

Inspection of Shared Lives Midlothian

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1 Purpose of Report

The report outlines the outcome of the above inspection as carried out by the Care Inspectorate.

2 Background

Shared Lives (Midlothian) provides Adult Placement services to a number of adults with mild to moderate learning disabilities within Midlothian. The range of services provided includes day care, short breaks and long term placements and some befriending.

2.1 Shared Lives was inspected on the 29th November 2017. The report has been distributed to all Elected Members and Church Representatives on the Cabinet for their information.

2.2 Following inspection, Noted below are the evaluations for Shared Lives:

Quality of Care and Support	5 – Very Good
Quality of Staffing	Not Assessed
Quality of Management and Leadership	5 – Very Good

2.3 The following particular strengths were indicated by the inspection team:

- Carers felt valued and supported in their role.
- Comprehensive assessments were in place
- The manager and his team knew the people supported very well

2.4 The following areas for improvement were agreed between Shared Lives and the Care Inspectorate:

- Improve recording at the 6 monthly reviews.
- Improve Quality Assurance recording

2.5 Conclusion

The Care Inspectorate was satisfied with the work of the team and had seen a continuity in the support since the last inspection. They highlighted that users thrived on the support that they received.

3 Report Implications

3.1 Resource

There are no financial and human resource implications associated with this report.

3.2 Risk

The Care Inspectorate visit a sample of registered services every year to find out how they are performing. A report is published which informs users and carers about the key strengths of the service, its capacity for further improvement and sets out the main points for action.

Monitoring, review and evaluation of progress by the Quality Assurance Team is the control measure in place to reduce the risk of failure of the service to demonstrate its capacity to improve.

3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- Community Safety
- X Adult health, care and housing
- Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- Sustainable growth
- Business transformation and Best Value
- None of the above

3.4 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

The setting will continue to improve its work in line with its improvement plan and the Quality Assurance Team will continue to challenge and support the setting in relation to developing and implementing a range of quality improvement strategies.

3.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Shared Lives Midlothian supports people within the community to lead ordinary lives with the right level of support.

3.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

Copies of the report have been made available to Elected Members, users, carers and other interested parties.

3.7 Ensuring Equalities

The Service Improvement Plan will be screened for equalities implications.

3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

The Service Improvement Plan allows for sustainable development and improvement.

3.9 IT Issues

There are no IT implications.

4 Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Note the content of the inspection report;
- (ii) Congratulate the carers and staff connected with Shared Lives Midlothian on the key strengths and areas for improvement highlighted in the report; and
- (iii) Pass the report on to the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

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Background Papers: