

Case Study P

P was living at home with his family; he has ASD and a learning disability. P's family were finding it increasingly difficult to care for P who has very ritualised and routine behaviour. P had a direct payment to enable him to access the community and give his family respite. P also has a friend, T with a direct payment and they would engage in community activities together.

The care manager coordinated discussions between a local landlord who had a house for rent close to P's home and it was agreed that P and T would have a shared tenancy in the house. It was also agreed that support would be provided to P and T by the existing P.A's by combining and increasing the two direct payments.

A support plan was agreed and P and T have been living independently in the community close to their families for 5 years. They both access a range of community groups and activities and have their own home. They are also able to maintain close contact with their families who are very happy with the arrangements.