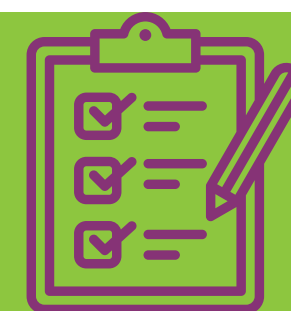


Home Sharing



The Assessment Process: Step by Step

Step 1. Initial Contact

Contact can be made by phoning the Home Sharing Team directly on 086-0834461 or emailing HomeShare@cope-foundation.ie. Following the initial discussion, an information leaflet and application form will be posted.

Step 2. Application Form

Complete the application form and reference list in full and return to the Home Sharing Team.

Step 3. Preliminary Screening

A home visit will be arranged with a Home Sharing Social Worker to discuss the application form and any other queries you may have at this stage. The Home Sharing Social Worker will also support you and your family members over the age of 18 to complete Garda Vetting, Tusla Child Protection Checks and the primary applicant(s) will also need to arrange to attend a medical with their GP.

Step 4. Home Sharing Assessment

A Home Sharing Social Worker will meet with you and your family during a number of home visits to complete your assessment. The assessment seeks to determine your suitability and availability as a host family. During the assessment you will be invited to consider the level of care that you can provide, your availability, current commitments and life experience to date.

Step 5. Approval Panel

Once the assessment is completed your assessment report will be presented to a panel for approval.

Step 6. Induction and Training

Mandatory training will be provided annually. Topics include: 'An overview of Home Sharing', 'Positive Behaviour Support', 'Safe Administration of Medication', 'Safeguarding', 'Self Care', 'Safe Caring' and 'Confidentiality'. There is also specific training in relation to the person you will be supporting in your home.