

MERTON SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICE



SERVICE BACKGROUND

The Supported Living Service has been operational since 2007 and was created as a result of the closure for redevelopment of one of the Councils care homes. Service users and staff moved to Dolliffe Close which was set up as supported living.

The service has now expanded to supporting service users at four sites across the borough. Three sites provide twenty-four hours staffing, Cliveden has Mascot Telecare in place for any emergencies.

MY FLAT

- Having a tenancy or license – means having your own front door key to your flat and legal protection for living in your flat. This also comes with responsibility and staff support with managing the tenancy/ license.
- Learning new daily skills - with support from staff tenants can work to develop new daily living skills – learning to cook a meal independently, going to the local shops, starting a college course etc.
- Financial choices – having access to money is an important aspect of anyone's independence, we use a variety of options to ensure that this is done safely. People gain confidence and build skills by deciding what they want to buy, learning how to budget, experience of shopping and purchasing items.

THE GABLES



Evolve Housing own The Gables, which is situated in Tamworth Lane, Mitcham.

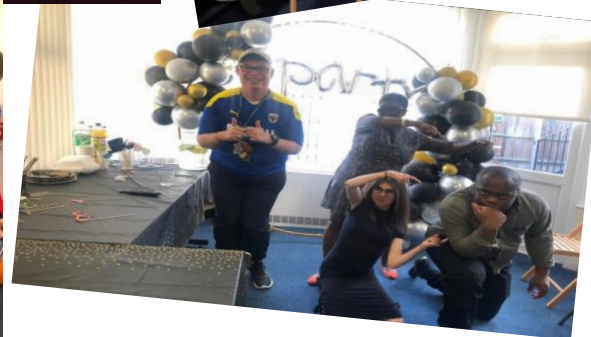
The site most recently opened in October 2017.

There are nine flats all with a kitchenette and bathroom. The site also has communal spaces, which consist of a sensory room, a TV lounge, and a large general use room. Service users also have access to shared laundry facilities and a communal garden.

The aim of the Gables is for transition from Children's Services or the family home.

Service Users at this site have a short-term license rather than a tenancy, as the purpose is for assessment and development of daily living skills in preparation for move on.

LIVING AT THE GABLES



HASLEMERE AVENUE



Haslemere Avenue is situated in Wimbledon Park and is owned by Wandle Housing. It consists of two separate houses, with eight bedsits in total, there are four bedsits in each house. The staff offices are situated in the middle of the property and have access to both houses via interconnecting doors.

The site opened in June 2011

There are communal facilities in each property, including a kitchen, dining and lounge area, laundry and a shared garden. All bedsits have individual bathrooms and kitchenettes.

LIVING AT HASLEMERE



DOLLIFFE CLOSE



Clarion Housing own Dolliffe Close and the site is situated in Bond Road Mitcham, opposite Asda.

This site opened in May 2015.

The site consists of eighteen, one bedded flats, for people with learning disabilities. The flats are situated over three floors and there is lift access to all floors. There is communal garden space and a staff office block. Flats have full facilities with kitchen, accessible bathroom and a balcony/winter garden.

Tenants at this site have a tenancy and are supported by staff to manage this.

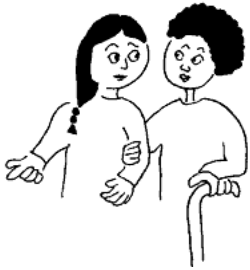


What is Shared Lives ?



- For adults aged 18 and over
- Centres on sharing home, family and community life
- You live with a specially chosen carer in their family home or you share a house with other customers and a carer visits you to help you

Who are Shared Lives Carers?



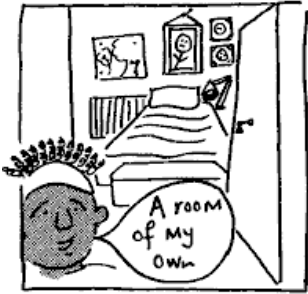
- Individuals, couples or families in the community that offer their home and provide you with support
- Self employed



Recruited and approved by the London Borough of Merton Shared Lives Recruitment and Selection Panel

- Trained and assessed by the Shared Lives Scheme

What can I expect from Shared Lives?



- You will have your own bedroom
- Front door keys
- A Licence agreement to protect you
- A Shared Lives officer to make sure you are safe
- Allow you to make your own decisions and think and act for yourself



What can I expect from Shared Lives?



- All basic rights are available to you
- Give you the chance to choose different things for yourself



- Keep your self respect
- Be part of the local community

What can my carer help me with?



- Look after yourself
- Keep you healthy and active
- Help you to use local services like the doctor, dentist



What can my carer help me with?



- Help you manage your money



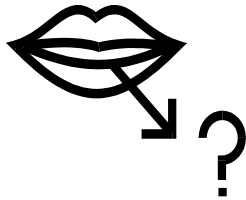
- Help you complete tasks like cooking and cleaning



- Complete forms
- Understand letters

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- Learn new skills and help you reach your goals
- Keep in touch with family and friends
- Meet new people
- Enjoy everyday things like shopping, leisure activities
- Talk with other people and workers involved in your life



How can I join the Shared Lives Scheme?



- Scheme is for people with a learning disability, mental ill-health, physical disability and sensory impairments
- Contact your social worker
- Social worker will see if shared lives is right for you
- Ask a family member, friend or advocate to help you



How will my carer be chosen?



- We will look at :
 - Your care / support needs
 - Your medical needs
 - Your cultural and other needs
- We will match your needs to a carer

