# Improving lives together

Specialist residential service for adults with learning disabilities and complex needs

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Located in a historical area in Leeds, Kirkside House is a specialist residential service providing outcome focused care for adults with learning disabilities and associated complex needs who may have behaviours that challenge.

Person-centred planning is at the heart of everything we do and we are able to meet the changing needs of our residents as they progress through their care pathway, while ensuring their safety is maintained and their independence supported.







Mixed gender



18+ years



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7 placements in 3 living units

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#### Our resident profile:

- > Adults from the age of 18 years
- Individuals with a primary diagnosis of learning disability accompanied with behaviours that challenge including mental illness or a forensic background
- Individuals with a secondary diagnosis of personality disorder or autism
- > May have communication challenges
- > May have associated complex needs





## Our service at a glance

There are 3 living areas within Kirkside House all supporting people who are at different stages in their care pathway. There is a 4 bed unit for individuals to live in small groups with lounge, dining room and kitchen. The service then has a 2 bed ground floor unit, allowing 2 individuals their own space. This part of the service is suitable for individuals who may have physical / mobility issues. Finally, we have a 1 bed bespoke living area for an individual who requires 2-1 care. This unit has its own living space and its own private garden.

Externally there is a large garden which is shared with Kirkside Lodge (also a residential service located in the same grounds). There is plenty of space in the garden for people to participate in the gardening project, where they grow their own vegetables, create hanging baskets, or enjoy the sensory garden and outside space.

We also host the bakery project, these projects and a textile project are ran in conjunction with the other local Cygnet residential services. These projects introduce vocational and learning activities designed to give residents the opportunity to learn valuable skills and develop confidence in a safe and familiar environment.

We ensure we involve family or advocates in an individual's care. We have high staffing levels to ensure that we are able to meet the changing needs of the residents as they progress through their care pathway.

The service is in walking distance of community facilities including shopping centres, cafes and leisure centres. It is also only a 1 minute walk from the 800 year old Kirkstall Abbey, where the residents can visit to enjoy the surroundings, learn about the historical ruins or visit the on-site café.





#### Community meetings

- residents give thoughts and feedback on the service



- hosted in the large garden where individuals learn how to grow produce and taking care of chickens



**Bakery project** - At our on-site bakery project, individuals are taught how to make cakes and other sweet treats, whilst also learning about the safety aspect of a kitchen





Supporting individuals to enhance their social skills



Easy read and other accessible information available to all residents



#### Textiles project

- giving individuals the opportunity to learn to sew and create new things each week



Focussed on reducing **⊀** restrictive practice

#### Our facilities:

- > En-suite bedrooms
- > Lounges
- Dining room
- Multiple kitchens
- > 2 activity rooms
- Large garden

#### Our community links:

- > Cinemas
- Local parks
- > Community groups
- Colleges
- > Shops, cafes and restaurants
- > Sports clubs
- > Great public transport links
- > 20 minutes to Leeds City Centre
- Excellent transport links and local amenities



"I am very lucky that my daughter is living at Kirkside, long may it continue." - Family member



For more information or to make a referral, please contact your regional Business Relationship Manager or email:

sc.referrals@cygnethealth.co.uk

- Referral made to Cygnet Social Care and a desktop assessment is undertaken to review suitability for placement
- If a suitable placement is identified, an assessment is arranged and undertaken by our specialist team
- Feedback is provided on whether our service can meet the individual's needs
- Detailed placement proposal is formulated to include care plans and funding information
- Once placement is confirmed, transition plans are developed with all relevant stakeholders and admission date is agreed

### Where are we?



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