

Currently lives in a 2 bedroom 1st floor flat with his partner and their 2 sons (6 & 10), which he rents from his local authority. Mr Smith's younger son has recently been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and his doctor has advised it is crucial to his development that he has his own room to use as a safe space. It would also be beneficial for him to have a secure garden as he is prone to running off when startled by loud noises.

## Mr Smith options are:



- Mr Smith would be encouraged to complete housing applications to join the waiting lists for a larger property with local housing providers
- If council or housing association tenant could consider a house swap with someone looking for a smaller property
- Mr Smith could also search for a private sector house to rent or buy via Righmove or Zoopla.

Mr Smith could ask the HSCP to carry out an assessment of the property for any adaptations. Once a property has been secured (time scales vary but can be lengthy) HSCP can carry out an assessment for any adaptations required for the son, such as taller fences, light changes, ring door bell, different handles, for example.