

My husband and I are requesting an approval to set up a respite home. I am a registered nurse with 18 years' experience. Both my husband and I have passion on the welfare of people with disability, and we would like to use our home to set up a respite accommodation for people with disability.

Care role can be demanding, stressful and rather tiring, and the home will offer provision of short, flexible respite care to people with disability in order to give temporary relief for the primary carer. The accommodation will be used like a holiday home for people with disability to come and stay there for an agreed period. Our house has 5 bedrooms and a maximum of two to three clients will be permitted at each time. The number of occupants will also depend on the clientele status, meaning that if participant has high unique needs which require complex support, we will reduce the number of occupants. Our aim is for participants to feel at home away from home with provision of care and support to meet their unique needs.

We are planning to have a temporary accommodation to accommodate our family each time when the house is booked or in use. As mentioned before, only two to three clients will be permitted at the premise, there will be normal movement expected as would be for a normal family.

Our service is based on request, check in and departure times will be within reasonable times, such as from 10am check in and 10am departure the following day. We will adhere to minimum movements around the premises outside these hours. Service provision may be for a few hours to overnight and will be arranged directly by me, working together with support coordinators in and around Geraldton, participants and their families

Our garage accommodates two cars and we will only be using one car and no other cars will be parked outside the garage. Of course, there will be different cars coming in to bring clients, however we will adhere to the check in and departure times as mentioned above. There will be normal movement at the premise outside these hours.

We are planning to work together with Support Coordinators such as Helping Minds and 360 Health registered with National Disability Insurance Scheme, who will refer participants who will benefit from our respite service and book with us.

I am a registered nurse, hence provision of support will be based on nursing standards of my profession. Both my husband and I have current police clearance and working with children check.

Our service will add value to our community by promoting wellness for carers, allowing them to recharge their batteries to continue in their caring role and provide quality care. Help participants

remain living in their home for longer because provision of respite is available to enable main carer to have time to rejuvenate.

Provision of service includes:

1. nursing services such as medication assistance.
2. Support around activities of daily living.
3. Transport.
4. Companionship.

The following addresses some of the requirements for approval;

Are any goods/equipment stored?

- No goods or equipment will be stored.

Will there be noise generated?

- No noise will be generated.

Are there any people employed?

- My husband and I will provide required support.

Is there any vehicle used in connection with the home occupation?

- A vehicle will be used to support participants to access the community for social activities. The vehicle will be parked in garage.

How many clients will visit the premises?

- One or two participants will visit or be accommodated for respite.

Proposed hours of operation?

- The respite will operate for two to three days a week. Our research suggests participants may book for respite once a week or once a month.

Will there be any advertising/signage?

- No advertising or signage will be placed at the house. The objective is to create a place which participants will feel it's a home away from home.