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# Brain Waves

**A monthly newsletter from Innovations in Dementia CIC**

The aim of these newsletters is to keep people with dementia and their allies informed about the work of Innovations in Dementia Community Interest Company.

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## 'Shared Lives' - living in a family home

Shared Lives is a type of living arrangement. People who need support can live in family homes. The family provide help and care to the person. This can be a long term arrangement or for regular short breaks.

Shared Lives services aim to:

- Enable people to live life to the full within a safe and enabling family and community setting
- Offer people support and encouragement in all aspects of their life
- Promote and develop people's independence and daily living skills
- Help people with their every day care and health needs
- Help people realise their ambitions and potential



Innovations in Dementia is doing some work with an organisation called SWAPS. SWAPS run Shared Lives schemes in the South West of England.

We are looking at whether Shared Lives schemes are a good option for people with dementia. And if they are, what the best ways of making sure they work well for people with dementia.

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## Innovations in Dementia

Innovations in Dementia is run by three directors - Rachael, Steve and Nada. We are a Community Interest Company. This means that any profit we make is put back into the organisation.

We do not offer services for people with dementia. Instead we work with other organisations to make sure that people with dementia can continue to take part in their communities and have active lives.

Please share your ideas, experiences and positive stories with us.

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