



Homeshare UK annual report

2019



“Gabby has been living with me for over a year and Homesharing is working really well. She’s a super cook and great company. I enjoy our chats together over a meal in the evenings and she’s very helpful with things I can’t manage around the house.”

Margaret, householder, Novus Homeshare

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Introduction



Alex Fox, CEO

For the first time in its long history, Homeshare has over 1,000 participants in the UK. This milestone has come after years of often lonely pioneering work by social entrepreneurs and activists who have developed a model which works, and whose time has surely come.

Homeshare doesn't just address the symptoms of loneliness, it gets to the causes, building new intergenerational social connections in people's lives and homes. As the stories in this report shows it builds bridges across cultural divides too, as foreign students and others find a warm welcome in the UK. Homeshare works because it benefits both participants and allows both to contribute: our message to older people is no longer that Homeshare will help you if you are lonely, it is that it will give you an opportunity to give a young person a start in life.

At Shared Lives Plus we have been hosting the Homeshare UK network for over a decade. We need local leaders to step up and build on this momentum. This can mean start-up investment, but mainly it means becoming a 'Homeshare-friendly area', with home sharing built into the council's strategy, support to raise awareness and generate referrals, and use of discretionary powers to ensure that council tax and housing works for Homeshare households. This year, we started to offer strategic support to councils to explore how to get Homeshare established in your area, who to target and how to become a place where Homeshare thrives.

We are proud to have begun a partnership with Homeshare International, the global partnership of organisations involved in Homeshare. In 2021, the biennial Homeshare World Congress will come to Liverpool with support from the city who are providing the iconic St George's Hall as the venue. If you want to partner with us as we plan this global event, get in touch!

Executive summary

Homeshare continues to grow steadily and there has been a 22% growth in the number of Homeshare matches over the past 12 months – more than 1,000 people have benefited from Homeshare in the UK and ROI in 2019.

Only three of our network members are reliant on grant funding. Seven organisations report being wholly sustainable.

Whilst the average age of a Homeshare householder is over 80, more older people are coming to Homeshare earlier. In 2019, 28% of householders were under the age of 79. 78% of all referrals came from the son or daughter of a potential Householder.

During 2019 we worked with key supporters in the House of Lords and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Bills team to secure an amendment which removed Homeshare organisations from the scope of the Tenants Fees Act. The amendment allows fees paid by the Homesharer to the Homeshare Organisation to be permissible along with contributions to household bills and Council Tax.



Our calls to action



Photo Courtesy of Supportmatch

Our aim is for Homeshare to become a mainstream housing and social care option, delivered by people and organisations in which participants can have confidence.

To make this happen we need:

- Investment for Homeshare in areas currently not well serviced including; Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, East Anglia, West Midlands and the North East
- Support from local and national policy makers to overcome key policy barriers that prevent people participating in Homeshare such as Council Tax and Housing Benefit
- More Health and Social Care professionals and other community based older people services understanding fully the Homeshare model and promoting Homeshare as an alternative support model and the development of dedicated referral pathways from key public and local services
- Older people and their families to plan for later life and look at Homeshare as an option earlier to prevent reaching crisis point and enjoy Homesharing for longer
- Build a network of professional supporters and secure external in-kind resources for mentoring, training and marketing for our members

A political match at home: Dennis and Jorge

Two Generations



Norman, a 91-year-old gentleman living on his own wanted some company and someone to help with the cooking. He was particularly interested in politics, and the possibility of homesharing with a refugee.

Two Generations worked with both Norman and his son and after a process of careful vetting and matching, Norman was introduced to Jorge from Syria.

Jorge has a background in pharmacy and a natural interest in politics, having worked in peacekeeping for a number of non-government organisations, and his work had been recognised internationally. Jorge is a great cook and was seeking a family environment which he missed from his home country.

When the two met, they immediately took to each other and are both benefiting from their Homeshare.



