

Additional Department Information (PENDING ROYAL COLLEGE APPROVAL)

Grade: Consultant General Paediatrician with Paediatric Epilepsy and Neurology Interest

Department: Paediatrics

Reports to: Dr Sebastien Austin, Clinical Director of Paediatrics

The Department

The Paediatric Department moved to new purpose built facilities on the Queen Alexandra site in July 2009. This comprises two inpatient wards, one medical and one predominantly surgical, a Children's Assessment Unit (CAU) and Outpatient clinic areas, including a blood taking service and a Paediatric Ambulatory Care Team. There is a paediatric radiology department with dedicated radiologists collocated in the same area. Staff offices, physiotherapy gym, classroom and playrooms are all situated within the paediatric footprint. The CAU sees urgent medical referrals, day case patients and those arriving by ambulance. There are two well-equipped stabilisation rooms and all senior medical and nursing staff are APLS / PALS trained.

The Children's Outpatient department is situated in the same purpose built block as the wards, and is separate from adult outpatients. In addition to general paediatric clinics, community and developmental clinics and clinics reflecting the interests of individual consultants, there are also joint clinics with visiting Paediatric Neurologists, Cardiologists, Geneticists, Rheumatologists and Surgeons from Southampton, and with Plastic Surgeons from Salisbury. Colleagues from the adult service provide clinics in ophthalmology, orthopaedics, Urology and General Surgery. There are a number of RSCNs supporting outpatients who provide a phlebotomy and day case investigation service, and specialist nurses supporting the children's diabetes, respiratory, epilepsy and oncology services.

Portsmouth is one of the busiest children's units in the country and sees the full spectrum of paediatric problems. In the order of 8,000 medical admissions are seen on CAU each year. High dependency care is provided on the wards. Children requiring intensive care are managed jointly with the adult intensivists in Portsmouth, many of whom are trained in paediatric critical care, and are either monitored on ITU at Queen Alexandra Hospital or transferred to the Regional PICU in Southampton depending on the nature and severity of their illness.

The unit has Specialist Respiratory, Diabetes, Epilepsy, and Oncology Nurses and is supported by Paediatric Dietitians and Physiotherapists.

Children's General Surgery, ENT, Ophthalmology & Orthopaedics are all managed within the paediatric department and there is a separate dedicated Children's Emergency Department adjacent to the main Emergency Department in a different area of the hospital. The majority of ambulance medical emergencies are brought directly to the Children's Assessment Unit according to a locally agreed protocol. There is cross department working between the CAU and Paediatric ED with both doctors and nurses rotating through each department. The team are working towards providing a fully integrated children's emergency service.

Paediatric Medical Staff

Consultants and Special Interests with Key Roles

Dr Deena Alsheikh	Diabetes and endocrinology
Dr Vinnie Vijayakumaran	HDU, Diabetes
Dr Louise Milne	Respiratory, Rota co-ordinator
Dr Rachel Barton	Allergy, Ethics lead
Dr Sebastien Austin	Respiratory, Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Clinical Director
Dr Simon Birch	Renal, Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Named Doctor for Safeguarding
Dr Joanne Borbone	Rheumatology, Care Group Director
Dr Hannah Buckley	Respiratory, Dermatology, Allergy
Dr Louise Collins	Adolescence and Mental health, College Tutor
Dr Karen Deem	Haematology, Oncology
Dr Tiffany Fan	Nephrology
Dr Emma Davis	Diabetes and Endocrinology
Dr Emma Knight	Diabetes and Endocrinology
Dr Marie-Louise Millard	Oncology, Palliative Care, Associate Medical Director
Dr Jennie Pridgeon	Gastroenterology, Allergy, Adolescent lead
Dr Sophie Robertson	Gastroenterology, Patient Safety
Dr Judith Scanlan	Nephrology, Governance Lead
Dr Roy Sievers	Cardiology, Undergraduate Lead
Dr Gemma Watts	Diabetes and endocrinology
Dr Stephen Warriner	Neurology, Head of School

Junior Medical Staff

Nine middle grade ST4-8 trainees (2 of whom are based in the community) providing acute resident on call cover.
Ten junior grade (ST1-3 / GPVTS/FY2 / Military GPVTS) who work on the paediatric unit and in ED.

Neonates have separate consultant and trainee rotas.

Education/Research

The department recognises and supports the need for continuing education and CPD for all staff. There is a programme of regular teaching throughout the week including audit/clinical governance sessions and an Xray meeting. The department also holds a weekly combined paediatric and neonatal clinical meeting on a Friday lunchtime. The postholder is expected to contribute to teaching, and when necessary assist in covering the unit to protect teaching and training time.

Southampton University Medical School undergraduate training is based over the whole of the Wessex Region. Currently 4th year medical students are attached to the department for 8 weeks at a time. The post-holder will be involved in the supervision, teaching and assessment of students.

There is a Trust Research Support and Development Unit with links to Portsmouth University, to encourage and develop research within the Trust. Research is actively encouraged and flourishing in the department. And the post holder will be expected to contribute where appropriate.

Accommodation

Office accommodation and secretarial support is available within the Department. There will be personal access to I.T. including hospital intranet and the Internet.

Management

Paediatrics forms part of the Network Division and Women and Children's Care Group with Dr Jo Borbone as Care Group director. Dr Sebastien Austin is Clinical Director for Paediatrics.

General Provision

The post-holder will be expected to work with local managers and professional colleagues in the efficient running of services, and will share with colleagues in the medical contribution to management. Subject to the provisions of the terms and conditions of service, the post-holder is expected to observe agreed policies and procedures drawn up in consultation with the profession on clinical matters and follow the standing orders and financial instructions of Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust. In particular, managers of employees of the Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust are expected to follow local and national employment and personnel policies and procedures. The postholder will be expected to ensure that there are adequate arrangements for hospital staff involved in the care of patients to be able to contact him/her when necessary.

All medical and dental staff are expected to comply with the Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust Health and Safety Policies. Full membership of a Medical Defence / Protection Society is encouraged. The disposition of the various hospital land pathological departments may vary in the future as the Trust develops.

Residence

The post-holder must be able to travel to meet the requirements of the post (usually a valid driving licence) and his / her private residence must be maintained in contact with the public telephone service.

Rehabilitation of Offenders

Because of the nature of the work for which you are applying, this post is exempt from the provisions of Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (exceptions) Order 1975. Applicants are therefore not entitled to withhold information about convictions and doing so could result in dismissal or disciplinary action from the Trust.

Any information given will be completely confidential and will be considered only in relation to an application for positions to which the order is applied. CRB checks are carried out, before appointment, on all staff involved in children's care.

Medical Clearance

Appointment to this post is subject to satisfactory medical clearance. If short-listed for interview you will be required to complete a simple medical questionnaire.

Visiting Arrangements

Intending applicants may obtain further information and/or arrange a visit by contacting Dr Sebastien Austin, Clinical Director, 02392 286000 Ext. 3340.

