

## Appendix 3

### **Department of Adult and Community Services**

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Dear

### **Proposal to increase the flat rate contribution for the Shared Lives Short breaks (respite) service**

You will be aware that Council is faced with making some difficult decisions, which include looking at how much people contribute to the cost of the services they receive.

Shared Lives currently charges £8.97 for each 24 hour session of care and supported provided by Shared Lives carers. This rate has not increased for over 5 years. This charge represents a contribution to the cost of the service and does not cover the whole cost.

We propose to bring the charges in line with those made for residential services such as Whiteoak or Copwood or the older people's residential services.

This would mean the charge for people who are of working age would increase to £11.49 per 24 hours or £34.49 for a stay from Friday night to Monday morning.

For people who are in receipt of older people's benefits the charge would increase to £18.67 per 24 hours or £56.01 for a stay from Friday night to Monday morning.

The charge someone would pay would be discussed on an individual basis. It is calculated according to the level of welfare benefits that people receive or savings /income they have. We want to make it clear that anyone on a very limited income will not be asked to contribute unless they can reasonably afford to pay.

This charge would be introduced from October 2016.

Shared Lives is registered with CQC



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We would really like to hear your views on this proposal.

There are a number of ways you can make your views known:

- complete the questionnaire attached to this letter and / or add your comments and send back to me by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016
- write to me directly at Shared Lives 5 Canon Pinnington Mews Bingley BD16 1AQ
- email me at [nancy.plowes@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:nancy.plowes@bradford.gov.uk)
- come to a meeting on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> 11.00 – 12.00 at City Hall Bradford in Committee Room 1.

Yours sincerely

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