



The Homefinder service is delivered by Golden Lane Housing (GLH), a specialist housing charity established by Royal Mencap Society in 1998.

Their aim is to help people with a learning disability have more choices about where and how they live.

How does it work?

- 1 It uses existing schemes run by housing departments.
- 2 It supports people to rent directly from the private rental sector.
- 3 SWLH will lease properties from the private sector and sublet them to people with learning disabilities.

What are the benefits?

- Builds links with existing services to allow increased main stream housing options.
- Responds to individual housing needs.
- Reduces reliance on registered care.
- Allows people to try supported living.
- Provides a unique housing support service.
- Choice of location.



i Social work teams and Brokers

The Homefinder service creates safe access to the private rental sector across six boroughs in Southwest London for people with learning disabilities.



0845 604 0046
www.glh.org.uk/homefinders

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What will the Homefinders service actually do?

- Receive referrals.
- Undertake a housing assessment for approval by you and your client.
- Review and present the options available with costs and timescales.
- A matching service which presents sharing opportunities.
- Liaise with the local housing department about rent deposit schemes.
- Carry out property searches and accompanied viewings.
- Find suitable accommodation.
- Review quality of the support arrangements.
- Provide a unique housing support service once people are housed.



What will social services and others have to do?

- Ensure the correct support package is in place.
- Carry out a risk assessment for all sharing opportunities.
- Ensure people get help with individual and household budgeting.

The Homefinders are ready for your enquiry!

To find out more:

- ring: 0845 604 0046
- email: homefinders@glh.org.uk
- website: www.glh.org.uk/homefinders

What does it cost?

There are no fees before 1 April 2011.

After moving in, tenants pay a fee of £10 per person per week for supported landlord services provided by GLH.



The Southwest Homefinders scheme is a joint initiative funded by the Department of Communities and Local Government, involving six London boroughs of Croydon, Kingston, Lambeth, Merton, Richmond and Wandsworth.

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