

Kinship Connected Pilot Trial

Kinship Carer Information Sheet

Kinship Connected

Kinship Connected is a support programme. It is run by a charity called Kinship. The programme lasts 6 months. It gives practical help and emotional support to kinship carers like you. It helps you find useful services for you and the children you care for.



A pilot trial

A pilot trial is a small test to see how a programme works. This pilot trial will help us we find out if it is helping kinship families. The trial will also tell us how to improve Kinship Connected and how best to do a bigger test in the future.



Why we're contacting you

We are testing Kinship Connected in your local area. You may want to sign up to the trial and get Kinship Connected.



What taking part in the trial involves

We will ask you to fill in an online form. This form will ask about you and your household. It will also ask about your experience as a kinship carer, your wellbeing, and the support you get. Six months later, we will ask you to fill it in again. This is so we can compare any changes over time. We will also invite some kinship carers to take part in a 1-to-1 discussion to talk about how you found Kinship Connected.



When you'll get Kinship Connected

Everyone in the trial will get Kinship Connected. Some kinship carers will start sooner. Others will start 6 months later. Having kinship carers start at different times helps us compare groups and understand if Kinship Connected really makes a difference. We decide who starts first at random - it's like picking names out of a hat. We call this way of working a 'waitlist'.



You can choose to take part

Taking part is your choice. You do not have to take part. You will still be able to get help from your local authority and from Kinship's national support services. However, Kinship Connected is currently only available to kinship carers in your area who take part in the trial. If you take part in the trial, you will get Kinship Connected as well as help from your local authority and from Kinship's national support services.



Next steps

You can find out more by:

- 1) having your local authority contact refer you onto the trial
- 2) filling in an online form via Kinship's website [here](#).

After this, you will get an email from Kinship with more information. From there, you will have the option to join the trial and complete the first form.



How we keep your information safe

We will keep your information safe and private. We will only use it for this trial. We won't share information with your local authority or other professionals. The only time we might share your information is if we are worried someone might not be safe. Find out more [here](#).



Results of the evaluation

We will write short reports and presentations about Kinship Connected. We will share these reports with organisations that support kinship carer and put it online. We will never include your name and personal details in a report or presentation.



Have a question?

If you have questions about Kinship Connected, you can reach out to Kinship via email at navigator@kinship.org.uk
If you have any questions about the trial, you can reach out to India Thompson via email at india.thompson@ceiglobal.org

