Kent Shared Lives is committed to ensuring that Shared Lives selection process is open, equal opportunities and user focused. The process used is designed to ensure that Shared Lives hosts have the competencies and qualities required to meet the adult’s needs and to carry out the tasks they are expected to do, and that they meet the standards of conduct and practice set by the Health Care Professionals Council and the Sector Skills Council National Occupational Standards for Shared Lives hosts.

The selection process requires successful completion of the following:

- An initial enquiries form with the Shared Lives recruitment officer
- completion of a Shared Lives host application form
- Satisfactory completion of references
- demonstration of Shared Lives hosts’ skills, knowledge and abilities to support adults
- completion of the Shared Lives pre-placement learning and assessment programmes, and
- Approval by an independent approval panel.

The following documents are intended to support these processes:

- Host application form
- Initial enquiries form
- Host assessment form
- A day in life sheet
- Personal profile