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## Shared Lives Schemes – Adult Placement

### What are Shared Lives Schemes?



Shared Lives, which used to be called Adult Placement, means you live in a home and are part of the family.



It provides you with support and personal care by the Shared Lives carer.



The carer can support up to 3 people.



You can share the whole house and mealtimes but you will have your own bedroom.



You will have an agreement but it is not as secure as owning your own home and you could be asked to leave at 4 weeks notice.

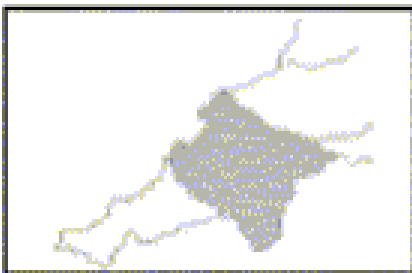
## Who are Shared Lives Schemes for?



People using Shared Lives Schemes must be 18 years old or over.



Most schemes are for people with learning disabilities but they can also be used by people with mental health problems and older people.



There are Shared Lives schemes all across Devon.

## What can Shared Lives Carers do?



Carers can provide long term housing and support.



or they can provide housing and support for a shorter time before someone moves into their own home.



They can also provide short breaks or day time support and support people who live in their own homes.



The types of daily living help that Shared Lives carers provide can be things like:

helping people to learn things so they can live on their own such as cooking, cleaning and shopping



help with money



help with transport



help with laundry.



Some carers can also help with washing and using the toilet.

## How is a Shared Lives placement arranged?



A Placement Officer will talk with you, your carer and other people who know you well.



You will then be matched with a suitable family who have been approved to be a Shared Lives family.



The types of support you get will be agreed before your placement starts or during a trial time with the family.

## For more information



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