POLICIES & PROCEDURES - DOCUMENT
C2 MATCHING

Why Do We Need This Document?
Prospective service users know that the placement they choose will meet their needs and aspirations.

National Minimum Standard 3.2
The registered provider is satisfied that the SL Carer (and household) and prospective service user are appropriately matched with respect to age, gender, cultural background, preferred language, personal interests and communication needs so as to ensure that the health and welfare of the service user is promoted.

National Minimum Standard 3.3
The registered provider is satisfied that the SL carer has the skills and experience to deliver the services and care required (as indicated by assessment) and that all specialised services offered are demonstrably based on current good practice and reflect specialist and clinical guidance.

Welsh Assembly Government Guidance S5.1
West Wales Shared Lives should only place a Service User with a SL Carer who has the skills and experience to meet the Service User’s assessed need.

Welsh Assembly Government Guidance S5.3
Matching procedure should be based on the careful assessment of both the Service User and the SL Carer.

Who Does This Document Cover?
- Care Managers & Social Workers
- Families
- Service Users
- Shared Lives Carers
- Shared Lives Managers
- Shared Lives Officers
What Does This Document Cover?

1. The responsibility of West Wales Shared Lives to ensure that the SL Carer has the skills and abilities to meet the needs, requirements and aspirations of the prospective Service User through the use of a comprehensive and transparent matching procedure.

2. The responsibility of West Wales Shared Lives to ensure that the information upon which any matching decision is made is current, complete and relevant.

3. The responsibility of West Wales Shared lives to support the SL Carer and the prospective Service User and the Social Worker / Case Manager to participate fully in any matching decision.

This document should also be read in conjunction with the following:

- A3 Placement Agreement
- C1 Needs Assessment
- C3 Placement Introductions
- C4 Emergency Placements

 Relevant Legislation and Statutory Guidance

- Care Standards Act 2000
- Adult Placement Regulations 2004
- National Minimum Standards 2004
- WAG Policy & Practice Guidance 2002

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