

Oxfordshire Shared Lives Scheme

Standard Rates of Payment for Shared Lives Carers

The level of payment for each support arrangement will be agreed between the relevant Care Manager and Shared Lives Social Worker, according to the type of care or supervision required by people who use the service. It is not expected that any one factor will automatically define the level of payment that a carer receives, but rather a collection of factors.

An overnight stay covers a 24-hour period, and usually includes full board as well as accommodation.

Day care is paid at 70% of the applicable overnight rate, and covers a 7-hour period including one main meal. If visits are prolonged beyond this, an additional payment equivalent to that for an introductory visit can be made. Half-day payments cover up to 3.5 hours.

Not all Carers will be able to provide all the above types and levels of care. On the other hand it may be possible for Carers to provide additional / different care if the person's support plan requires this.

If SL Carers offer a long term arrangement to individuals they will get up to 6 weeks paid respite. This involves the individual being supported to stay with another SL carer or somewhere of their choosing. This will be incorporated into an individual's support plan.



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Shared Lives Scheme Payment Rates for Carers 2017-2018

Description	Band 1 £	Band 2 £	Band 3 £
Weekly Rate	303.63	358.77	414.00
Night Rate (24 hours)	43.37	51.25	59.14
Day Rate (up to 7 hours)	30.35	35.87	41.39
Extended Day Rate (over 7 hours)	37.27	42.78	48.31
Half Day Rate (up to 3.5 hours)	15.17	17.93	20.70
Introductory Session	6.00	6.00	6.00

Bandings for Shared Lives Support Arrangements

The basic level of payment (band 1) includes care or supervision with one or more of the following tasks:

- minimal or partial personal care
- emotional support and companionship
- cognitive stimulation (eg activities which stimulate memory, reasoning, acquisition of knowledge, etc)
- administration of medication as per instructions from a GP (and with training from the Primary Health Care Team when necessary)
- development or maintenance of daily living / independence skills
- development of community links / widening opportunities



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- maintenance of family links
- encouragement to undertake the above or other activities
- intermittent supervision to reduce risks to service user or others

A middle level of payment (band 2) *may* be applicable when any of the following apply:

- full personal care
- management of single incontinence
- assistance with eating and / or drinking
- behaviour which is occasionally challenging to services (eg occurring regularly, but not daily)
- some mental health issues
- sporadic or short-lived disturbance during the night

A higher level of payment (band 3) *may* be applicable in the following circumstances:

- constant supervision required to manage risks to service user or others
- significant levels of risk, as identified in a formal risk assessment
- management of double incontinence
- challenging behaviour (eg occurring daily, but not constantly) including mental health issues
- frequent or sustained night time disturbance



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