

Share and Care Homeshare



- Share and Care Homeshare has been matching homeshares since 2006 and is the largest, most experienced provider
- Member of Homeshare UK
- We offer a nationwide, personal service
- We have policies and practices in place to ensure safeguarding and delivery of quality assurance

What Does Homeshare Offer to Local Government/Commissioners?

- Cost-effective safety net for vulnerable members of the community
- Lower care costs – people staying in their own homes for as long as possible
- Reduced service use [GP, Social Services, Community Mental Health Teams]
- Helps to prevent “bed blocking” – with someone in the home, discharge may be possible
- Potential savings – reduced use of A&E, reduced use of respite day services, reduced hospital admissions

What does Homeshare Offer to Vulnerable/Elderly Householders?

- Reduces anxiety, increases confidence
- Alleviates loneliness
- Remain in own home, where they want to be
- Reduced risk of falls/accidents
- Helping someone in need of a home – self-worth

“Quite simply without Share and Care we’d have had to move Anne to a nursing home” Paul Sedgwick about his Aunt who suffers with bipolar



What does Homeshare offer to Sharers

- Low cost accommodation
- Safe and secure environment
- Becoming part of a family
- Alleviates loneliness
- Self worth - helping someone else
- “Giving something back” to the community

“My world was turned upside down when my husband lost his business and we separated but then I met Jennifer”
Judith aged 54 Share and Care Homesharer



Why a Homeshare agency is key? Experienced Matching+ Support

Practicalities:

Routines/schedules fit

Eating habits

Accommodation

Fit:

Chemistry/Personality/Religion

Shared interests – basis from which to build friendship

Support:

Experienced interviewers + matchmakers

On going regular contact

Advice

Experience eg Dementia

Challenges and risks of Homeshare

Challenges:

- Sharing space
- Timing of when support is required
- Loss of 25% single persons council tax allowance when having a Sharer
- Pension credits could be reduced
- Escalation of Householder needs
- Not a regulated service

Quality Assured



- Share and Care Homeshare is fully compliant with Homeshare UK's Quality Assurance Framework
- Sharers don't provide personal care regulated activities as defined under 2017 Act therefore there is no CQC requirement
- Sharers are police checked
- Homeshare Licence Agreement – contract to share the home under licence not as a tenant
- Not employees

Local Government Authorities

WE NEED YOU to! 

- Review policy on Council Tax
- Raise staff awareness of Homeshare to frontline staff
- Establish routes of referral
- Promote that best practice and safeguarding **is** in place
- Allow personal budgets to be used for Homeshare
- Recognise Homeshare can support those leaving hospital or care institutions, and those with early onset dementia

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