

Grove, Ealing, West London or if there is no such community, the English Benedictine Congregation.

67. The charitable activities are described as:

- *The charity operates St Benedict's School, a Senior and Junior School, providing education for over 1,000 girls and boys between the ages of 3 and 18. It aims to educate pupils to make a positive contribution to society by 'Teaching a Way of Living' and thus benefiting the public by providing a first class education independent of the state system.*

Previous structure prior to 2012

68. Prior to 2012 St Benedict's School was run by The Trust of St Benedict's Abbey Ealing. The charity's public benefit aims and intended impact, as set out in the trustees' annual report for the year ending 31 August 2012 was as follows:

- 1) *Support the prayers and ministry of the Catholic Benedictine monks for the benefit of the wider community;*
- 2) *Educate pupils to make a positive contribution to society by 'Teaching a Way of Living' and thus benefiting the public by providing a first class education independent of the State system;*
- 3) *Support and promote the spiritual, social and charitable work of the Catholic community in Ealing and West London;*
- 4) *Provide a first rate medium to long term counselling service to fill the gaps in NHS provision;*
- 5) *Provide an opportunity to the public for continuing Christian education and formation and thus benefit society in an age of conflict and misunderstanding.*

69. The educational clause (the second bullet point) was not included in the trustees' annual report for the year ending 31 August 2013.

70. St Benedict's School Ealing was registered on 13 August 2012 and took over the running of St Benedict's School from The Trust of St Benedict's Abbey Ealing. The structural changes were carried out as a result of recommendations made in the Independent Report by Lord Carlile of Berriew QC ("The Carlile Report"). Lord Carlile was briefed by the Abbot of Ealing Abbey to carry out an independent inquiry following a series of proved and alleged abuse in the previous years, mainly by monks who were members of the monastic community at the Abbey's Benedictine Monastery.

71. A major recommendation of the Carlile report was that there should be a separate educational charity established for St Benedict's School.

72. Lord Carlile noted that when the school was run by The Trust of St Benedict's Abbey Ealing ultimate control of the school was in the hands of the trustees, all of who were members of the Benedictine Community of Ealing Abbey. The Trust owned the substantial property on which the school is situated and retained control over all aspects of the school within the charitable objects. Lord Carlile concluded that this structure was outdated as it did not have the appearance of allowing for independent scrutiny of the on-going relationship between the school and the Abbey. Given that the abuse which had occurred mostly involved members of the monastic community any semblance of a conflict of interest or lack of independent scrutiny had to be removed. An example he gave of a previous conflict of interest, which was accepted by the Abbot, was that in the case of Father Pearce (a member of the community and teacher at the school who pleaded guilty to several offences of indecent assault against pupils of the school) the commitment to trust within the community