

Kent Shared Lives

About the service and what we do?



What is the Shared Lives?

- Its about people sharing family life with a Shared Lives Host in the family's home.



This could be for:

- A few hours
- Overnight
- A weekend
- Longer-term placements



Shared Lives was previously known as
'Adult Placement Scheme'.

Who can use Shared Lives?

- If you have
 - Dementia
 - Learning disability
 - Physical disability
 - Mental health difficulties
 - Other health or sensory disability
- You must be aged 18 years eligible for support needs
- You can then be referred to the Shared Lives Service for a possible placement.



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How is the service paid for?

- Kent County Council will pay for part of the placement cost.
- You will usually have to contribute some money to the placement
- A KCC Finance person will be able to tell you exactly how much you will have to pay.
- They will also make sure you are claiming all the benefits you are entitled to, including housing benefits.



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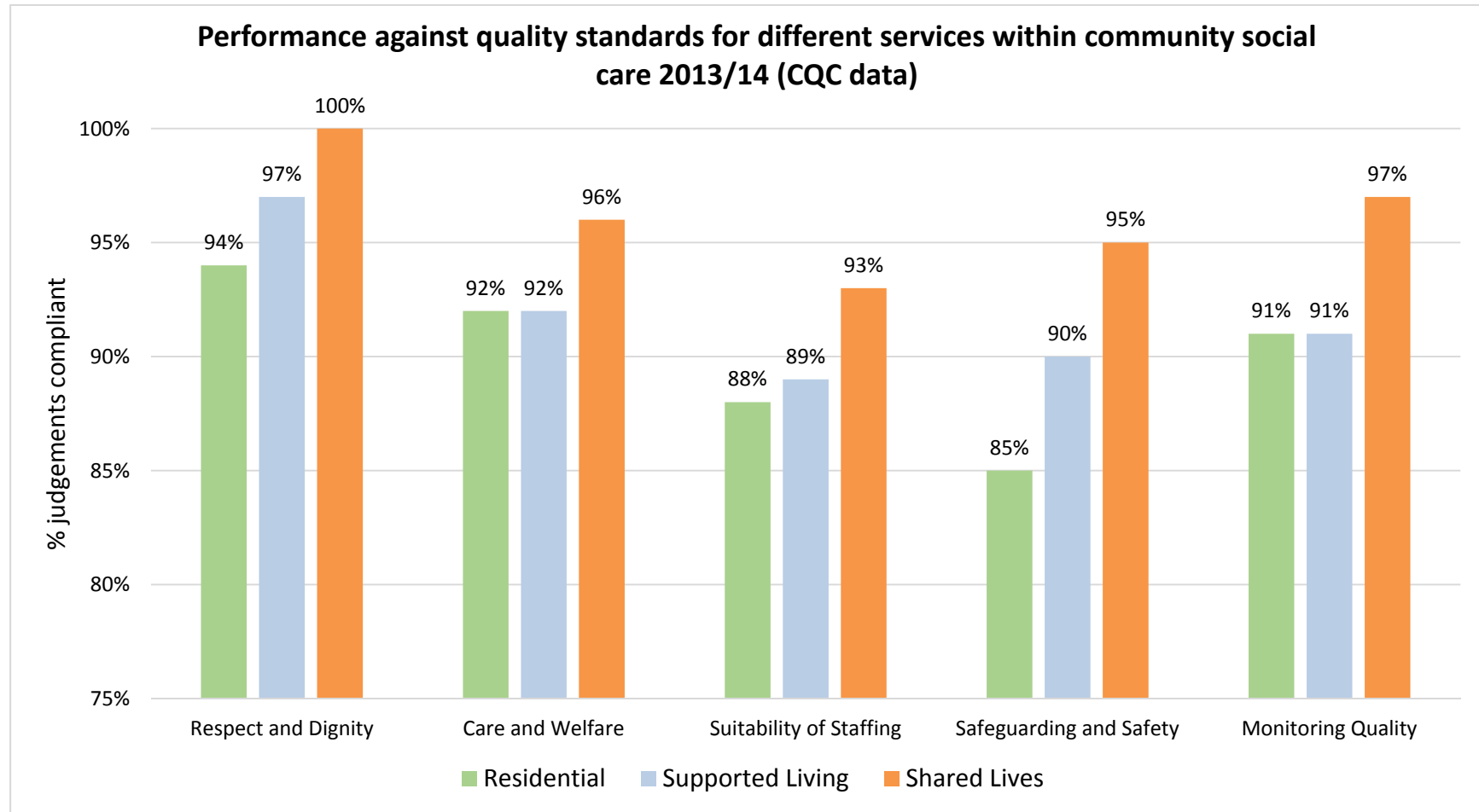
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What is a good service



What makes Shared Lives great?

- **Quality of Life**
 - “Real Life”
 - “Being part of a family”
- **Social Inclusion**
 - Family Network
 - Being part of the local community
- **Support**
 - Consistent and continuous
 - Personalised
 - Regular shared lives monitoring



People not suitable...

- **Sleeping Patterns**
 - People might be wakeful and disturb the Host
- **Challenging Behaviour**
 - Frequent self-harm
- **Risk to Others**
 - Perceived or known risk towards Children or Adults.



What you can expect from us

- A named Shared Lives person to monitor & support the Host.
- An agreement for being placed in a Shared Lives home.
- Support provided with medication, finances.
- Help with meals or provided.
- Support to get out and about.



Douglas Story

- Douglas is 52 years old
- Previously lived with his Father
- He was isolated, did not go out and had put on weight
- Now lives with Rod and Lee
- Has lost over 5 stone
- Been on holiday for the 1st time in 20 years
- Works at a local stables, walks the dog and does trampolining and cricket



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