We have BIG plans! Over the next 12 months we aim to:

- Support Homeshare organisations to work at scale
- Develop new Homeshare provision in areas currently not well serviced particularly Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, East Anglia, the North East and West Midlands
- Raise the profile of the Homeshare model, the Homeshare network and the work of Homeshare UK enabling many more people to enjoy a fulfilling community-based living experience
- Work with our existing network and with new partners to develop, test and market new models of Homeshare supporting the development of innovative ways that Homeshare can attract a wider range of participants
- Raise the profile of Homeshare through national marketing and promotion
- Create new online resources for our network
- Continue to work to build a robust evidence base for Homeshare including outcomes-based measures

A love of music and scrabble: Margaret and Holly

Leeds Homeshare



Holly is Margaret's second Homesharer!

Margaret, 99, was sharing with Jo, her first Homeshare match for a year and liked having the comfort



and reassurance of him being in the house especially overnight. Margaret benefitted from this arrangement so much that she asked us to find her another sharer when Jon moved on after his degree. We found Holly who is 21 and studying music at the Arts University. Margaret loves music too and Holly moved into Margaret's house in July 2019.

Holly says: **"It felt like an exciting experience because it's not like anything I've done before. We have vastly different lifestyles and it's quite fun how they crossover and I really enjoy the time that we spend together."**

Margaret is very friendly and has lived a very interesting life so she's great to talk to! I guess the best thing is forming a friendship with someone who I wouldn't typically interact with in a student lifestyle. I like our scrabble evenings."

And Margaret says: **"Holly is a very kind, caring young woman she sometimes treats me to a Walnut Whip. She is a vegan and likes cooking, I have tried vegan cake and I love it! I get on well with younger people and I didn't want to live on my own, I have a lot of life experiences and knowledge to give back to a sharer. I've talked to Holly about all my adventures including driving in Europe and getting stopped by the Russian border police. Holly and I get on very well and have never argued, I even let her win at scrabble sometimes!"**

What is Homeshare?

Homeshare brings together someone who needs some help to live independently in their own home with someone who needs somewhere to live. In return for low cost accommodation the Homesharer provides a minimum of 10 hours of support each week to the Householder.

Householders are often older people or people who need support to continue to live in their own homes. They usually have some support needs or may have become isolated or anxious about living alone. The idea is that with reassurance and companionship Householders will continue to live full, happy and healthy lives. Householders will also be able to pass on their skills and experience to enrich the lives of those that share with them.

Homesharers are often younger people, students, or key public service workers who cannot afford housing where they work. They are happy to give their time to support the needs of older people.

Homesharing benefits and enriches the lives of both the Householder and the Homesharer. It is not just about providing support but is also a great way to widen your horizons, learn new skills and meet new people.

The support provided through Homeshare can help the Householder live independently in their own home for longer. The type of support offered is agreed between the Householder and Homesharer. It can include activities like: cooking, shopping, cleaning, help with household administration, walking the dog and companionship.

The two are matched together by local Homeshare organisations who find the right matches and offer support and back up to ensure it works well for both people.

Support for the whole family: Gloria and Iona

Homeshare Oxford



Photo courtesy of Age UK Oxfordshire. A screenshot of a video call

Sandra, Gloria's daughter, explains, **"both my mum and her Sharer, Iona, live with me in my family home. It works perfectly as it allows my family to be more independent, knowing that mum is getting the additional company and support that she needs"**.

Iona checks in on Gloria before leaving for work and they enjoy a late afternoon cup of tea together before Iona helps with an evening meal. This bridges the gap until Sandra gets back from work. **"I cannot express how lucky we are to have found Iona. She is making a real difference especially as Mum has really warmed to her. Mum can get the company and support that she needs and that is hugely reassuring for me. A bonus is that my husband and I can now do the things that we'd like to do too, knowing that Mum is in safe and secure at home with Iona. I was recently able to go away for my birthday and was really touched that Mum was able to send me a birthday video message, with Iona's help."**

For Iona, the Homeshare concept struck a real chord - spending time with older people, sharing stories and memories, helping out, and being able to feel part of a home. When Iona's parents read about Homeshare Oxford in a Sunday Times article, they immediately called Iona thinking it could be just what she was looking for. Iona reflects: **"I moved to Oxford without knowing anyone, so being part of Homeshare has really helped me to settle in well. I have been made to feel very welcome in the family home. Plus, the Homeshare Oxford socials have also been a great way to meet new people"**. She adds, **"I feel very lucky, Homeshare works well for all of us. I'm really touched that Gloria asks after me if I'm out or away and to hear that she thinks of me as part of the family."**

Who are Homeshare UK?

