

Adults Scrutiny MEETING
01 April 2025

SHARED LIVES

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview to Adults Scrutiny Committee of the Shared Lives model of support and the new service offer in Darlington.

Summary

2. The Council conducted a Homecare and Supported Living re-tender exercise in 2024 which was a key commissioning intention outlined in the Adult Social Care Market Position Statement and Commissioning Strategy. The new contract became operational on 3 February 2025. The contract period is from 3 February 2025 to 31 October 2026 with a further option to extend for two years (1 plus 1 plus 1). The Council is able to exercise its discretion and re-open the framework from time to time to allow new providers to join the framework based on an assessment of market supply and demand factors.
3. A new Shared Lives service has been established as part of the new contract, and work has been initiated with the provider to develop a robust Shared lives offer in Darlington.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that :-
 - (a) Members note the information contained within this report

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Background Papers

None.

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Council Plan	This work contributes to the priorities agreed in the Council Plan
Addressing inequalities	There are no implications arising from this report
Tackling Climate Change	There are no implications arising from this report
Efficient and effective use of resources	This report supports the efficient use of resources through effective commissioning approaches
Health and Wellbeing	This work supports the priorities set out in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no implications arising from this report
Wards Affected	All wards
Groups Affected	All groups
Budget and Policy Framework	There are no implications for the Budget or Policy Framework
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

- As part of the Market Position Statement and Commissioning Strategy for Adult Social Care (see link below), one of the key commissioning intentions was to develop a Shared Lives service in Darlington.

<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/media/21371/market-position-statement-and-commissioning-strategy.pdf>

- “Shared Lives offers people who require care and support the opportunity to live independently in the community and can be an alternative to living in a care home, housing with care or housing with support. The Shared Lives scheme matches people who need care and support with an approved carer. The carer shares their family and community life and gives care and support to the person with care needs. Some people live with their Shared Lives carer, while others are regular day-time visitors. Some people combine day-time visits with overnight stays.” SCIE. More information on this model can be found in the link below

<https://www.scie.org.uk/housing/role-of-housing/promising-practice/models/shared-lives/>

Outcome of Consultation

- The re-tender of the Homecare and Supported Living contract has now concluded and the new contract becoming operational on 3 February 2025.
- St Annes (a charitable trust provider) were successful in their bid to operate a Shared Lives service as part of the new contract. Officers are continuing to work with St Annes to ensure the new service is fully established and promoted locally.