



# Statement of Purpose



**Location Address:**

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CQC Provider ID: 1-898315437

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## Organisational Overview

The Cambian Group is one of the largest providers of specialist behavioural services in the UK. We care for both adults and children including those with challenging behaviours and complex needs. We offer specialist education, residential, mental health and fostering services, ensuring that each person in our care achieves their personal best. At Cambian Group we provide tailored care programmes, therapeutic environments and highly dedicated and experienced staff members to empower individuals to progress towards a better life and prepare them for independent living. We provide services for more than 2,400 individuals in 286 services. We work with over 140 public authorities and employ more than 6,000 people.

Cambian's mission statement is as follows:

Everyone has a personal best  
Everyone can find something to aim for  
Everyone can achieve something special  
And everyone should have the opportunity to strive for it.

Everyone  
No matter what their situation  
No matter what specific challenges they might be facing  
We will actively enable the people in our care to achieve their personal best.

## Provider and Location

Provider's name and legal status	
Full name <sup>1</sup>	Cambian Whinfell School Limited
CQC provider ID	1-898315437
Legal status <sup>1</sup>	Organisation

Provider's address, including for service of notices and other documents	
<b>Business address<sup>2</sup></b>	Metropolitan House 3 Darkes Lane
<b>Town/city</b>	Potters Bar
<b>County</b>	Hertfordshire
<b>Post code</b>	EN6 1AG
<b>Business telephone</b>	020 8735 6150
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.cambiagroup.com/specialist-education/">https://www.cambiagroup.com/specialist-education/</a>

<b>Name of location</b>	Cambian Dilston College
<b>Address</b>	Dilston Hall, Corbridge, Northumberland.
<b>Postcode</b>	NE45 5RJ
<b>Telephone</b>	01434 632 692
<b>Website address</b>	<a href="http://www.cambiagroup.com">Cambian Dilston College   Autism College for Young Adults (cambiagroup.com)</a>
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Regulated activity(ies) carried on at this location
Personal care
Registered Manager(s) for this regulated activity: Ms Kirsty Davison
Accommodation for persons who require nursing or personal care
Registered Manager(s) for this regulated activity: Ms Kirsty Davison

## Service Overview

Cambian Dilston College is a residential special educational needs college located on the outskirts of the village of Corbridge and near to Hexham Northumberland. Cambian Dilston College is registered and regulated by the Care Quality Commission for its residential and personal care provision, which is located across three sites. Cambian Dilston College is registered to accommodate a maximum of 40 students. The college is regulated for its educational provision by Ofsted.

The college provides day and residential packages of support to young people and adults between the ages of 16 and 25 who have an education, health and care plan. The college creates personalised plans for each student whilst at the college to prepare them for adulthood, support their educational and vocational ambitions and provide 24 hour support with a focus and objective to support each young person to develop their independence. This incorporates a range of daily living skills such as personal care, understanding finances, social skills, looking after their home, cooking, safety for themselves and others as well as supporting emotional wellbeing through meaningful occupation.

We support young people and adults with a diagnosis of Autism or a moderate to severe learning disability who may also have a range of complex emotional or health needs. The college also provides young people and adults with therapeutic support delivered by specially trained staff members and our clinical team, as well as working with other professionals and stakeholders in the community to support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Our homes on our college sites are a mixture of flats, bungalows, houses and apartments with both single and multiple occupancies. All homes are decorated and personalised depending on the young person and adults that live there.

The college supports and implements the BILD positive behavioural support approaches. A college wide ethos and understanding of behaviours always having a meaning, will shape the young person or adults plan of support.

## Aims and Objectives

- To provide residential education and care appropriate to the age, ability, aptitude and special educational needs of each student;
- To prepare our students to prepare for adulthood, through a bespoke and personalised timetable and review process from referral, assessment, transition to completion of their college journey;

