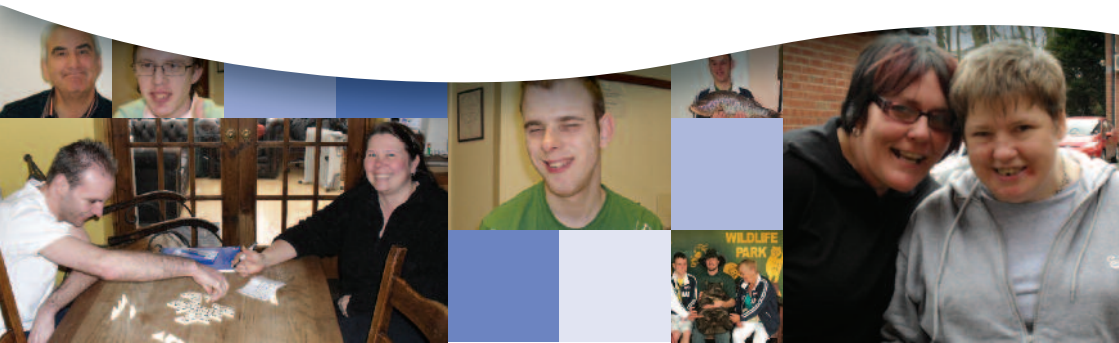
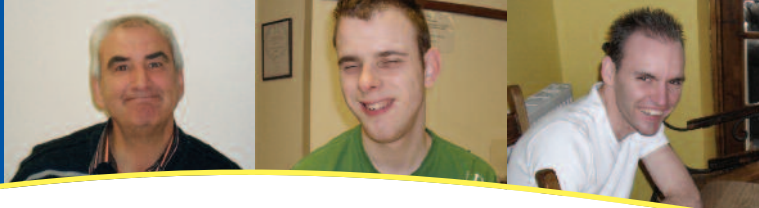




St. Anne's Shared Lives

Offering Homes to People with Learning Disabilities





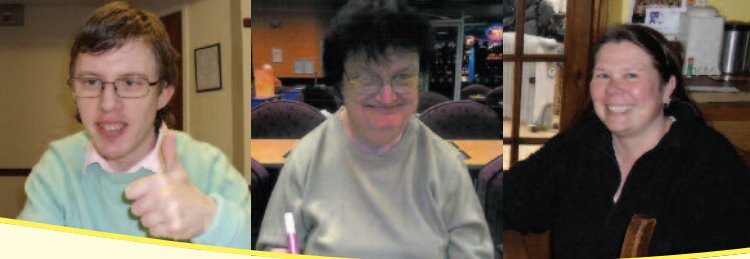
St Anne's Community Services

St Anne's Community Services is an established social care and supported housing organisation working across the North of England.

St Anne's provides a wide range of housing, day care and community support to people with a learning disability, a mental health or substance use issues and the many homeless people who still need our services.

St Anne's has rightly earned a reputation for innovation and responding to the needs of individuals with a range of high quality service, working in partnership with health and local authorities and other voluntary organisations.

St Anne's is now a major provider of care and support services throughout the North of England.



St Anne's Shared Lives

St Anne's Shared Lives was set up in 1992 to fill a gap in services in Leeds. The scheme has an experienced and skilled staff team. Our aim is to recruit carers who can offer a permanent home to adults with learning disabilities. We were previously called the Community Carers Scheme.

Social Services already have a respite scheme to give holiday relief but ours is the only long term scheme for adults in Leeds.

The scheme has been successful and has provided homes to over 90 people previously living in hospitals, hostels or with their families, since it began.

St Anne's Shared Lives is registered as a Shared Lives service with the Care Quality Commission (CQC), under The Health and Social Care Act 2008.

The scheme is assessed as being Excellent.

A copy of our inspection reports are available on request.

We have a wide range of carers: they include families with young children, single people of all ages, gay couples, couples whose children have now grown up and left home, and those from BME communities.

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Shared Lives Carers

Training & Approval

Our approval process is thorough, aims to approve only the most suitable and caring people and meets the requirements set out for all Shared Lives services under the Health and Social Care Act 2008.

Potential carers attend a series of eight training courses and undergo a comprehensive assessment at home on several occasions.

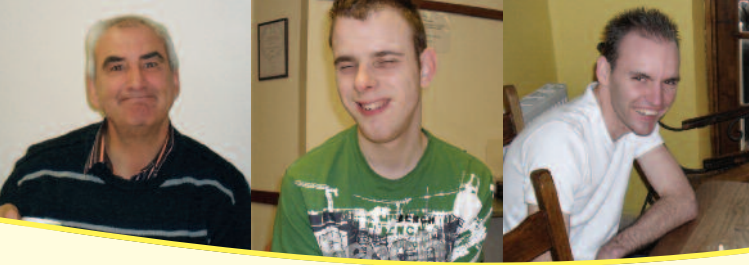
CRB, health, work and personal references are taken up and a report is then presented to a multi-agency approval panel. Once approved, carers complete the Learning Disability Induction Award and Common Induction Standards. Carers work to the policies and procedures of the scheme, receive ongoing training and have the opportunity to complete NVQ Level 3.

