total | 58 |

| Ages of people using the scheme for long term placement | Number of people |
|---|------------------|
| 16/17 | 1 |
| 18-24 | 10 |
| 25-64 | 38 |
| 65+ | 9 |
| Total | 58 |

Long term Arrangements

- In financial year 2023/24, Shared Lives supported a total of 58 different long term customers across the year, and ended the year with 60 ongoing long term arrangements.
- 2 long term customers moved on this year.

Day support

- In financial year 2023/24, Shared Lives provided day support sessions to 10 people who also live with Shared Lives Carers on a full-time basis. These are provided by different shared lives carers to enable the long-term carers to have a break.
- A total of 1086 day support sessions.

Respite

- In financial year 2023/24, Shared Lives provided 200 total of nights of respite to 8 people who live with their families, or who needed temporary support, e.g. after leaving hospital.

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