POLICIES & PROCEDURES - DOCUMENT
C28 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES & INFECTION CONTROL

Why Do We Need This Document?
Prospective service users know that the Shared Lives Carers with whom they live will be aware of the risks of infection and will take action to minimise those risks.

National Minimum Standard 24.2
The registered manager makes appropriate arrangements to ensure that the Shared Lives Carer adopts safe working practices including communicable diseases and infection control.

Who Does This Document Cover?
- Service Users
- Shared Lives Carers
- Shared Lives Officers
- West Wales Shared Lives

What Does This Document Cover?
1. The responsibility of West Wales Shared Lives to ensure that the Shared Lives Carer understands the risks posed by communicable diseases and in particular blood borne viruses, has been taught safe working practices and has the skills and abilities to minimise the risks of infection.
2. The responsibility of the Shared Lives Carer to work within the Shared Lives service policy on communicable diseases and infection control and to use safe working practices.
This document should also be read in conjunction with the following:

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### Relevant Legislation and Statutory Guidance

- Care Standards Act 2000
- Shared Lives Regulations 2004
- National Minimum Standards 2004
- WAG Policy & Practice Guidance 2002
- UK Health Departments: Guidance for Clinical Health Care Workers Protection against infection with blood-borne viruses. (1998)

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