How CarePair Started

Hi, I'm Russ, creator of CarePair, and I wanted to introduce you personally to this new, free and useful service. The application and website is available for free in the UK and USA

I've worked to create a service that makes a real difference to people in the same position as me. People who have a disability and require care assistance, but also want to live independently.

I was born with Muscular Dystrophy and I have been living independently all my adult life, with the support of the Direct Payments Scheme. It was Direct Payments, which plays such a major part in my life that sparked my ambition to give something back and change the way the provision is delivered, making it easier for users.

I developed the idea to combat some of the common issues I have encountered in planning my own care support. Currently, users requiring care assistance are assessed and given funding to employ their own carers. Even though there are no restrictions, apart from legal, on who you can employ as a carer, it can be hard to find people to successfully fill the roles. Some care users turn to classified adverts or job sites, but there is normally a cost involved, which is often not covered by the funding schemes.

Also, as carers often spend large amounts of time with their employers in recreational, family and personal settings, it can be difficult if you have no shared interests. If you have something in common it's much easier for both of you. CarePair acts almost like a dating website, matching people not only by their care requirements, but also by their personal interests, aiming to make the most compatible pairings of user and carer.

Another benefit of the CarePair app is that in the event of a scheduled carer having to cancel at short notice, for example due to illness, users can find suitable carers instantly, avoiding the need to hire agency carers, at a much greater cost than the Direct Payment budget allows for. Users can also find carers based on location, making it easier to find support when they are in a new area, for example on holiday. This also reduces the costs for users, as they don't need to pay flights and travel costs to take their assistants with them!

CarePair relies on you as users to make it work, but with an aging population, and increasing demands for care services, CarePair will be there at the forefront of supply, innovating the provision and putting people together.

Welcome to CarePair

CarePair is a brand new, free, service running online and on the iOS platforms as an app on Apple devices, such as an iPhone, iPod and iPad.

CarePair is designed to assist employers with impairments, requiring human support, to find assistants quickly and easily.

It also allows people who are looking for support roles to find suitable employment to fit their skills and abilities.

CarePair uses a bespoke, powerful, matching algorithm to not only match people by location and skill sets, but also on personal preferences and tastes.

How Does CarePair Work?

CarePair is based on user profiles, which first need to be created within the CarePair website. After a user has registered, they provide their personal details, such as name, address and date of birth. Users are also asked to identify which skills they require or in the case of a carer, which skills they can provide.

Once these details have been submitted, users can upload a picture, and then fill out the specifics of the support they need, or if they are a support worker, the support they are willing to provide. Users can also specify how much they are able to pay, or how much they are willing to work for.

After this information has been completed, each user then is presented with questions about their personal tastes, covering everything from music to food preferences, and working condition options.

The CarePair matching system will then find suitable support workers for a role, or display employers available in the local area that are waiting to be filled. All potential matches are given a star rating, to illustrate how well they match the requirements of the user they are being matched with. CarePair will give you as many suitable matches as possible in the area.

The CarePair website works seamlessly with the CarePair app and together they allow employers to post jobs on the go, and find assistants whilst out and about, not just at their home address.

As jobs can be posted based on location, employers can find assistants wherever they are, giving people with impairments the ability to lead truly independent lives.

Using CarePair

Register

Visit www.carepair.co.uk to register your free account.

Signing up takes minutes, there are only four screens to complete, remember to complete all of your profile to get the best matches!

Don't forget to download the App when you are finished!

Match

After you have filled in your profile and posted your job, sit back and let CarePair's powerful matching algorithm find you a perfect pairing.

All available matches are found, collated and presented to you in under a second, and ranked in best match order.

You can see matches on the CarePair website or app.

All you need to do is contact them!

Post

Post full time roles on www.carepair.co.uk in your profile, you can say exactly what you need and what you are able to pay per hour.

Post part time, short term or urgently required jobs with the CarePair App to find carers quickly and easily! Using the app means you can post jobs that are either at your home address, or at your current location, wherever that may be!

Live!

Now that CarePair has matched you up with a carer it is up to you both to live life to the full.

Carers can support you with work, travel and social occasions.

With Direct Payments and CarePair the world is your oyster!

Available on the
App Store

Scan the QR Code
to download CarePair