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Twenty odd years ago our son said he wanted to leave home like our daughter had done.



So we thought about it and came up with a plan.





We decided to buy a property that could be converted for four people with a learning difficulty to share including our son.

The project is still going today with different resident's except one and an extension we did five years in for our son which made the numbers up to five.



Our son was in hospital for nearly three years and we could not get accommodation and support.

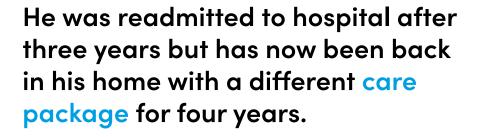
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We decided to break the cycle and buy a property for him to live in alone and adapted it for him.



We then started working on the care package and within six months he was discharged.





The house is suitable for two people, but we are still looking for a suitable person to share.

We only get housing benefit for this property and our son rents it from us.



We could not find another way round it after a Housing Association said they would not be able to continue to manage the property with only one tenant. The Housing Guide was a collaboration of LDE, Housing LIN and Ace Anglia.

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