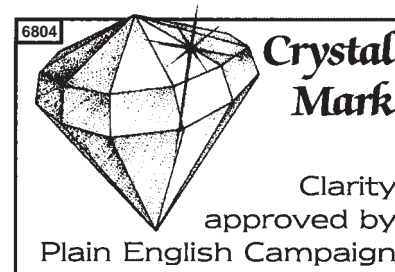


Home from Home carers



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What is the Home from Home scheme?

The Home from Home scheme provides short breaks for older people in the homes of families or single people living in the community.

It is a personal service providing regular planned breaks that help relationships to develop between the older person and their carer. The aim of this scheme is to help older people to continue to live in their own home.

Who is the scheme for?

The scheme is for older people who are being looked after by a relative who would benefit from having a break from caring. It is also for older people living alone who would benefit from a break in a family home.

We aim to help older people to continue to live in their own homes.

Why do we need the Home from Home scheme?

The scheme is needed to give older people and their families greater choice. It offers them an alternative to respite care in a residential home.

More people are now living longer and the stresses of daily living can be great. The scheme offers a flexible service that is tailored to meet individual needs. This will improve the quality of life for older people and their carers.

Who are Home from Home carers?

These are adults who we have approved and who can provide a room in their own home for an older person. They have a real interest in older people and enjoy caring for them.

Could I become a Home from Home carer?

Carers are individuals, with or without a family, who are committed to caring for older people and who are able to offer their time.

People interested in becoming carers should be caring, patient, sensitive, understanding and have a real interest in older people.

You don't need any formal experience or qualifications and there is no upper age limit.

Will I get paid?

Home from Home carers are volunteers who, following selection and training, offer their time and skills. For this they get a weekly allowance.

Will this allowance affect my benefit?

We have spoken to the Benefits Agency to make sure that this allowance is not treated as earned income. Because of this, Income Support and any other means-tested benefit will not be affected.

Will I be supported?

Yes, you would not be expected to manage on your own. We give training and support as an ongoing part of your development with the service. We also give carers information and guidelines on how to handle emergency situations.

How are carers selected?

There is a selection procedure that applies to all carers. The selection procedure includes a number of checks we must make. We will ask for your written permission to make enquiries with the police and with the Scottish Criminal

Records Office (SCRO). We will also ask for references and take account of the views and opinions of your family members.

We would then try to match you with an older person who has a similar outlook and interests.

Still interested and want to know more?

Please contact any of the Social Work offices below.

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Forfar DD8 2HR
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