

Finding a Shared Lives Carer. 'Matching'



Matching is about making sure you get the Shared Lives Carer or Shared Lives Carers that are right for you.



Finding a Shared Lives Carer you get on well with.



Finding a Shared Lives Carer who can help you with the things you need.



All Shared Lives Carers are properly trained.

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We will find out about you and what you need by talking to you and those important to you.



We will find out what skills the Shared Lives Carer has and what hobbies and interests you share.



We will find out where you would like to live and where the Shared Lives Carers live



We will give information to you about Shared Lives Carers that we think are a good match; and will give the Shared Lives Carers information about you.

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You will be able to meet the Shared Lives Carers. You can take someone with you when you meet if you want to.



Meeting will give you and the Shared Lives Carers chance to get to know each other.



You will be able to meet the Shared Lives Carer and their family or other people that live with them.

Meeting a Shared Lives Carer usually involves things like



Seeing the house and local community.



Seeing the bedroom if you would be staying overnight or moving in.



Having a meal there.

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Have an overnight stay if you would be staying for short breaks or moving in.



Ask the Shared Lives Carers any questions you want to.



You or someone you trust can visit the Shared Lives Carers as many times as you want until you want to make your mind up about staying with them or moving in.



If you want to go ahead with the match you can have a trial period. This means we will agree a length of time to try out the Shared Lives Carers home.

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You and the Shared Lives Carer can then decide if you are a good match.

You should take your time; it is an important decision.



It is OK if you don't think the match is right for you.



You can talk to the Bethphage Shared Lives Officers or Manager about what you want and why the match did not feel right. We will try to find a different Shared Lives Carer.



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