We are part of Shared Lives Plus, the national network for supportive shared living and promote Shared Lives and Homeshare. We provide information, policy and practice guidance for our network members along with start-up support and our ongoing work to raise the profile of the Homeshare model and the network.

Our key successes - In the past four years we have:

- Grown the sector from eight – 19 providers
- Launched the Homeshare UK brand, website and social media in 2016
- Supported overall annual growth of over 20% year on year
- Developed practice guidelines and a Quality Assurance Framework for our network members
- Published annual sector reports
- Promoted Homeshare at key national and international conferences and other speaking events
- Worked with government to bring about key policy changes to support the delivery of the Homeshare model.

“My aunt feels so much happier in herself since you have helped her find a Homesharer. She used to take herself off to hospital in the evenings because she was so lonely. Homesharing is amazing. So many lonely people would benefit. You need to spread the word!”

Not just for older people

Share and Care Homeshare



A 29-year-old Householder who is living with bipolar disorder and her 29-year-old Homesharer have been homesharing since January 2019.

The Householder says: **"Having a Sharer is really supportive and empowering! I believe it's prevented me from relapsing and kept me out of hospital. Having the company of someone of a similar age has also been a really positive experience."**

Her brother and sister say: **"The Share and Care scheme has been an absolute godsend. They managed to find the perfect sharer for our sister! The sharer helps our sister daily providing her with just the right amount of support and companionship, which in turn enables her to gain independence and live in her own home (what we've been after for years!). We are in regular contact with the sharer as well, providing us with the peace of mind and comfort of knowing that our sister is safe and in good hands."**

The Sharer tells us: **"It is great we are the same age and have quite a few hobbies and interests in common. I came to the UK to study Psychology at the local university and as I didn't really know anyone and had lived with a parent with a mental disorder, I liked the idea of helping someone else, enjoy the friendship and my English has really improved too!"**

The Share and Care Homeshare scheme deal with each situation in a very sensitive, careful way, as a result making sure they find the perfect match and are always next to the people involved to support with any questions or worries you might have.

Challenges for the UK sector

Homeshare UK and its network members have reported several key challenges during 2019 that are impacting on Homeshare becoming more widespread:

- During 2019 four Homeshare programmes closed. The key reason was lack of continuation funding. We know from evaluation of programmes that Homeshare organisations take time to become established into the local landscape
- Whilst the sector has seen stable growth during 2019, 11 programmes reported fewer applications from Householders than anticipated and eight programmes reported a lack of suitable referrals from potential Homesharers which is reflected in the high number of people turned down by organisations
- Risk averse attitudes from health and social care professionals continue to prevent dedicated referral routes from being established. Safety of the model is still the key concern cited by potential referral agencies, families and older people themselves despite there being relative few safeguarding issues that have been escalated
- Scaling up is proving difficult for delivery organisations. Most Homeshare programmes become sustainable with around 35 Homeshare matches. Investment in additional staff, new IT systems and premises to support growth is daunting to some of the smaller organisations
- Homeshare still only attracts people who can 'self-fund'. Restrictions imposed by mainstream legislation and policy notably in relation to social housing, benefits and council tax continue to impact on wider take-up of the service and limit the breadth of potential outcomes achievable
- The escalating needs of older householders and the delay in people coming to Homeshare often means they need more support than can be offered through a Homesharing arrangement.

Three Generations Under One Roof

Homeshare Gloucestershire



Barbara, a lovely lady in her 90s, was living with dementia. She was desperate to return to her home following an admission into a care home after three consecutive falls at home. She also missed having companionship and someone in the house at night time.



