

Lucy's guest house potential partnership

Shared Lives Wirral is working on increasing the available provision for respite for unpaid carers and shared lives carers. One of the ways this could be facilitated is by supplying planned holidays for people who are receiving care and support.

Shared Lives Wirral are currently working in collaboration with Lucy's guest house owner. The local guest house is a fully functioning facility currently and the opportunity was born out of the owner having a Health and Social care background and a long-standing regular guest who is autistic and has a learning disability. The guest house owner approached Shared Lives Wirral regarding a possible change of use of an existing guest house in the New Brighton area. The guest house currently has 6 rooms in total.

The proposal is to keep the guest house as a functioning facility that is bookable with the public as it is today, but with allocated rooms available for Shared Lives Wirral. This will ensure that people are supported in an inclusive setting surrounded by the true guest house experience. The guest house owner would have staff available in the guest house to look after the hospitality side of the experience and Shared Lives would supply staff for those who may need support whilst attending the guest house. Any personal care needs would be met by Shared Lives Wirral. This means that the guest house would not need to be registered with CQC as any regulated activity would be completed by Shared Lives carers.

The guest house will be able to offer holidays with or without a daytime excursion, consisting of planned days out in the numerous local tourist attractions. Those who wish to remain in a routine may still wish to attend their work placement/day service/college etc, and as such will be supported to do this.

The guest house is compliant with health and safety regulations. There will be a specification put in place to ensure that the premises is suitable for the person who is booking it, and placements would be managed through the Shared lives Wirral to ensure compatibility and suitability of guests and ensure needs can be met.

The nightly fee would be met by existing funding allocated to the provision of respite with contributions made by the person supported for activities and meals (if applicable). Additional one to one will be reviewed on an individual basis to see whether the fee would be met by social care through existing respite funding, or the person being supported.