

# Paediatric cardiology

Paediatric cardiologists diagnose and treat children with heart conditions before they are born, through childhood and into adulthood.

Your patients will be infants and children with complex diagnostic and medical problems, and you'll work closely with specialist colleagues in a multidisciplinary team.



## Life as a doctor in paediatric cardiology

As well as being an expert in heart disease, you'll also need a thorough grounding in general paediatrics. You'll work closely with your patient's family to explain complicated procedures and support and reassure them.

You'll use a range of advanced scanning and diagnostic techniques to assess conditions such as foetal cardiac abnormalities in the womb, heart failure in children and [heart murmurs](#) <sup>[1]</sup>. You'll diagnose and treat conditions such as congenital heart disease that is present at birth, variations in heartbeat rhythms (arrhythmias) and problems with circulatory function. In some cases, a heart transplant may be required.

You'll be based in a regional centre which could be part of a paediatric hospital, congenital cardiac unit or major cardiothoracic centre. Most centres hold joint outreach clinics with linked district hospitals in their areas.

You'll work longer hours than in most medical specialties because of the complex nature of the work. This includes a significant on-call commitment as patients are often admitted at night or have urgent post-operative needs.

## How much can I earn?

You'll first earn a salary when you start your [foundation training](#) <sup>[2]</sup> after medical school. Find out details of current salary ranges for foundation and specialty training, [SAS doctors](#) <sup>[3]</sup> and consultants on the '[Pay for doctors](#)' <sup>[4]</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 paediatric cardiology?

In 2021, there were 135 paediatric cardiology consultants working in the NHS in England. In addition, there were 35 applications for six specialty training places.

## How to become a doctor in paediatric cardiology

After medical school, you'll join the paid two-year foundation programme <sup>[5]</sup> where you'll work in six placements in different settings.

After your foundation programme, you can apply for paid specialty training <sup>[6]</sup> to become a doctor in paediatric cardiology, 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 as a paediatric cardiologist can take you

You could:

- specialise or conduct research in areas such as foetal cardiology and adult congenital heart disease
- teach medical students or postgraduate students in training?

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### ○ Paediatric Physiotherapist

Maidenhead, SL6 6DU

Salary:

£40617.00 to £48778.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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### ○ Paediatric Audiologist

Northwood, HA6 2RN

Salary:

£44485.00 to £52521.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

London, SE1 7EH

Salary:

£46419.00 to £55046.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Matron-Paediatrics**

Derby, DE22 3NE

Salary:

£55690.00 to £62682.00

Type:

Secondment

Employer:

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

London, E1 1FR

Salary:

£46419.00 to £55046.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Dietitian**

St Albans, AL4 9XR

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

Watford , WD17 3EW

St Albans, AL1 3JE

The Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1LD

Salary:

£22.47

Type:

Bank

Employer:

NHS Professionals Limited

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- **Paediatric Physiotherapist**

London, SW10 9NH

Salary:

£46419.00 to £55046.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Matron**

Aylesbury, HP21 8AL

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Chester, CH2 1UL

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Dietitian**

London, SE18 4QH

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Newtown/ Llanidloes/Llandrindod Wells, SY16 1LH

Salary:

£37898.00 to £45637.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Powys Teaching Health Board

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- **Consultant Paediatric Intensivist**

London, E1 1FR

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Junior Sister**

Epsom, KT18 7EG

Salary:

£44485.00 to £52521.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Bank - Consultant - Paediatrics**

Essex, SS0 0RY

Salary:

£100.00 to £110.00

Type:

Bank

Employer:

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Physiotherapist - PICU**

Bristol, BS2 8BJ

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW)

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- **Consultant in Paediatrics**

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LD

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Community Paediatric Audiologist**

Stockport, SK2 7JE

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

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- **Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist**

Cardiff, CF14 4XW

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Permanent

Employer:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

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- **Paediatric Occupational Therapist**

Ipswich, IP3 8LX

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Type:

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Employer:

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- **Paediatric Specialty Registrar**

Reading, RG15AN

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Type:

Fixed-Term

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Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Junior Sister**

Carshalton, SM5 1AA

Salary:

£44485.00 to £52521.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

Northwood, HA6 2RN

Salary:

£53751.00 to £60651.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Dietitian - Paediatric**

Nottingham, NG7 2UH

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

Northwood, HA6 2RN

Salary:

£53751.00 to £60651.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Clinical Psychologist - Paediatrics**

Wakefield, WF1 4DG

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Cardiff, CF14 4XW

Salary:

£39263.00 to £47280.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

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- **Nursing Associate - Paediatrics**

Scarborough, YO12 6QL

Salary:

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Resident Doctor Paediatrics**

London, W1W 5AH

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HCA Healthcare UK

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

Hounslow, TW3 3LN

Salary:

£44485.00 to £52521.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

West London NHS Trust

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- **Audiologist Paediatric Lead**

Doncaster, DN2 5LT

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS FT

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- **Paediatric Rheumatology Consultant**

Liverpool, L12 2AP

Salary:

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Paediatric Physiotherapist (bank)**

Chelmsford, CM2 5PF

Salary:

£24.05 to £28.98

Type:

Bank

Employer:

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- **Specialist Physiotherapist - Paediatrics**

Huntingdon, PE29 7HN

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

Watford, WD17 3EW

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Clinical Educator**

Scunthorpe, DN15 7BH

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Paediatric Radiologist**

Salford, M6 8HD

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust

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- **ST1 Paediatric Bank Doctor**

Warrington, WA5 1QG

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHSFT

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- **Physiotherapist Senior I - Paediatrics**

Gibraltar, AA1 1AA

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Gibraltar Health Authority

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- **Ward Manager General Paediatrics**

London, W2 1NY

Salary:

£56276.00 to £63176.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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These organisations have further information about being a doctor in paediatric cardiology, particularly as your career progresses. Take a look.

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