Homeshare Gloucestershire searched for the right Sharer for her and soon matched her with Georgina, a 19-year-old student at Hartpury University. The arrangement worked so well, that Georgina's mum, Emma, also moved in! With her youngest daughter also starting college in the UK she wanted to be close at hand in order to support them.



During this time, Barbara was rarely without company and, if both Georgina and Emma were out, Ronnie (their adopted cat) kept her company. The arrangement worked beautifully alongside the care package Barbara already had in place.

Both Barbara's and Georgina's families were reassured that their loved ones were no longer alone and enjoyed quality time together. Sadly, Barbara passed away four months later. Her daughter was very grateful that Barbara was able to live her last months in her beloved home.

Since Barbara passed away, Georgina and Emma have started another Homeshare with another lady in Cheltenham. Again, having two Sharers is very reassuring for the Householder (who doesn't like being on her own) and her family. Both Georgina and Emma love homesharing and are very active in promoting it.

Outcomes: what data can we collect?

We know that Homeshare is making a difference to the people that take part as they tell us all the time and the stories in this report are testament, but we wanted to look at other ways of showing impact through data.

Over the past year some of our network members have used the Short Warwick and Edinburgh Wellbeing Scale (SWEMWBS) to measure the difference Homesharing can make to people's mental wellbeing. We will be reporting on this data in 2020 and looking at new ways of collecting bespoke outcomes to Homeshare.

Collecting outcomes on Homesharing takes time. Data can only be collected when new matches start and then at six months in order to measure the impact and many participants have been unable or unwilling to complete the 6 month questionnaire.

We found that many people did not like to admit how they are feeling even on the anonymous questionnaire making it difficult to measure the difference the Homeshare match was making. It was also challenging to filter out the impact to wider health and wellbeing of participants. For example, one participant was thrilled with her Homesharer but was having some health problems that meant she was in hospital for a time, so her overall mental wellbeing was low.

We have decided that it would be beneficial to develop a bespoke Homeshare outcome measurement tool that will measure activity and social engagements so we can see the difference Homeshare is making to the day to day levels of activity of participants.

Independence at home: Geoff and Sarah

Supportmatch



Geoff's sister contacted Supportmatch after they lost their mother who was looking after him.

Geoff has Down's Syndrome and even though he was independent, he was frightened of living alone after his mother passed away.

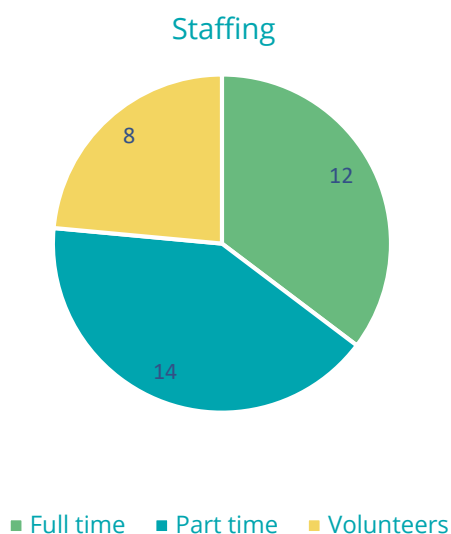
Supportmatch matched Geoff with a lovely Homesharer, Sarah, a music teacher who had previous Homeshare experience. They connected immediately at the first meeting; Sarah built a relationship of trust with Geoff from the start. She has been invaluable for Geoff's emotional wellbeing, and has always been there for him, this includes helping in the mornings with getting ready for the day centre, preparing packed lunches, and often walking home with him, preparing dinner and spending time watching television together. Sarah also looks after the house, doing the laundry and keeping on top of Geoff's medical appointments. Sarah has a wonderful relationship with Geoff's sister whom she helps to deal with everybody involved with Geoff's health e.g. carers, counsellors, doctors and OT's.

After a few months of living together, social services became involved to offer Geoff extra support. The relationship between Supportmatch Homeshare, Sarah and social services has guaranteed Geoff full time support for more than four years, reducing the budget for Geoff's care, but most importantly enabling him to stay much longer at home, where he wants to be. Sarah has plenty of time off and a lot of support too.