- To provide a stable, safe and caring environment for students to develop educationally, socially, emotionally and spiritually;
- To ensure that all students are treated as individuals at all times including through planning and review procedures. This includes the involvement of the student in decision-making processes, and the use of accessible communication tools and resources to support their inclusion and contributions;
- To ensure a robust safeguarding process and college wide ability of understanding the process and importance reporting of concerns, the whistleblowing procedure and duty of care, in line with our safeguarding policy and local authority processes.
- To promote the partnership working between students, parents, placing authority, local authority, stakeholders and the college teams;
- To be attentive to the student's individual needs and rights in relation to age, gender, race, sexuality and disability and to meet the resident's specific cultural and religious needs.
- To provide up to 52-week residential care and education packages in a variety of settings, in an environment where the priority is given to the establishment of safe, secure and nurturing relationships between students and members of staff;
- To work holistically to develop a waking hour learning environment which includes education, therapy and personal development, based around each student's education health and care plan, Positive Behavioural Support Plan and other documents used to support the care, education and therapeutic need of the student throughout their time at the college.
- To provide a truly multi-sensory and therapeutic approach to learning that recognises the diversity of ways in which young people and adults live and learn;
- To create a supportive and positive environment in which students can refine and develop skills in all areas that will prepare them for life beyond College.

Dilston College provides 52- and 38-week residential placements providing care and support to up to 40 residents with diverse complex needs. In addition, Dilston College provides day placement of education.

Dilston College has a diverse and experienced staff team; young people are placed in mix of bungalows, cottages and apartments with an emphasis on building peer

group, interests and group dynamics. To prepare our young people for progression to independent living after achieving life skills and education.

Prior to young person being placed at Dilston College, a robust assessment process takes place. There will be a 3-month placement review following on from arrival for all young people to ensure the placement is appropriate for them.

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This home is part of The Cambian Group. Dilston College believes that the young people are valued members of our residential community, and that stability and consistent care can improve outcomes, and the life chances of the young people placed at Dilston College.

Dilston College recognises the importance of equality and diversity and values every young person as a unique individual. Dilston College aims to young people in transitioning into independence to succeed in modern Britain.

With consistent staffing, the young people are able to build relationships based on mutual respect and trust. Young people all have a keyworker who will maintain a comprehensive placement plan and risk management plan for each young person in the home.

Young person is encouraged to contribute to the home's décor, activities, menus and routines.

Young people are aware of their right to comment or complain about their experience, an appointed Advocate for the home visits the site fortnightly.

Multi-disciplinary working is at the centre of planning successful care for all young people. Although the staff at Dilston College will work together with all agencies relating to each young person.

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The young people who are looked after at Dilston College are cared for within an ethos in which they are treated with unconditional positive regard, where they are aware of their rights and responsibilities and where there is an expectation that they will behave in ways, which are acceptable and conducive to living harmoniously with other people. Young people have clear boundaries and expectations that are positively reinforced.

#### Management of Restraint and Physical Intervention

All staff at Dilston college are trained in the use of MAPA (Management of Actual and Potential Aggression (from March 2022 this will be CPI Safety Intervention) – MAPA is the use of de-escalation strategies and techniques to manage challenging behaviour – including verbal and physical aggression. Physical intervention is used as a last resort when necessary to manage physical aggression towards staff or peers, to prevent severe damage to property, to prevent injury or to keep a young person or other people safe. Staff are trained annually with intermittent training on how to manage challenging behaviours from young people. Physical intervention is rarely used in the residential setting.

## Description of the location

Regulated activity: Accommodations for person who require nursing or personal care.

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#### Main Building – Dilston College

Ground floor provides office and education accommodation.

#### First floor:

Derwentwater (max 4 bed but realistically 3 depending on mix) 1 ensuite, 1 shared bathroom, 1 shared shower / shared toilet

Castle View (max 3 bed but realistically 2 depending on mix) 1 shared bathroom / 1 shared toilet

Valley View ((max 3 bed but realistically 2 depending on mix) 1 shared bathroom / toilet

River View (max 4 bed but realistically 3 depending on mix) 2 ensembles / 1 shared bathroom / 1 toilet / shower.

#### Second Floor;

Penthouse (max 3 bed but realistically 2 depending on mix) 1 shared bathroom / 1 shared shower/ 1 ensuite.

#### Mill Cottage

Upper floor: 1 shared bathroom

Lower Floor: 1 shared bathroom.

Garden Cottage: 1 shared bathroom downstairs and 1 shared bathroom upstairs.

Bothy Cottage: 1 shared Bathroom and 1 toilet

Chapel Cottage: 1 ensuite, 1 shared bathroom upstairs and 1 shower downstairs.

Each accommodation has communal lounge, kitchens / diner.

Each young person is encouraged to personalise their bedrooms all accommodations equipped to meet individual needs.

Within the grounds of Dilston College there is a sensory room, forest school, sensory garden, outdoor gym, extensive grounds with goats, chickens and an aviary with Canaries and Finches.

**Number of approved places / overnight beds: 40**