

Report Item 3.3 Shared Lives Plus Funding Model

Shared Lives Plus use a model based on the Household Expenditure Survey to set a **basic fee** paid to long term carers, to ensure that people living in a Shared Lives arrangement are able to enjoy the same standard of living as anyone else. This element of payment considers the additional cost of accommodating an additional adult in terms of food, utilities etc.

There is also the Care Element to the fees paid. Shared Lives Plus provided a model assessment tool designed to ensure that relevant information is taken into account before making a judgement on 'Level of Care Banding Levels'. The tool *is not* intended to be used as initial assessment of need, but rather *after* the community care needs assessment has been carried out and Shared Lives has been identified as the best way **to meet the individual's needs** and the care and support plan has been agreed.

The proposed payment levels assigned to the 'Level of Care- Banding Levels in the 2015 SMT report were

Band	Payment (£)
Band 1	50
Band 2	85
Band 3	115

Day Carers

The HBC payments made to the day carers still use the three Levels of Care identified in Appendix 1 Banding Levels above as a guide but payments for day care were set historically against the rates of learning disability services and some other residential care services when the service was originally set up many years ago before the 2015 report set Adult Placement rates for long term carers.

Report Item 3.8 Marketing Campaign included the following:

- Chatty Chair sessions at various venues
- Stalls in the market
- Banners in libraries.
- Updated the website to include a quick contact button
- Asked our current carers to promote the service.
- Spoken to other sub regional local authorities about their efforts to recruit.
- Spoken to specialists in Universal Credit to understand how any payment we may make will affect any UC payment.
- Spoken to the job centre about advertising and providing a self- employed option (currently not available through Job Centre.)
- Consideration of a permanent job offer on the HBC website.

The above campaign was also supported by using social media via major social media accounts. There was some interest however only one person is still considering becoming a registered shared lives day carer.