

## What's in a name?

What does the word “Sheltered” mean to you? For many people it means protected from danger or looked after. It has also been the word used across the country for many housing schemes that are specifically for older people.

SHS and many other landlords often refer to “sheltered housing”. However, times move on and the London Borough of Sutton has changed the term “sheltered housing scheme” to “Independent Housing for Older People”. It's a bit wordier but in reality it does more accurately describe this type of housing, particularly where there are no permanent on-site staff or support services provided.

Over the coming months, SHS will update its literature and website to reflect this name change.