Information for prospective volunteers

Adult Placement Service
Sharing time, improving lives
What is Adult Placement?

Adult Placement, also known as Shared Lives, offers people over 18 an alternative and flexible form of accommodation and support. The support is provided by individuals and families in the local community.

The scheme enables a wide range of vulnerable people, who need support, to live independent lives and improve their health and well-being.
Placements can be:

- **Day to day** where an individual or individuals (up to a maximum of 3) receive day care in the carer’s home.
- **Short term** where individuals are based for short periods of time such as a weekend or week.
- **Long term** where individuals are matched with carers with a view to the placement being permanent.

We support a wide range of people including:

- Adults with disabilities
- Adults with learning disabilities
- Adults with mental health issues
- Older people

People in adult placement have the opportunity to share the daily life of their carer and to live a full and independent life, making their own choices about how they want to live.

Who can become a carer?

Anyone can become a carer. If you have the following qualities it could be for you:

- Commitment
- Time to spare
- A good sense of humour
- A caring and understanding nature
- Sensitivity and warmth

What are the benefits of being a carer?

**Support:** you will have a named adult placement worker who will offer support and supervision appropriate to the placement. Staff can be contacted Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm and an out of hours worker will also be available at all others times.

**Training:** training is on-going and throughout the year, you will also be able to meet with other carers at arranged meetings.

**Payment:** this is a voluntary role, however you will receive payment to cover your expenses which includes any mileage.
What happens next?

Talk about the scheme with all members of your household. Write down any points that are not clear to you.

Visit [www.warrington.gov.uk/adultplacement](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/adultplacement) or contact the Adult Placement team on 01925 444187 for more information.

If you wish to proceed please contact the team who will arrange a personal visit where you can discuss the process in more detail.

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