Support

After an arrangement has been set up, carers will continue to receive support and supervision from St Anne's Shared Lives staff in the form of regular home visits and there is a 24-hour helpline for carers. An annual carers' review will also take place.

There are regular support group meetings for all carers to share experiences and receive ongoing training. Clients are also visited independently on a regular basis.





Care and Support

Choice

One of the great benefits of this scheme is that our carers are able to offer a wide variety of houses, lifestyles and levels of care in all parts of Leeds. This enables us to offer a home with support which meets the individual needs of your relative.

People using this scheme will be provided with their own bedroom and the use of shared facilities in the house. We also ensure that homes are warm and comfortable and that proper meals are provided.

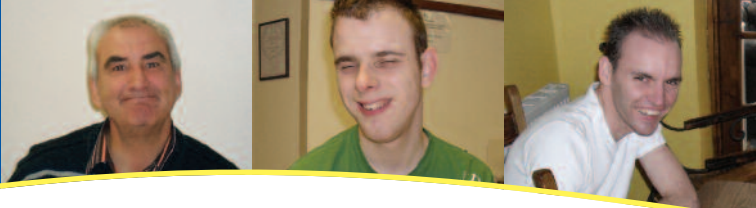
Matching

A thorough assessment and careful preparation of clients and of carers is the best way to ensure that a successful match is made. Introductions will be arranged and can be as long or as short as necessary before both sides need to commit themselves permanently.

Monitoring

A 'Shared Lives' agreement is drawn up prior to a client moving in, which outlines the needs of the client and details how the carer and others involved can together meet those needs. Respite care is built into each arrangement and we make great efforts to ensure that suitable day-time activities are made available to each person. Arrangements are reviewed after a three month introductory period and then six monthly.

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Family Support

When considering a possible move for your relative, we realise families often face a very difficult decision. We are happy to meet and discuss the scheme informally and to answer any questions or worries you may have.

We see the wishes and needs of your relative as the most important consideration in providing the right home. Your involvement in helping to identify these is crucial.

We see you as being an important part of making any move a success and hope the families and friends will be as involved as they feel able in discussions, introductions to potential carers and the setting up of an arrangement.

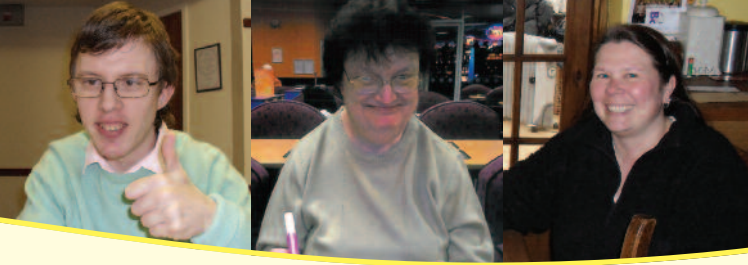
It is obviously important that once your relative has moved to their new home that you can keep in touch. We will do all we can to arrange this for yourself and your relative.

Shared Care

We have a number of successful arrangements where the client lives with Shared Lives carers and returns home to spend each weekend with their family.

These arrangements can last as long as it suits everyone involved.





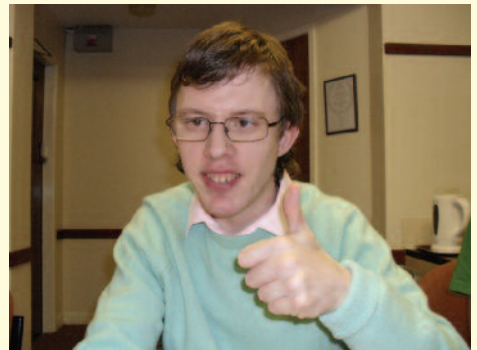
William

William had lived with his parents all his life when they became ill and could not offer him the care he needed any more. He met with carers on our scheme and decided he would like to try living with them, rather than in a hostel.

With the backing of his family, he moved in and has learned a lot of new skills, has an active social life and is very much part of the household.

The carers have helped him accept leaving his parents and he has been able to spend regular weekends with them. William continues to attend his training centre and he also enjoys spending a few breaks each year with the same respite carers he has always had.

In fact his carers have developed a good relationship with his parents and have been extremely supportive of them. His parents are reassured that they have seen him settled and know that he is happy in his new home, which has enabled them to have an improved quality of life.



St Anne's is a not for profit, person centred organisation.

We provide a range of services in the North of England to people who have learning disabilities, mental health issues, substance use issues or who are homeless.

Last year we supported over 3,000 people.

Who to Contact

If you would like to talk to somebody about this scheme,
or you want to proceed with your application, please contact:

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