



## About the service

### What's good ?

- It works across Southwest London so people can move more easily.
- Helps encourage people to try sharing rather than wait for a perfect match.
- Relatively quick 'plan B' solution if social housing is not available or unlikely to become available.
- Works with individual budgets.



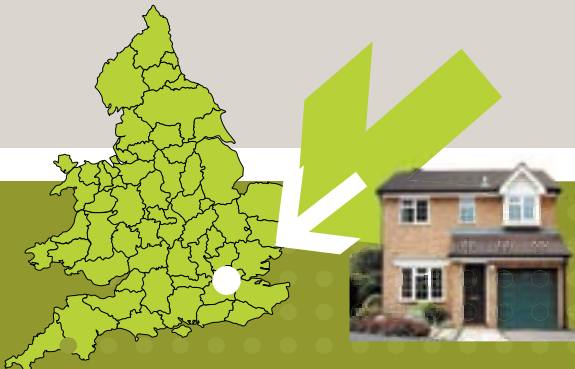
## i About SWLH

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

### What's not so good?

Golden Lane Housing (GLH) will always try to ensure landlords are looking for long term lets but this can not be guaranteed.

SWLH will assist people to rent directly from landlords not but we know this will always be possible and GLH may take a lease until landlords and tenants get to know each other.



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## How does it work?

Anyone with a learning disability can apply.

### Step 1 | Referrals

SWLH will make sure that all referrals are registered with the local housing department to find out if there is any possibility of social housing or other housing department involvement.

### Step 2 | Appraisal

An appraisal of what options there might be in the private rental sector, home ownership, or future planning by families.

### Step 3 | Options

- Access to any existing local schemes that help people find somewhere to live.
- Live independently or share with other people.
- Introduction to potential sharers with a vacancy in their house.
- Introduction to potential sharers seeking a home in the same area.
- Helping people who want to share to find a home.
- Helping people rent directly from a landlord.
- Leasing a property from a private landlord and subletting to tenants.

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.

Golden Lane Housing's registered charity number 1071097



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.

“Helping people with a learning disability have more choices about where and how they live”.

The Homefinders are ready for your enquiry!

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