

# Paediatrician

Paediatricians manage medical conditions affecting infants, children and young people.

You'll see a wide range of patients, from babies through to teenagers.



## Life as a paediatrician

Your day-to-day responsibilities could include caring for acute cases on wards and in A&E, as well as outpatient consultations and managing long-term conditions. You'll liaise closely with your patients' families and carers, managing sensitive and sometimes emotional discussions about treatment.

You'll work with a range of healthcare professionals and provide clinical advice to social services, education and other agencies. You'll have opportunities to develop close links with other areas of medicine such as [primary care](#) <sup>[1]</sup>, child and adolescent psychiatry and public health.

You can choose to specialise within paediatrics and develop skills in a variety of medical fields, including community paediatrics, child mental health, [neonatal](#) <sup>[2]</sup> [intensive care](#) <sup>[3]</sup>, paediatric emergency medicine, [oncology](#) <sup>[4]</sup> and palliative medicine.

You'll find the work stimulating and challenging. Your work could include anything from high-tech care for new born babies in a hospital through to managing care for children with disabilities in the community.

## Dr Kene Maduemem

### Paediatric registrar

Paediatrics is not a speciality to delve into just because you love children. It entails dealing with the children, family, school and the community at large.

[Read Kene's story](#) <sup>[5]</sup>

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## How much can I earn?

You'll first earn a salary when you start your [foundation training](#) <sup>[6]</sup> after medical school. Find out details of current salary ranges for foundation and specialty training, [SAS doctors](#) <sup>[7]</sup> and consultants on the ['Pay for doctors'](#) <sup>[8]</sup> page.

## How about the benefits?

- make a difference
- flexible and part-time working
- high income early in your career
- work anywhere in the world
- excellent pension scheme
- good holiday entitlement
- NHS discounts in shops and restaurants

## Must-have skills

- excellent communication skills to manage a wide range of relationships with colleagues, and patients and their families
- emotional resilience, a calm temperament and the ability to work well under pressure
- teamwork and the capacity to lead multidisciplinary teams
- problem-solving and diagnostic skills
- outstanding organisational ability and effective decision-making skills
- first-class time and resource management for the benefit of patients

## Entry requirements

Your first step is medical school. Typically, you'll need excellent GCSEs and three A or A\* passes at A level including chemistry for a five-year undergraduate degree in medicine. Many medical schools also ask for biology and others may require maths or physics.

If you already have a degree, you could study for a four-year postgraduate degree in medicine.

You'll need to pass an interview and admissions test. You'll be asked to show how you demonstrate the NHS values such as compassion and respect.

Some medical schools look to recruit a mix of students from different backgrounds and geographical areas, so your educational and economic background and family circumstances could be considered as part of your application.

## What are my chances of starting a career in paediatrics?

In 2020 there were 712 applications for 461 specialty training places.

# How to become a paediatrician

After medical school, you'll join the paid two-year [foundation programme](#) <sup>[9]</sup> where you'll work in six placements in different settings.

After your foundation programme, you can apply for paid [specialty training](#) <sup>[10]</sup> to become a paediatrician, which will take a minimum of eight years.

You may be able to train part time, for example for health reasons or if you have family or caring responsibilities.

## Where a career in paediatrics can take you

You could:

- specialise or conduct research in areas such as diabetes, neurodisability, nutrition, gastroenterology or public health
- teach medical students or postgraduate students in training
- get involved in research at universities, the NHS or private sector

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Romford, Essex, RM7 9NH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

NELFT North East London Foundation Trust

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- **COMMUNITY CONSULTANT PAEDIATRICIAN & NAMED DOCTOR FOR LAC**

Essex, IG11 7LX

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

NELFT North East London Foundation Trust

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- **ST1 Paediatric Bank Doctor**

Warrington, WA5 1QG

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHSFT

[Apply now on NHS Jobs for ST1 Paediatric Bank Doctor job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[13]</sup>

- **Specialist Doctor in Community Paediatrics**

Lancaster, LA1 4RP

Salary:

£96990.00 to £107155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust

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- **Specialty Doctor in Developmental Paediatrics - Guildford**

Guildford, GU3 1LT

Salary:

£51260.00 to £94306.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HCRG Care Group  
[Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Developmental Paediatrics - Guildford job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[15]</sup>

- **Trust Doctor in Paediatrics (ST1-3)**

Exeter, EX2 5DW

Salary:  
£52656.00 to £65048.00

Type:  
Fixed-Term

Employer:  
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust  
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- **Specialty Doctor in Developmental Paediatrics - Chertsey**

Chertsey, KT16 0FA

Salary:  
£51260.00 to £94306.00

Type:  
Permanent

Employer:  
HCRG Care Group  
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- **COMMUNITY PAEDIATRIC SPECIALIST GRADE DOCTOR (THURROCK)**

Grays, Essex, RM16 2PX

Salary:  
£96990.00 to £107155.00

Type:  
Permanent

Employer:  
NELFT North East London Foundation Trust  
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- **Consultant Paediatrician**

Yeovil, BA21 4AT  
Taunton, TA1 5DA

Salary:

£109725.00 to £131058.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Paediatrician**

Nuneaton, CV10 7DJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust

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- **Locally Employed Doctor CT1 equivalent Paediatrics 12 months**

Torquay, TQ2 7AA

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Community Paediatrician**

Poole, Dorset, BH15 2JB

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant General Paediatrician**

Epsom, KT18 7EG

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Locum Consultant Paediatrician**

London, SE13 6LH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Locum

Employer:

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

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- **Locum Consultant Community Paediatrician**

Birkenhead, CH42 0LQ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Wirral University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **COMMUNITY CONSULTANT PAEDIATRICIAN (NEURODEVELOPMENT)**

