

On 15 October 2021 RQIA conducted an inspection of Mertoun Park, Holywood, a residential care home managed by the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. During the inspection RQIA found the home was operating outside its statement of purpose to provide respite services for people with a learning disability. This was impacting on the health and welfare of residents and on staff's ability to deliver the level of care required by its residents.

As a result of these concerns, on 19 October 2021, RQIA made a successful application to a Justice of the Peace for an order to place conditions on its registration. This is to ensure the home can return to operating in line with its statement of purpose as a respite service for people with a learning disability.