

Jim's Individual Story

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Jim is a young man of 30 who has Autism. This has created a range of challenges in his life and also in the lives of the people who love and care for him.

Jim moved from a residential hospital to live in his own flat with support about a year ago and his life and confidence have gone from strength to strength.

It was important to Jim and to the success of his move to more independent living that staff supporting him understood the challenges he faced and presented so that these did not stop him from having his own home or from being freely involved in the community. Staff supporting Jim have had intensive training so that they can support him well.

The Positive Behaviour Support Officer worked for a long time with Jim, his family and staff to understand the challenges and put plans in place which would reduce this challenge and let Jim live the life he wanted.

Jim is fully involved in agreeing any plans or changes to them and they help him live the life he wants. He has made huge strides since moving to his own home and has met some of his outcomes such as accessing his community, going bowling, going to the cinema and personal shopping.

Jim's family have said:

"The quality of care is very high, my son is learning very quickly to become independent. I feel the staff have a high level of autism awareness and his best interests are at the heart of all that they do".

All of this sustains our belief that with the right support, people who are challenged and who challenge others have great skills, abilities, potential and can be supported to live an ordinary (or extraordinary) life.