

Report of: Head of Service, Care Delivery, Leeds City Council

Report to: Outer North West Community Committee

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Date: 4th December 2023 **To note**

Title: Leeds Homeshare – service overview

Purpose of report

- 1.** To provide the Outer North West Community Committee with an overview of Leeds City Council’s Homeshare scheme and potential benefits to some people living in the Outer NW area.

Main issues

- 2.** The PowerPoint Presentation is intended to provide the Outer North West Community Committee with an Overview of the Homeshare scheme, the potential benefits to participants and to outline the robust processes in place.
- 3.** The PowerPoint presentation is provided at the request of the Outer NW elected Members.

Recommendations

- 4.** Elected Members are asked to note the contents of the presentation provided by the Leeds Homeshare coordinator.
- 5.** The State of the Sector report, referenced in the presentation from 2021 can be made available for further reading.

Homeshare PowerPoint – presentation slides (total of 7):

Leeds Homeshare:

A community solution for help at home and wellbeing.



Homeshare Overview:

- People looking for help at home who have a spare room, are matched with someone seeking affordable living (the sharer).
- Householders receive around 10 hours practical support each week from the Sharer.
- Tasks might include cooking, meals and cleaning.



Solutions of Homesharing

- Practical help
- Tackling loneliness
- welfare and wellbeing (peace of mind)
- Support for family carers
- Housing solution
- Intergenerational bonds
- Local Benefits
- Safety



- Safer with Homeshare – background checks
- Fee structure and finances – monthly costs
- Other Considerations – pets, benefits, care needs.

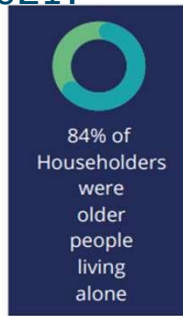


The National picture:

2023: Shared Lives Plus are working with the DHSC to ensure shared living is at the forefront of priorities as they work on their 'Next steps to put people at the heart of care'. [Next steps to put People at the Heart of Care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

24 schemes now operate within the HSUK Umbrella.

2021:



Case study:

90-year-old widow Margaret and her 37-year-old home-sharer

Help with ironing, dog walking, supermarket visits and shared meals.

"...it's comforting having someone there, good to know there is someone about..."

- Mutually beneficial.



Thank you - Any Questions?

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