2019: a snapshot of the sector

The Homeshare UK network is made up of 21 members of which **19 are active Homeshare programmes**. Six of the programmes have been running for three years and two for more than seven. The oldest Homeshare programme in the UK has been supporting participants **for over 20 years**.

There are dedicated Homeshare programmes serving Greater London, Republic of Ireland, Bristol and Bath, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Carmarthenshire, Leeds and York. Five of the programmes provide a National Service.



17 Homeshare programmes are run by non-for-profit organisations. Six of the organisations also provide other services for older people including; domiciliary care, befriending, activity sessions and advice and information. Two Homeshare programmes are run by Local Authorities

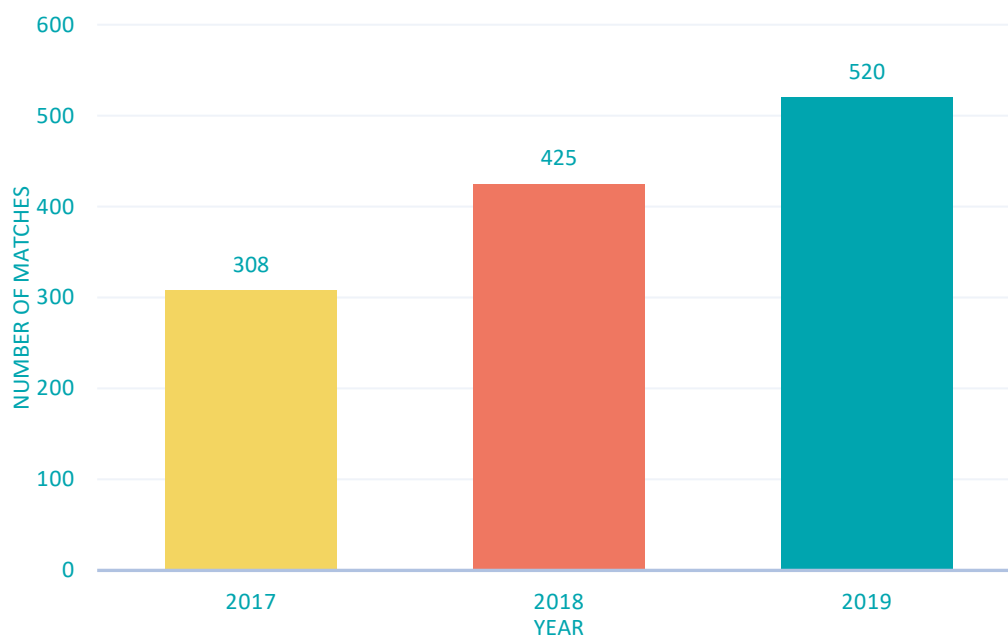
Homeshare is staffed though a mix of full, Part time and volunteer staff.

