Matching support

This tool provides a structured way to identify how skills, support, people and personal qualities align. It offers a simple way to record what is needed to achieve the best match.

Skills needed	Support needed and wanted	Personality characteristics needed	Shared common interests
Someone trained in autism spectrum disorder.	To encourage Fatima to engage in conversations. This can be using visual cues.	Space for Fatima to respond to questions in her own time. Someone who is gentle and uses a soft voice when speaking. Someone who is willing to share personal stories. Fatima finds visual, authentic prompts helpful, for example photographs of pets or places visited on holiday are often enjoyed and useful prompts for conversation and questions.	Someone who enjoys the company of animals. Fatima loves cats and enjoys providing daily updates about the activities of her pet cats. Fatima likes learning about other countries and is curious about the world, so someone who enjoys travel.