

Dawn works for Shared Lives which is part of Social Services run through Havant Council, she provides respite care for disabled people and those with learning difficulties ie Downs Syndrome, we have people come and stay to give their families and rest or until a full time placement is found for them, we have just recently had a lady with a lot of needs staying for 7 months, the room or annex as we call it is where they stay but it is actually our lounge area, some of our clients cannot manage stairs and need help in the bathroom so this room is ideal for them but not us, some of our clients can climb stairs and like to sleep upstairs, again not ideal for us as we have to respect their privacy and likewise, more people are in need of things like hoists or hospital beds which we can provide but require more space, the shared lives scheme allows us to care for up to 3 people at any time which as you can imagine is pretty cramped, but I'm sure some of those considering our application may have people they know with dementia or special needs and can see the benefit of them staying in a comfortable safe home environment which is I guess why the council themselves run this scheme,