Sustainability

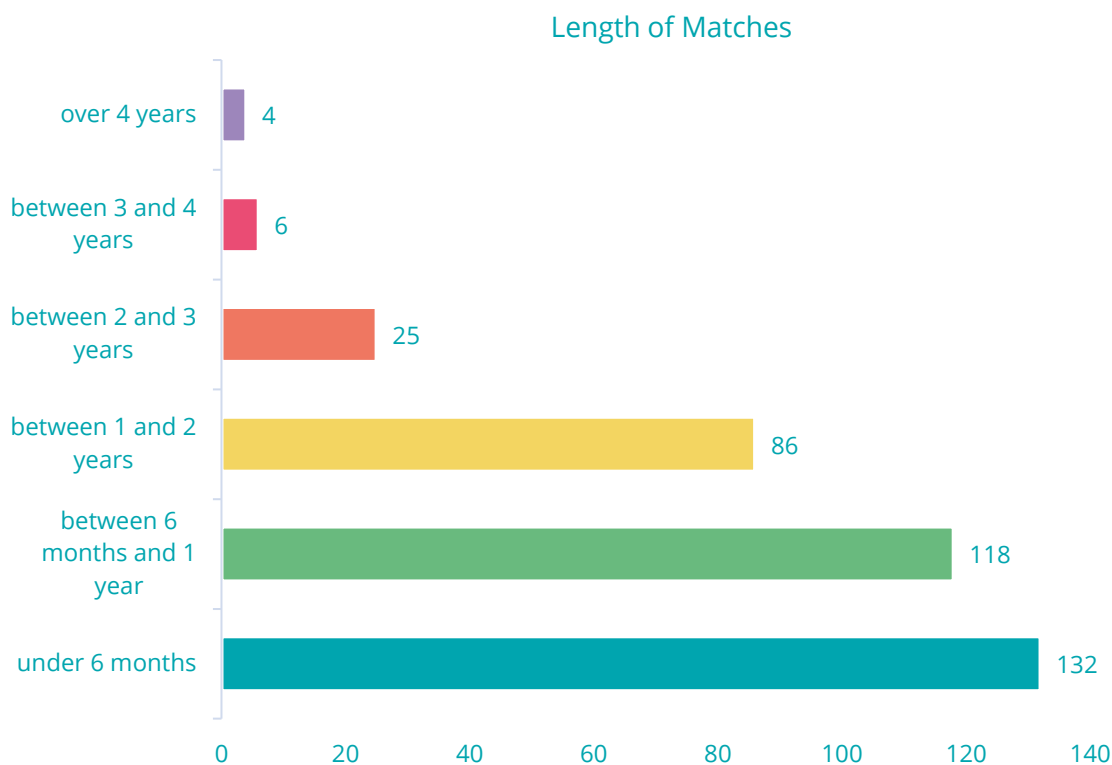
Our programmes are proving that they can be sustainable. Only three Homeshare organisations are fully grant funded – all three are less than 18 months old.

Seven organisations are fully funded by income generated by Homeshare fees and a further two are partly funded by a mix of grant and fee generated income. There are two commissioned Homeshare services in the UK. Other programmes are funded through private funds and organisational reserves in conjunction with fees. **On the day of the survey (Dec 19) our network reported 372 active matches across the UK and ROI however over the past year our Homeshare programmes have supported 520 Homeshare matches an increase of 22% on last year.**

Homeshare Relationships Supported in a given year



The length of a Homeshare match remains static at around 14 months but many Householders and Homesharers go on to participate in other Homeshare arrangements.



There are currently 125 older people waiting to be matched with a Homesharer an increase of 5% on 2018. Organisations report over 450 Homesharers who have registered and are hopeful of a Homeshare match.

148 matches ended in 2019. 72% of these were matches that ran their course and ended as planned. The other key reason for relationships ending was Householders going into residential care and/or needing more support than Homeshare could provide. Organisations reported 19 matches ending due to relationship breakdown. During 2019 seven Householders died.

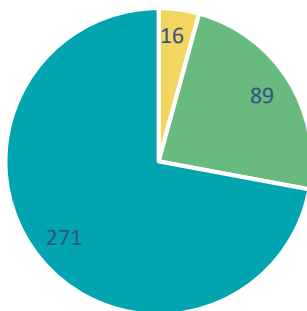
Between January and December 2019, 54 older people whose Homeshare relationship ended went onto be re matched with another Homesharer. Only 19 Homesharers participated in a second Homeshare match.

Demographics

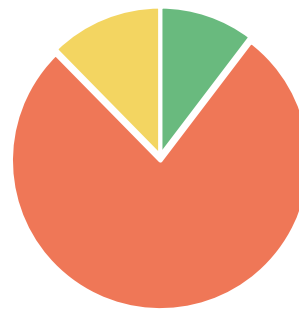
Householders are predominantly single females over the age of 80. 28% of Householders participating in a Homeshare in 2019 were under 79 years old, an increase of 14% on last year.

