



Cysylltu Bywydau
Gorllewin Morgannwg
West Glamorgan
Shared Lives

The Role of the
Shared Lives
Carer

Role Title:	West Glamorgan Shared Lives Carer
Purpose of the Role:	To share your home, family life and community with an adult who requires care and support, enabling them to live safely, achieve personal goals, develop independence, and experience meaningful belonging.
Location:	Shared Lives Carer's own home
Status:	Self-employed and formally approved by the West Glamorgan Shared Lives Scheme
Reports to:	WGSL Coordinator / WGSL Registered Manager

1. Role Overview

West Glamorgan Shared Lives Carers provide flexible, person-centred care within their own homes. Arrangements may be:

- Long-term accommodation and support (day-to-day living in the carer's home)
- Short breaks / respite (overnight stays, weekends, or weeks at a time)
- Day support (sessional support in home or community)

You will be carefully matched by WGSL with a person whose interests, lifestyle, and support needs align with what you can offer.

2. Main Duties & Responsibilities

Providing a Safe, Welcoming Home

- Provide a safe, warm, comfortable, well-maintained home with a private bedroom and access to communal areas.
- Maintain good household standards including cleanliness, nutritious meals, and safe utilities.
- Ensure the home meets health & safety expectations (e.g., gas safety, electrical safety, CO detectors).



Care & Support

- Support individuals with daily living skills: personal care (if required), cooking, cleaning, laundry, medication prompts, budgeting, and developing independence.
- Promote community inclusion: accessing clubs, activities, health appointments, learning, employment, and social opportunities
- Work in a person-centred way, respecting cultural, religious, and personal preferences.

Record-Keeping & Compliance

- Maintain accurate written records: progress notes, finances, incidents, safeguarding, medication.
- Work within the Scheme's policies, risk assessments, and individual Shared Lives agreements.
- Cooperate with monitoring visits, reviews, and annual carer assessments.

Partnership Working

- Liaise with Shared Lives Coordinators, social workers, healthcare professionals, and families to ensure safe, high-quality, safe care and support.
- Report changes in needs, concerns, incidents, or risks promptly.

Professional Conduct

- Maintain professional boundaries while sharing family life.
- Commit to continuous learning and training (mandatory and specialist).

3. Values & Personal Qualities

A Shared Lives Carer must be:

- Practical, sociable, patient and caring
 - Open, non-judgemental, honest, and empathetic
 - Able to empower people, promote independence, and cope with unpredictability
 - Able to maintain confidentiality, professionalism, and reliability
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4. Knowledge & Skills Required

Essential

- Understanding of safeguarding and how to keep people safe
- Ability to communicate clearly with adults with varying needs
- Ability to keep accurate records
- Awareness of person-centred practice and promoting wellbeing

Desirable

- Experience in caring roles (family, voluntary or professional)

5. Requirements of the Role

- Be over 18 and able to offer a suitable home environment
- Completion of the Shared Lives assessment process including references, home checks, DBS, interviews, and panel approval.
- Agreement to ongoing supervision, training, and annual appraisal.
- Commitment to working within WGSL and CIW policies and regulations.
- Carers must contribute to regular supervision cycles (typically every 12 weeks for ongoing support).

6. Payment & Status

- Shared Lives Carers are self-employed and receive payments depending on the arrangement type (long-term, short-breaks, day support) and the level of support they provide.

How do I apply?

Get in touch today to speak to our team who will answer any questions you have.



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