

Wiltshire Council

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Notice of Motion No. 6 – Scaling up Shared Lives in Wiltshire

From Councillors Brian Matthew and Gordon King

“This motion calls for a feasibility assessment of the potential for the scaling up of Wiltshire Council ‘Shared Lives’ programme to help meet Wiltshire’s adult social care needs.

Currently Wiltshire Council’s ‘Shared Lives’ Programme is assisting around 23 service users providing them with an alternative to traditional residential care.

In other local Authority areas, such as Cornwall, Devon, North Somerset, East Sussex and elsewhere, much larger numbers of service users are being assisted by their respective ‘Shared Lives’ programmes.

The benefits for the service users of the programme, have been shown to be a better more fulfilling personal life experience, and for the carers, a rewarding occupation is on offer.

Shared Lives carers once assessed and trained can take up to a maximum of three service users per home, subject to approval. With costs per service user on the Shared Lives Programme in the region of £360 per week per person this suggests that considerable savings could be made by Wiltshire Council.

The assessment would examine the potential to achieve such cost savings, and if proved feasible, develop a roll out plan for the scaling up of the ‘Shared Lives’ programme across Wiltshire in a timely manner.”