120 Householders and 15 Homesharers described themselves as having a disability.

Age of Householders



Age of Homesharers



■ Age of Householders ■ 50 – 64 ■ 65 – 79 ■ Over 80 ■ Age of Homesharers ■ 18 – 25 ■ 26 – 35 ■ 36 – 50

Homesharers are an equal mix of young professionals and students, public sector worker and younger older people making up the other key groups of sharers.

78% of all referrals to Homeshare for Householders came via a son or daughter of a potential Householder.

During 2019, 309 potential Homesharers were turned down by programmes. The key reason was unrealistic expectations of Homesharing. Other key reasons included, poor reference and/or poor values and attitude. During the same period 52 older people were turned down by Homeshare programmes and referred onto other services. 38 of these were due to other care needs being too great to support a Homeshare relationship, 9 were turned down due to unrealistic expectations and 5 due to their location.

Valerie's story

Share my Home



Valerie, a Sharer, based in SW London talks about her experiences of Homesharing with an Older Person.

"Henry and I both enjoy rummaging through charity shops for a bargain and have been on jaunts out together to local places and brought home a bargain or two! It's a very satisfying way to help another person as well as enjoying a nice place to live."

From far away in Australia I was looking for a place to settle in England and, of course, accommodation.

The 'Share-My-Home' idea seemed even more appealing than "normal" accommodation sharing as I love the idea of helping someone feel safer in their home and providing some practical support can mean a lot to an older person. Of course, the affordability is a great bonus too!

When I came to London, Share my Home Homeshare introduced me to Henry, a gentleman in his 80s with whom I might share.. What I really valued was being able to 'test the arrangement' by staying in the home for a couple of nights prior to the move in - it was reassuring that the situation would be suitable. I also had a chance to meet his family too. Since moving-in, I have helped by running important errands, provided reassurance during some worrying moments and of course, done lots of little chores that make the day easier for Henry."

Strategic support and advice

The Homeshare UK team can provide strategic advice and support to organisations operating in the non-profit, public and private sector to support Homeshare start-up and development.

Our services reflect the good practice outlined in the Homeshare Good Practice Guide and the National Quality Assurance Framework, both of which are maintained and updated with input from government and national partners.

Our expertise draws on our UK-wide membership of virtually every Homeshare programme in the country and we are the trusted partner of government. Our goal is to find great ways for many more people to share their homes and lives. We constantly develop and update a complete set of guidance, policies and national datasets which cover every aspect of delivering Homeshare safely and well.

Through our paid-for services we can support your development with:

- Scoping the requirements of a new Homeshare scheme including; feasibility study, consultation and research with key stakeholders and business planning
- Training covering key policy and practice areas
- Process and resource design including safeguarding, monitoring, data collection, outcome monitoring and design of key forms
- Developing a plan and evaluation framework
- An independent process and impact evaluation
- Recruitment and selection of staff
- Developing a framework for commissioning a Homeshare service

Sylvia and Laura

Homeshare Living



Sylvia is 87, and when a younger family friend, who had lived with her for many years decided to move on, she was open to trying a Homeshare. Although being quite active during the day, Sylvia didn't want to be alone at night and was looking to have a bit of company in the evenings, and occasionally during the day. Being visually impaired, it was important to her that her Sharer would be kind, helpful and tidy in the home.

Laura is 29 and studying for a master's at Middlesex University. She was educated in Romania and had been living in the UK for many years in shared flats with other young people. With a return to full-time studying and the costs of living in London high, her priority was to find in a safe, quiet environment close to college.

Sylvia and Laura live together in Sylvia's beautiful flat in Willesden Green. They are both busy with their daily lives as Sylvia enjoys many activities herself including book club, history and other classes run by U3A, yoga, cinema and theatre. Laura has a flexible schedule attending college a few days each week for her master's and studying at home. However, they enjoy planning their weekly and daily schedules together and setting time to prepare and share many meals at home, go for walks or coffees locally, enjoying a good TV drama in the evening and even doing a Russian History class together

Homeshare International



In April 2019 Homeshare International and Shared Lives Plus announced an exciting new partnership that will see both organisations work together to further develop and expand Homesharing across the globe.

