



## Payment of Home Sharing programme 2023

### 1) Home Sharing “Short Breaks” families

Home/Sharing “Short Breaks” involves a home sharing family in the community offering a placement to a person with intellectual disability in their home (home sharing families) for short breaks and caring for that person as a member of their family. A short break can encompass day care breaks, short overnight break, or breaks over holiday periods.

An allowance is paid per break in line with Tusla Fostering rates:

Child under 12 years	€30.30 day rate	€45.42 overnight rate.
Over 12 years	€33.90 day rate	€49.28 overnight rate

In addition to an allowance, receipted expenses are paid at €20 per day

### 2) Home Sharing “Shared Living” families

A Home Sharing “Shared Living” family is a family that provides full time care to a person with an intellectual disability, similar to, a fostering placement. The shared living family make their home available to a person with an intellectual disability, to share their home on a full time basis, as a member of their family.

With this option a monthly retainer  
and an allowance per night of support is paid.

### 3) Home Sharing “Contract” families

The physical, behavioural or healthcare needs of some persons with an intellectual disability are complex and more challenging. In recognition of this, Contract Families who have significant experience in the caring field are recruited to provide short break support.

Contract families are expected to provide a number of short breaks per month and with this option a monthly retainer is paid and an allowance is paid per session of support provided e.g. 10+ sessions per month to children.

The retainer is €5000 annually.

In addition to the retainer, the Contract Family will be paid an allowance.

The rates of allowance for sessions will be based on:

- A. Depending on the needs of the child placed with the family.
- B. Type of service provided.

#### **Rates of expense for a child with lesser dependency and support needs:**

Overnight less than 24hour care	€60
Overnight more than 24hr care	€85
Day rate of 5+hours (Mon - Sun)	€50

#### **Rates of expense for a child with higher dependency and support needs:**

Overnight less than 24hour care	€90
Overnight more than 24hr care	€135
Day rate of 5+hours (Mon - Sun)	€80

#### **Rates of expense for a child who requires nursing support :**

Overnight less than 24hour care	€120
Overnight more than 24hr care	€170
Day rate of 5+hours (Mon - Sun)	€100

Inductions for guest will be done on a gradual basis. Host families will receive ongoing support from the Home Sharing Team.



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