

Guardianship-Together for the Community

The Service-Step by Step



What is Guardianship-Together For The Community?

Guardianship-Together For The Community is designed for Householders who would like to offer their spare room to a selected and fully vetted "Guardian", while making an extra income to help towards their own living costs.

The Householder will offer their spare room at slightly below market value to help the community, by creating affordable accommodation for the NHS and Social Care in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset.

The Guardian would be a carefully-matched health worker or medical student who would in return also offer a little help around the home, if needed, and a greater sense of overnight security.



What does it involve?

An assessment will first take place to establish the suitability of the property. A monthly licence fee for the room will then be agreed with the Householder, to cover the cost of the accommodation. The fee will be decided by taking into account size of the room, location, facilities available to the Guardian and overall property layout.

Potential Guardians will be selected for each property available.

Please Note: The term "licence fee" is used instead of the term "rent" for the purpose of the Guardianship. This provides a "licence to occupy" rather than a "tenancy agreement" which would have different legal implications.



Finding a Match

Support&Match CIC will maintain a register of approved Householders and Guardians, so placements can be made that suits both parties. Once a match is found, Support&Match CIC will put in place a legal licence agreement which will establish rules, commitments and responsibilities for all parties involved. The pre-agreed licence fee payable by the guardian to the householder.

A start date will be decided once both parties are happy to proceed. During the arrangement Support&Match CIC will provide continuous monitoring through guidance and advice as and when needed, to make sure both Householder and Guardian are happy with the arrangement.



Who are the Guardians

The Guardians are selected and fully vetted Medical students, NHS and social care staff, who are looking for a safe and affordable accommodation. This might include new recruits or existing staff.

All Guardians will need to have a clear DBS and reference check.

Who are the Householders

The Householder is an individual who has a spare room available, and wishes to contribute to the wider community by providing affordable accommodation to a health worker or medical student, while earning an extra income.

The Householder will need to be willing to take a DBS and reference check.



Cost of the service to the householder

Support&Match will charge the Householder registration fee of £50 plus the cost of the DBS check.

Thereafter Support&Match will collect the licence fee on behalf of the Householder, while retaining 18% of the monthly pre-agreed licence fee. The remaining amount will be transferred to the Householder's account.

Cost of the service to the Guardian

There is no extra charges to the Guardian either than the monthly licence fee. The first payment will comprise of 2 months of the agreed monthly licence fee-one month in advance plus fee for the current month.

Utility bills are included in the licence fee.

Full-time students are exempt from Council Tax charges. Where the Guardian is not a full time-student and the Householder benefits from the single person discount allowance, a small contribution to the Council Tax can be agreed.