

Homeshare Good Practice Guide

What your Homeshare fees pay for

If you are considering Homeshare for yourself or your loved one, you might be wondering why we charge a fee for this service.

The Householder and Homesharer pay a small monthly fee of **XXX** starting from the date they sign the Homeshare Agreement.

These monthly fees goes towards the costs of setting up and managing the scheme and providing ongoing monitoring and support to you throughout the duration of the agreement. Importantly, there is no exchange of money between the Householder and the Sharer*. The Sharer typically offers 10 hours a week of their time in lieu of paid rent.

Each Homeshare match is different, but the monthly fees would typically cover:

- Recruitment of potential Householders and Sharers, and ensuring your Sharer is carefully matched with your requirements.
- The detailed process of vetting, screening and selecting trusted Householders and Sharers
- Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) and references checking to ensure the safety of matches.
- Checking the accommodation for suitability and safety.
- Complimentary consultations provided **X** days per week at convenient times to suit you.
- Facilitating and managing the meeting of prospective Householders and Sharers

- Facilitating the Homeshare trial (first XX weeks)
- Preparing the tailored Homeshare Agreement
- Responsive Homeshare support X days per week for your peace of mind throughout the life of your Homeshare Agreement
- Supporting the sustainability of Homeshare, so that it will be available to you and others, for years to come.

The fee works out at less than £X a day for support, peace of mind and companionship across the duration of your Homeshare Agreement.

For this, Householders can expect:

- Live-in support to help you when you need it most
- Companionship
- Overnight presence and peace of mind
- Our Sharer is available to support you 10 hours a week
- Going for walks and other social activities
- Support or help with cooking, basic DIY, cleaning or household chores**
- Support or help with keeping appointments**
- Help looking after pets (walking, feeding, vets appointments) **
- Assistance with computing and technology**

For this, Sharers can expect:

- affordable accommodation in your chosen location
- A safe and sociable place to live
- Companionship
- Ongoing support throughout the match
- Gaining life skills and experience

*Except an agreed reimbursement of shopping, and in some cases a nominal, capped, contribution to Council Tax and utility bills.

**where available/ appropriate