

Home Connections awarded Capital Moves Phase 1

Home Connections awarded contract to develop pilot Accessible Housing Register for London

Mayor of London Ken Livingstone has awarded a contract to develop the first phase of the London Accessible Housing Register (AHR). The Register will form a key part of Capital Moves – the scheme to deliver pan-London choice-based lettings and mobility – giving Londoners with disabilities better information on accessible housing in the Capital. Details will be announced tomorrow at the Mayor’s annual Disability Capital Conference at the Novotel Hotel in Hammersmith.

Mayor of London Ken Livingstone said: “As part of the Capital Moves partnership I am committed to increasing opportunities for Londoners to make choices about where they want to live. The Register will deliver the aims of my London Plan and the London Housing Strategy to ensure that these choices are as real for disabled people as other groups. Disabled home seekers in London can look forward to being far better informed about their choices and to a more consistent approach to accessing housing in the Capital.”

Trish Pashley, Chief Executive of Greater London Action on Disability, said: “There is a desperate shortage of accessible housing in London and we receive a regular stream of phone calls from disabled people living in unsuitable homes. We are delighted that the London Accessible Housing Register has now been commissioned. There is still a long way to go to make sure that disabled people get the same housing choices as non-disabled people but we hope that this project will be a catalyst for a culture change amongst housing providers in London.”

The winning bid to develop the AHR is led by Home Connections, with a team of experts in choice-based lettings and mobility, AHRs and the social model of disability.
