



Hi there,

As part of the Department for Health and Social Care's (DHSC) Accelerating Reform Fund (ARF), Birmingham City Council are working with Shared Lives Plus, the national membership charity for Shared Lives schemes and carers, to develop and grow Birmingham Shared Lives. A key element of this work is around carer recruitment. Birmingham Shared Lives is keen to grow their carer cohort and would therefore like to speak to local residents about their awareness of Shared Lives and explore what could motivate them to become a Shared Lives carer. In Shared Lives, an adult or young person who needs long term support is matched with a carefully approved Shared Lives carer, by their local Shared Lives scheme which are run or commissioned by council's adult social care services. Together, the person needing support and the Shared Lives carer share the carer's family and community life.

Shared Lives Plus would like to circulate a survey with Birmingham & Solihull residents to explore their motivations and experiences, if any, with the local Shared Lives scheme.

*Here is the survey link - <https://sharedlivesplus.org.uk/27149-2/>*