

Shared Lives

- Do you want your voice as a Shared Lives Carer to be heard?
- Do you want to be able to contact someone independent of your Scheme for information or advice?
- Do you want to know that you have the right insurance cover should anything go wrong?
- Do you want to keep up to date with possible changes to Shared Lives that could affect you?

If you have answered yes to any of the questions above then NAAPS can help you.



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What is NAAPS?

NAAPS is a UK charity which represents the interests of all those involved in Shared Lives (formerly known as Adult Placement) and other very small, individualised, community based services.

What does NAAPS Shared Lives do?

- Tells people what Shared Lives is all about and promotes the benefits it can offer to everyone involved.
- Provides opportunities for information sharing between members.
- Provides a national voice and representation with Government and Regulatory Bodies.
- Works with the NAAPS insurance broker to develop tailor-made insurance cover for Shared Lives Carers.
- Offers information advice and support to all existing and new members on any issue relating to Shared Lives.
- Develops Guidance for Shared Lives Schemes and Local Authorities based on the experience of its members to support good practice in Shared Lives.
- Offers training for Schemes and Carers that is specific to Shared Lives.

What can NAAPS offer you?

NAAPS is the only National Organisation representing the interests of the people involved in Shared Lives.

By becoming a Carer member of NAAPS you are entitled to:

- FREE legal expenses cover (up to a maximum of £25000) if you have an allegation made against you as a Carer resulting in you being taken to court and/or your Scheme is seeking to de-approve you as a Carer.

- Free access to a legal helpline which you can use for advice on any legal issue.
- Public Liability Insurance at a preferential rate as well as access to other insurance provision developed to meet the needs of Shared Lives Carers.
- Get in touch with your local NAAPS Carer Contact – an experienced Shared Lives Carer who works on a voluntary basis and who is a first port of call for new and existing Carer members in their area.
- Use the free Carers' confidential helpline where you can obtain information advice and support from a dedicated National Carers Development Worker.
- Receive a regular NAAPS Shared Lives newsletter giving you up to date information about what is going on in Shared Lives across the UK.
- Have your say at one of the NAAPS day roadshows being held around the UK to help develop National NAAPS Guidance on issues such as Carer payments, respite arrangements and other topics relevant to you.
- Have the opportunity to be in touch with Carers from other Shared Lives Schemes throughout the UK.
- Receive information from your local Branch about what is happening with Shared Lives in your area and join in their activities.

How to join NAAPS

Either complete the enclosed membership form or

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and ask for a membership form.