

# Payment and financial support



Shared Lives carers receive financial support to care for older people or people with learning disabilities. A weekly allowance is paid fortnightly to cover day-to-day costs such as food, heating, clothing, washing, wear and tear, activities and so on.

Barnsley's payments are in line with recommendations set out by Shared Lives Plus, the national representative body for Shared Lives carers.

Rates will vary depending on the level of support and guidance the individual needs.

## 2014/2015 weekly allowances are from:

Respite	£317.80
Long term	£354.73
Sessional hourly rate	£6.31

We will provide any equipment or adaptations our Occupational Therapists feel may be needed to support the person living with you.

Shared Lives carers are self-employed and you will need to submit a weekly timesheet to us for checking and payment. Being self-employed you will be entitled to statutory sick pay but no additional sickness benefits or holiday entitlements. If you are a long term carer you can apply for four weeks of paid respite care per year, for you to take a break from your caring role.



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