

# North London Hospital School

Priory Hospital, Grovelands House, Southgate, London N14 6RA

**Inspection date**

6 November 2017

**Overall outcome**

**The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the material change relating to the school provision is implemented**

## Main inspection findings

### Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

*Paragraphs 7, 7(a), 7(b), 11, 12, 14, 16, 16(a) and 16(b)*

- The school's approach to safeguarding its pupils, who are all patients experiencing complex mental health difficulties, continues to meet the requirements of the independent school standards. The school's policy and procedures reflect the latest statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State and will be published on the school's new website when it is launched. In the meantime, the policy is available in hard copy.
- There is a strong and vigilant culture of safeguarding. Suitably trained designated safeguarding leaders facilitate daily risk assessments and safeguarding discussions with both school and hospital colleagues. Any concerns are raised quickly and shared with those responsible for safeguarding and the school's social worker, as appropriate. As a result, pupils are well cared for and helped to keep safe.
- Leaders have ensured that the school's health and safety policy is effectively implemented. The building and facilities, all of which have been recently upgraded, are clean, safe and well maintained.
- Leaders have ensured that the school complies with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. All checks are undertaken and logged by the hospital's site management team, as well as other fire safety professionals. These include checks on the fire alarm system, fire safety equipment and emergency lighting. Regular fire drills are conducted in line with planned hospital evacuation drills.
- There is likely to be an appropriate deployment of staff to ensure that pupils are safely supervised. The minimum ratio is one adult to every six pupils.
- Leaders have written a clear, appropriate risk assessment policy. Risk assessments relating to the premises, classrooms, individual pupils, use of local facilities and educational trips all show that proper thought is given, and specific actions taken, to reduce risks so as to ensure that pupils are kept as safe as possible.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards in this part are likely to

continue to be met if the material change is implemented.

#### Part 4. Suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors

##### *All paragraphs*

- Leaders ensure that all the relevant vetting checks are undertaken on those who come into contact with pupils. All recruitment checks are recorded accurately on the school's single central register, which meets all the current requirements.
- The school does not make use of supply staff.
- Leaders have ensured that all the independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if the material change is implemented.

#### Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

##### *All paragraphs*

- The school's premises are located within the hospital. The main classrooms are on the ward's main corridor, alongside pupils' bedrooms. The premises are clean, safe, secure and well maintained.
- The health, safety and welfare of pupils are likely to be assured through the effective implementation of the school's health and safety policy and procedures. The proprietor is responsible for all aspects of both the hospital and the school.
- Since the pre-registration inspection, classrooms have been refurbished to maximise the available space. The outdoor area has more than doubled in size and new security arrangements have enabled an additional three rooms, including a large art room, to be brought into daily use for teaching and learning. As a result, the premises can now comfortably accommodate 22 pupils.
- The requirements in relation to toilet and washing facilities, changing rooms and showers are likely to be met as all pupils are inpatients and have their own bedrooms with en-suite facilities.
- The requirements in relation to medical care and first aid are likely to be met as medical and therapy rooms are part of the hospital ward.
- The acoustic conditions, sound insulation and internal and external lighting are suitable throughout the premises.
- Suitably labelled drinking water is available throughout the school day from water coolers and the temperature of hot water supplies is safely regulated.
- Physical education and outdoor recreational time is made available to all pupils using the school's very large outdoor area, which is appropriately risk assessed.
- Leaders have ensured that all the independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if the material change is implemented.

## Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

### *Paragraph 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b) and 34(1)(c)*

- The school's executive head and head of school have a secure understanding of the independent school standards. They have ensured that all the relevant standards related to the requested material change are likely to continue to be met.
- As a result, the request to increase the number of pupils on the school's roll from 18 to 22 is recommended.

## **Compliance with regulatory requirements**

The school is likely to meet the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that are relevant to the material change.

## School details

Unique reference number	142534
DfE registration number	308/6005
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This inspection was carried out under section 162(4) of the Education Act 2002, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's likely compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	CAMHS hospital day school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Priory Education and Children's Services
Chair	Karen Gaster
Executive headteacher	Patricia Wilson
Annual fees (day pupils)	£33,325
Telephone number	020 8882 8191
Website	<a href="http://www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk">www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk</a>
Email address	<a href="mailto:patriciawilson@priorygroup.com">patriciawilson@priorygroup.com</a>
Date of previous standard inspection	18–20 October 2016

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	11 to 18	No change	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	18	22	22

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	Mixed
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	8	Up to 22
Number of part-time pupils	None	None
Number of pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities	11	Up to 22
Of which, number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan	4	Up to 22
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan	4	Up to 22

## Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	5	No change
Number of part-time teaching staff	2	No change
Number of staff in the welfare provision	1	No change

## Information about this school

- The North London Hospital School is an independent day school based at the Priory North London Hospital in the London borough of Enfield. It is part of a ward in the hospital's child and adolescent mental health service (CAMHS) unit, which provides psychiatric assessment and treatment for young people aged 11 to 18. Pupils at the school have social, emotional and mental health needs and are admitted during a

mental health crisis.

- The school is already adequately staffed to meet the needs of up to 22 pupils. However, leaders are rightly awaiting confirmation from the registration authority before educating more than 18 pupils.
- The school's last standard inspection took place in October 2016, when it was judged to be good.
- The school's website is currently being developed. In the meantime, all the required policies and information are available in hard copy.
- The school makes no use of off-site training or of any other premises.

## Information about this inspection

- The inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education (DfE) to consider the school's application for a material change to its registration. The proprietor wishes to increase the number of pupils on roll from 18 to 22.
- The DfE requested that the inspector consider whether particular independent school standards contained within Parts 3, 4, 5 and 8 would be likely to be met if the material change is implemented.
- The inspector met with the executive headteacher and the head of school. He toured the premises and reviewed a range of key documents and policies in relation to the independent school standards.
- At the time of the inspection, there were no responses to Ofsted's online survey (Parent View).

## Inspection team

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