

Live-in Care

People with disabilities and other long term conditions prefer to stay in their own home as much as possible rather than move to residential or nursing care and are looking for alternatives to this option.

As a result, demand is growing for “live-in” help from support staff who stay in people’s homes and provide companionship, support and practical assistance. These services can include helping with shopping, assisting people with meal preparation, getting in and out of bed, personal care in the bathroom and accompanying them to meet friends or attend appointments.

This can be a cost effective alternative to long or short stays in residential care or nursing homes. The benefit of being in one’s own home is that regular routines like what and when to eat are maintained. Having a live-in carer avoids the need to make alternative arrangements and provides motivation and confidence that encourages good health and independence.

Carewatch believes strongly that in order to ensure continuity, security and a consistently high standard of care, all support workers providing live-in care should be employed directly by the company providing the care, rather than subcontracted from elsewhere. Carewatch agrees with the principle of a small regular team of support workers providing consistency of support and back up when a regular worker is unavailable.

How can we help?

Carewatch can provide person-centred support that focuses on outcomes that maintain independence and personal lifestyles for those who want to continue living in their own home.

We can track individual progress using our bespoke software and ensure that staff are matched to people’s preferences and locality.

Before we decide on a live-in support worker, we take the time to talk to people at length to understand their specific needs. We then choose from our team, the support worker who best meets the person’s requirements, both in terms of skills and personality. It is important that people are totally comfortable with their choice of care and support worker in their own home, both personally and professionally and we will always take their wishes into account before introducing any support staff.

Carewatch is pleased to work with people who have personal budgets, as a direct payment or managed by social services.