Homeshare International has supported the development of Homesharing programmes in 17 different countries around the world; the charity has stimulated and undertaken research into the need and impact of Homesharing both for older Householders and younger Homesharers. The biennial World Homeshare Congress - now in its 10th year - was developed by Homeshare International.

Shared Lives Plus are honoured to form this partnership with Homeshare International, building on years of its ground-breaking work. We will be consulting with all Homeshare International's stakeholders and actively seeking funding to expand and develop Homeshare International's support for Homesharing around the globe.

Homeshare International World Congress 2021

The Biennial Homeshare world congress will be held in 2021 in Liverpool, home of Shared Lives Plus. The city welcomes innovation and its people are warm and bursting with pride for their hometown.

We can't wait to showcase Homeshare in the UK and around the world and what better way to do it than in the splendid St Georges Hall. The pride of the Liverpool's city centre, opulent surroundings steeped in history will help inspire us and celebrate Homeshare in style. **Save the date - Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th May 2021!**

You can get more information on the Homeshare international website and sign up for updates via the mailing list.

Meet our Members:

Introducing some of the people that make Homeshare happen!



Photo from ITV film 'Bringing Communities Together' aired in April 2019

Lightshare Homeshare Services is a national Homeshare service that was founded in 2017. Rebecca Odelowo – founder of Lightshare – realised in her years of working as a Community

Physiotherapist, that there were cases where older and vulnerable people required practical help and support but did not meet the criteria for social care funding. In other cases, individuals were lonely and isolated and would benefit from more regular companionship.

Lightshare's Homeshare programme is designed to complement the care services provided to older and vulnerable people. Our Householders are matched with Homesharers with whom they could live, laugh and share experiences.

Lightshare believe that it's important that all relationships are mutually beneficial, to this effect, our clients are matched not just on location, but on personalities, likes, hobbies and interests. We support a wide range of adults across the UK, including individuals or couples who are older, have disabilities or early stage dementia.

Lightshare continually push the envelope when it comes to providing meaningful relationships. It was a pleasure to have one of our lovely matches featured on ITV news this year. In the coming year, we're hoping to be featured in more publications and to continue building the links we have with local authorities and the National Health Service. Homesharing is making great strides in bringing generations together and Lightshare is glad to be part of this amazing journey.

Homeshare Living

Sarah Kaye and Carol Cohen



In 2017 Carol had been thinking about possible options for her 92-year-old mother, who, although still physically

active and living alone in her home, was very lonely in the evenings, and desperate for some company. A friend of the family had moved in for a short time and this had made a very positive impact so when Carol overheard a clip on the BBC news about Homeshare, she knew that this was the way forward. She researched it, loved the concept and found a Homesharer for her mum through a London Homeshare provider.

Carol also told her best friend Sarah. The two had met at nursery school when they were just two years old and growing up, their mothers were like second mothers to each other. Sarah, a lawyer and legal recruiter, also loved the concept immediately. She had her own personal experience of Homeshare as, in the 1980s, a young Portuguese lady lived with her grandfather for the last six years of his life in a Homeshare, and she saw first-hand the benefits this brought to them both, and to the whole family.

HomeShare Living started in 2018 and has quickly built up a solid reputation for completing Homeshare matches in London, particularly in North and North West London, where Carol and Sarah live. They love seeing the benefits that Homeshare brings to the Homeowners' overall wellbeing and happiness, and to the Sharers who were often previously lonely themselves, and they enjoy building strong relationships with them and also the families, popping in regularly to visit them for a catch up

Methodology

The information collected for this report has been used by Shared Lives Plus to evidence the status of the Homeshare sector for the period January 2019 to December 2019.

We surveyed all our Homeshare UK members who provided information in relation to:

- Organisation structure
- Delivery of the Homeshare service
- Homeshare matches
- Scheme participants
- Equality and Diversity
- Issues and Challenges

Additional information has been gathered from:

- Case studies from across the network
- Homeshare network meetings
- The Homeshare Conference 2019
- One to one conversations with our network members and key stakeholders

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