

## **Day in the Life – Shared Lives Officer**

Every day is different and brings its own rewards and challenges.

You will be supported by the Shared Lives Team Manager, Senior Shared Lives Officer and fellow Shared Lives Officers.

Once full, comprehensive induction has taken place, Shared Lives Officers have a lot of autonomy over their calendars and schedule. Working in a person-centred way, we very much work WITH our Carers and Service Users to schedule visits to suit them.

Shared Lives Officers hold their own caseloads and build strong relationships with both their Carers and the Service Users they support.

On a typical day we could be –

- In the Team Office in Dorchester for a Team Meeting (approx. 1x month)
- Visiting Carers to carry out Monitoring Visits or Annual Reviews
- Preparing for / writing up the above visits
- Visiting Service Users at their Day Activities to carry out Placement Reviews and / or gaining feedback on their placement
- Facilitating Matching Visits between Service Users and Carers
- Undertaking mandatory e-learning / attending online learning sessions
- Updating paperwork such as Service User Shared Lives Support Plans
- Liaising with other professionals – Social Workers / Assessment Support Coordinators / Education & Day service providers etc
- Discussing referrals, identifying suitable Carers & feeding back to Referrers
- Engaging in workshops and Scheme promotion meetings
- Responding to new carer enquiries
- Supporting prospective carers through the approval process – undertaking home visits, working through the Carer Assessment and undertaking checks such as DBS and references

## **What is Shared Lives?**

Shared Lives is a community-based service offering accommodation and support to adults with learning disabilities and/or other social care needs. It is person-centred, rights based, inclusive and built on positive relationships. This model of care and support is all about sharing family and community life and can be adapted for day, respite and long-term arrangements.

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