

## “An amazing organisation”

Chayim says Shared Lives is *"an amazing organisation where people are able to have the degree of independence they can cope with but still being supported by other people."*

*"Since I joined in 2018 I've really enjoyed having people to talk to, it's just really nice. I'm not as lonely, I've achieved a lot of independence and social skills and can go to places on my own."*

Chayim has since started a part time job; *'I barely knew how to hold a drill and it took me an hour to put one foot onto the hotplates, now I can do four in an hour.'* He also volunteers at a local food bank, on the Bury Shared Lives Committee and on the lived experience panel Patient Voices Matter.



## Who can become a Shared Lives carer?

Our carers in Bury come from all walks of life. You don't need any qualifications or experience, you just need to be willing to share your home or your time & want to make a real difference to someone's life.

**Anyone can do it, as long as you care.**

It's flexible & we'll do our best to find a placement to suit you, your commitments & the level of caring you want to give.

As a CQC regulated scheme, there are certain expectations about how the support is provided, but we'll go through these with you before a placement is made.

You can have any style of home and you do not need to own it. If you can offer your time, patience & enthusiasm & you'd like to support someone to learn new skills while you develop a rewarding relationship with them, why not find out more?

For more details on being a carer & what to expect, please visit  
[personasupport.org/bury-shared-lives](https://personasupport.org/bury-shared-lives)

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## Bury Shared Lives



**Are you looking for a new challenge?**

**Can you make a positive difference to somebody's life?**

**Could you share your home with someone, or provide day support?**



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## What is Shared Lives?

Bury Shared Lives, managed by Persona, is a unique scheme that offers tailor made support to adults in Bury.

**It's an opportunity for people who need support to become part of a family.**

The scheme enables people to live in or be a part of a family environment and to be part of a community, where they can maintain existing friendships & develop new ones. They get support to gain the confidence & skills to become as independent as possible & they see their own family & friends as much as they want.

People who use the scheme tell us they feel settled, valued & a sense of belonging, sometimes for the first time in their lives.

**It's a unique way for people to get support to live their best life.**



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## Bury Shared Lives offers three levels of support:

**Daytime Support** involves the carer & the person they support spending time together, either in the carer's home or out in the community, doing things that are important to them.

**Short Term or Emergency Respite** is for anything from one night to a few weeks at a time. It could be a 'one-off', for immediate support whenever it's needed, or a planned, regular break.

**Long Term support** means people live in their carer's home on a long-term basis.

*"By sharing your everyday life you could make an extraordinary difference to someone else's. It honestly doesn't feel like work at all."*

*Mel, Shared Lives Carer*



We have lots of great stories  
on our website - visit:

[www.personasupport.org/bury-shared-lives/](http://www.personasupport.org/bury-shared-lives/)

## Support for our Carers

**Without our carers, there would be no Shared Lives, so you are important to us.**

Our team will support you to develop into your new role, every step of the way.

You'll have ongoing, regular training which will start even before you're approved as a carer. We'll keep in regular touch with quarterly and annual reviews, plus regular emails to support you. You'll also have access to Persona's monthly newsletter.

We pay for your membership to Shared Lives Plus, giving you access to even more support, information and discounts. Our enhanced membership will give you access to specific Shared Lives training too.

Being part of a bigger organisation like Persona brings exciting extra benefits, including access to our Wellbeing Champions, our weekly online wellbeing sessions & being a part of our annual employee PersonAwards.

**Shared Lives Carers are self-employed and are not employees of Persona.**

This will be further explained upon application

**You must be a Bury resident to be a carer with us.**

*"You get a lot of support from the Shared Lives team. I look at the team as part of our family."*

*Avremi, Carer*