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Organisation Type	Organisation	Schemes	Capacity
Charity	Brandon Trust	14	86
	Cintre Community Limited	2	13
	Freeways Trust Limited	3	35
	Homes Caring for Autism	1	8
	Leonard Cheshire Foundation	1	13
	Royal Mencap Society	1	10
Charity Total		22	165
Private	Abberleigh	2	20
	ANJ & ASH Care Ltd	1	22
	Ashley House	1	16
	Bradbury	1	4
	Charlton House	1	15
	Community Therapeutic Services Ltd	2	11
	Consensus Support	1	8
	Harewood House	1	7
	Hollywell House	1	9
	New Bridges Residential Care Ltd	1	6
	Oak Bank Residential Home Limited	1	6
	Oakley House	1	3
	Parkcare Homes Ltd	1	13
	Rosamar	1	12
	Shaw Healthcare (Homes) Ltd	1	24
	Southside House	1	6
	St Brigas	1	17
	Tracscare Group Ltd	1	7
Upton Cottage	1	16	
Private Total		21	222
Grand Total		43	387

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	Nursing		Residential		Total	
Charity	39	5	126	17	165	22
Private	24	1	198	20	222	21
Total	63	6	324	37	387	43

In addition the Community Team have placements in schemes not specifically for learning disability - Mental Disorder, Dementia, Older People or PSI. In July 2008 there were 22 people placed in these schemes - all of which were managed by private agencies

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<p>Example: Sam is a young man with severe learning disabilities and complex needs. He has had various residential placements, but none of them have worked. He now lives in a flat that he rents and receives a Direct Payment, which his family manage, which is used to employ his own support team. He is much happier because the service is tailored around him.</p>	<p>A person in supported living has security of tenure and cannot be moved against their will unless the tenancy is breached.</p>
<p>A person has no security of tenure and can legally be moved without consent.</p>	
<p>Most welfare benefits go directly towards paying for the placement costs; a small personal allowance is paid to the individual.</p>	<p>Housing Benefit and a full range of welfare benefits can be claimed. This is paid in full to the individual who then has to use this to pay for daily living costs.</p>

What is a Shared Lives Scheme?

23. Shared Lives offers adults with a learning disability, accommodation in family homes in the local community. Accommodation is with a family, where sharing family life is part of the arrangement, this is referred to as Shared Lives but was formerly called Adult Placement. This enables the person to have the supportive care they need to live an independent life of their own choosing.

24. Shared Lives families can offer a full range of support including personal care.

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25. The support which Shared Lives provides is designed to benefit the whole family. It can provide families with a break, as well as a chance for the Service users to take part in things they enjoy. They will also have a chance of meeting new friends from outside the family circle.
26. The scheme has the following features:
 - A team has been set up in North Somerset to be responsible for approving and training the Carers, the team will receive referrals and match the needs of service users with Shared Lives Carers and will have a responsibility to provide ongoing monitoring of the arrangements.
 - People using SL services have the opportunity to be part of the SL Carer's family and social networks.
 - Carers provide committed and consistent relationships
 - The relationship between the Carer and the person placed with them is of mutual benefit
 - Carers can support up to three people at any one time, depending upon the assessment process.
 - Carers do not employ staff to provide care to the people that they support.
27. This scheme will give people with learning disabilities more choice and flexibility to live the lives that they choose.
28. In a Shared Lives arrangement, the individual usually shares the whole house and mealtimes whilst having the privacy of their own bedroom.
29. Shared Lives Schemes are registered by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
30. Matching is a key feature of Shared Lives arrangements. Matching of the individual and the Shared Lives family will be done by the North Somerset Shared Lives Worker in close consultation with the person and their family, their care manager and other key people who know the individual well.
31. In Shared Lives the host family undergoes a thorough assessment and approval process to make sure that they have the skills and knowledge to carry out their work. The process involves a number of meetings, a comprehensive training programme and presentation to an Approval Panel.

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32. The individual living with the family receives most of their day to day support directly from the host family. The level of support will depend on the needs of the individual.
33. People living in Shared Lives arrangements are also be entitled to use existing community care services like home helps, nurses and physiotherapists depending on the level of support they need.
34. Shared Lives arrangements for some very severely disabled people have proved very successful although as with any family the presence of additional support is an essential part of a comprehensive care package including use of respite and short breaks services.
35. One of the features of Shared Lives Schemes is the flexibility to meet different needs. It has however been a criticism of Shared Lives that it does not offer the same occupancy rights that go with owning or renting your own home. People living in Shared Lives arrangements are provided with a licence agreement but this does not offer the same security as an assured tenancy. The guest can be asked to leave at four weeks notice and has no legal means of challenging such action.
36. However, Shared Lives families do not enter into such arrangements lightly. They do so only if they feel able to provide accommodation and support for the length of time required by the individual. Many Shared Lives arrangements are stepping stones to more independent living and are time limited – others are more open ended. Situations can arise that result in Shared Lives families moving house or taking a job out of the area.
37. Evidence from existing Schemes shows that Shared Lives arrangements can be very successful even for very severely disabled people. There can be much greater scope for promoting choice with Shared Lives than traditional services.

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Alternatively, the Housing Options website offers a vast amount of useful information on housing for people with learning disabilities.

www.housingoptions.org.uk