Romford, Essex, RM7 9NH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

NELFT North East London Foundation Trust

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- **Locum Consultant Community Paediatrician**

Poole, BH15 2JB

Salary:

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Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant in Community Paediatrician**

Lancaster, LA1 5EE

Salary:

£93666.00 to £126281.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust

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- **Community Consultant Paediatrician Hillingdon CDC**

Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 3NN

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:



Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust  
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- **Consultant Paediatrician in General Medicine**

Brighton and Hove, BN2 5BE

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)

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- **Consultant Paediatrician 12 month FTC**

Tadworth, KT20 5RU

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£108786.00 to £143508.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Children's Trust

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- **Consultant Paediatrician - Community Child Health**

Exeter, EX2 5DW

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Paediatrician in Emergency Medicine**

Brighton, BN2 5BE

Salary:

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)

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- **Fixed Term Consultant Paediatrician in Emergency Medicine**

Brighton, BN2 5BE

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)

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- **Fixed Term Consultant Paediatrician in General Medicine**

Brighton and Hove, BN2 5BE

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)

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- **Consultant - General Paediatrician with Interest in Epilepsy**

Slough, SL2 4HL

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Speciality Doctor**

Taunton, TA1 5HA

Salary:

Negotiable  
Type:  
Permanent  
Employer:  
St Margaret's Somerset Hospice  
[Apply now on NHS Jobs for Speciality Doctor job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[38]</sup>

○ **ENT Doctor**

Worthing, BN11 3BN

Salary:  
Negotiable

Type:  
Bank

Employer:  
CHEC

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○ **Specialty Doctor**

London, UB1 3EU

Salary:  
£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:  
Fixed-Term

Employer:  
West London NHS Trust

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○ **Specialty Doctor**

London, TW3 3EL

Salary:  
£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:  
Permanent

Employer:  
West London NHS Trust

[Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[41]</sup>

○ **ENT Doctor**

Canterbury, CT1 1BN

Salary:  
Negotiable

Type:

Bank  
Employer:  
CHEC

[Apply now on NHS Jobs for ENT Doctor job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[42]</sup>

- **Specialty Doctor**

BIRMINGHAM, B14 6RP

Salary:  
£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:  
Permanent

Employer:  
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS FT

[Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[43]</sup>

- **Specialty Doctor**

London, SE5 8UH

Salary:  
£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:  
Permanent

Employer:  
Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialty Doctor**

Wallingford,, OX10 6SL

Salary:  
£59175.00

Type:  
Fixed-Term

Employer:  
Sue Ryder

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- **Specialist Doctor**

Coventry, CV2 2DX

Salary:  
£96990.00 to £107155.00

Type:  
Fixed-Term

Employer:

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust  
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- **Locum Consultant Paediatrician with a special interest in HDU**

Harrow, HA1 3UJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust

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- **Hospice Doctor (Bank)**

Lewes, BN8 4ED

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

St Peter & St James Hospice

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- **Specialty Doctor - Dermatology**

Scunthorpe, DN15 6HX

Salary:

£59000.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HCRG Care Group

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- **Specialty Doctor Ophthalmology**

Hereford, HR1 2ER

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Wye Valley NHS Trust

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- **Salaried GP (Doctor)**

London, N1 5HZ

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Lawson Practice

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- **Specialty Doctor - Anaesthetics**

Barrow -in- Furness, LA14 4LF

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust

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- **Specialty Doctor - Breast**

Southend / Broomfield, SS0 0RY

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Glaucoma Specialty Doctor**

Southampton, SO16 6YD

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust

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- **Specialty Doctor - Dermatology**

Gainsborough, DN21 2BH

Salary:

£59000.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HCRG Care Group

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- **Specialty Doctor - Anaesthetics**

Scarborough, YO12 6QL

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Perioperative Medical Doctor**

Shepton Mallet, BA4 4LP

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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- **Bank Doctor Herts**

Hertfordshire, WD25 9FG

Salary:

£39.40

Type:

Bank

Employer:

Central London Community Health Trust

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- **Orthogeriatric Specialty Doctor**

Gillingham, Kent, ME7 5NY

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Medway NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Resident Doctor Oncology**

London, W1G 8BJ

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HCA Healthcare UK

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- **Senior Trust Doctor**

London, NW1 2BU

Salary:

£61825.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Dietitian – General Paediatrics**

London, E1 1FR

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

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- **Specialist Doctor in Haematology**

Bristol, BS2 8ED

Salary:

£96990.00 to £107155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW)

[Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Doctor in Haematology job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[63]</sup>

- **Speciality Doctor Emergency Medicine**

Basildon, SS16 5NL

Salary:

£61542.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

[Apply now on NHS Jobs for Speciality Doctor Emergency Medicine job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[64]</sup>

- **Specialty Doctor in Anaesthetics**

Rotherham, S60 2UD

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

[Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Anaesthetics job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[65]</sup>

- **Specialist Doctor in Ophthalmology**

Harlow, CM20 1QX

Salary:

£96990.00 to £107155.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust

[Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Doctor in Ophthalmology job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[66]</sup>

- **Specialty Doctor in Haematology**

Barnsley, S75 2EP

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

[Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Haematology job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[67]</sup>

- **Specialty Doctor in Gastroenterology**

Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 4JL

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

[Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialty Doctor in Gastroenterology job \(opens in a new window\)](#) <sup>[68]</sup>

- **Specialty Doctor (Part-time)**

Scotland, DD5 1PL

Salary:

£59500.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cygnnet Health Care

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- **Speciality Doctor - Maternity Locum**

Taunton, TA1 5HA

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Locum

Employer:

St Margaret's Somerset Hospice

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- **Further information**

[The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) <sup>[71]</sup> has further information about being a paediatric doctor, particularly as your career progresses. Take a look.

## Other roles that may interest you

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