

*Scottish Borders Health & Social Care
Integration Joint Board*



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SHARED LIVES UPDATE	
Purpose of Report:	To provide an update to the board on the progress of development of new Shared Lives Scheme.
Recommendations:	<p>The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the progress to date with regards to the set up of the new service and note that the first Shared Lives Carers were approved at panel. • That the Health and Social Care Leadership team will be asked to determine the demand for Shared Lives for other client groups in years 4-5 and indicate priorities to enable planning to begin in year 3.
Personnel:	<p>This project is managed by the Learning Disability Service Planning and Development Officer.</p> <p>The service is commissioned by a 3rd sector provider – Cornerstone.</p>
Carers:	<p>Existing foster carers, who were considering becoming Shared Lives Carers, have been active participants involved with the set-up and implementation of the new Shared Lives Scheme from supporting the writing of quality questions within tender documentation through to interviewing organisations and reviewing the steps within the set up of processes and support arrangements.</p> <p>This has ensured that Carers will receive appropriate support and that situations arising in the set up phase were addressed promptly to mitigate against any issues arising.</p> <p>The first 6 families have been approved at panel and the Shared Lives arrangements began on 30th November 2020. 5 of these are long term live in arrangements and 1 is a respite arrangement. Benefits of being a Shared Lives Carer are well documented and refer you to the IJB report of 25/2/2019 for these.</p>
Equalities:	<i>n/a at this stage</i>

Financial:	<p>The IJB authorised the funding of start up costs for this project split over 2 years with ongoing funding being met within the LD Commissioning budget.</p> <p>Our business case indicated that over the 3 year lifespan of the initial contract we may accumulate a cost avoidance of approximately £1.6m.</p> <p>Support arrangement costs are considerably reduced in comparison to the alternatives models of Supported Living and Care Home models of delivery and this will run as a cost avoidance model.</p> <p>Early indications demonstrate an in-year saving of circa £48k comparing previous foster care costs with Shared Lives costs. Moving forward, long term care cost avoidance would amount to circa £164.5k for these 6 people.</p>
Legal:	<p>This supports the move of young people from Foster Care registration to an adult placement scheme - Shared Lives where their existing foster carers can (when appropriate) become Shared Lives carers. Of the original 8 young people identified, 6 have now moved to the Shared Lives Scheme with their foster carers becoming Shared Lives Carers; 1 is moving into a different model of support by Jan 2021 and 1 other will be moving to a Shared Lives arrangement in the new year.</p>
Risk Implications:	<p><i>Legal Risk as above in legal section now almost completely resolved.</i></p>

Situation

The Scottish Borders Shared Lives Scheme contract became live on 1st March 2020. The Service provider has worked closely as part of a project team with Scottish Borders Learning Disability services and Children's Services to progress and put in place all the relevant processes alongside carrying out the assessments of the first cohort of 6 families who were the existing foster carers of 6 adults with learning disabilities. All 6 families were successful at the Shared Lives Approval Panel and individuals started their new Shared Lives arrangements on the 30th November 2020. This is an incredible achievement during the global COVID-19 pandemic and a real tribute to the dedication of the project team and new provider working in partnership with the families.

Please see attached media release that Cornerstone will be issuing in week of 14 Dec 2020 for further information and quotes from various stakeholders.

Background

Work took place with Shared Lives Plus in 2018 to progress the development of the business case for Shared Lives as part of the Scottish Borders Learning Disability Strategic Commissioning Plan 2015-2019. In 2019 the Integrated Joint Board approved

funding to begin the set up of the new scheme and a collaborative approach to a robust tendering process and award of preferred tenderer took place.

Assessment

The first 6 families have now been approved as Shared Lives carers enabling 6 adults with learning disabilities to continue to be supported in the families they already live with.

A further cohort of young people have been identified who will benefit from this support arrangement and their prospective Shared Lives carers will go through the assessment process over the next few months.

The project manager will now be liaising with the Health and Social Care Leadership Team with regard to the future expansion of Shared Lives in Scottish Borders. Planning will need to commence during the next 12 months of the contract (year 2) in order to expand the service to other service user groups e.g. older adults, adults with mental ill health and adults with other disabilities from year 4 of the 5 year contract.