

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](#) ^[1]. 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](#) ^[2] after medical school. Find out details of current salary ranges for foundation and specialty training, [SAS doctors](#) ^[3] and consultants on the '[Pay for doctors](#)' ^[4] 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 ^[5] where you'll work in six placements in different settings.

After your foundation programme, you can apply for paid specialty training ^[6] 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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London, SE1 7EH

Salary:

£61825.00 to £70425.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

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◦ Paediatric Physiotherapist

Bodelwyddan, LL18 5UJ

Salary:

£37898.00 to £45637.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

Widnes, WA8 3LZ

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Dietitian**

Sheffield, S10 2TH

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Phlebotomist**

Donnington, Telford, TF2 8EA

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

Ilford, IG1 2PF

Salary:

£42939.00 to £50697.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

High Wycombe, HP11 2TT

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

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High Wycombe, HP11 2TT

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Permanent

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Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

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- **Consultant - Paediatrics**

Truro, TR1 3LJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust

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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

London, SE1 7EH

Salary:

£44806.00 to £53134.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Physiotherapist (Paediatrics)**

London, SW10 9NH

Salary:

£54320.00 to £60981.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Trust Doctor in General Paediatrics and Paediatric Specialties**

Leeds, LS1 3EX

Salary:

£49909.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Leeds Teaching Hospitals

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

Maidstone/ Gravesend/ Sevenoaks, ME17 4AH

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Kent Community Health 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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- **Dietitian (Paediatrics/Community)**

Harrogate, HG2 7SX

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Dietetic Assistant**

Manchester, M13 9WL

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Liaison Lead**

Tewkesbury, GL20 5QN

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

Kettering, NN16 8UZ

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Community Paediatric Sister**

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LD

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Recovery Practitioner**

East Grinstead, RH19 3DZ

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£35392.00 to £42618.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Ward Clerk - Paediatrics**

Wolverhampton, WV10 0QP

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Physiotherapist (Paediatrics)**

Sunderland, SR4 7TP

South Shields, NE34 0PL

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Paediatric Nephrologist**

Cardiff, CF14 4XW

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Permanent

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- **Bank Paediatric Physiotherapist**

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- **Lead Pharmacist Paediatrics**

Taunton, TA1 5DA
Yeovil, BA21 4AT

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Permanent

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- **Specialist Paediatric Dietitian**

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Employer:
Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Accommodation Manager**

London, W2 1NY

Salary:
£35964.00 to £43780.00

Type:
Fixed-Term

Employer:
Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

Kettering, NN16 8UZ

Salary:
£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:
Permanent

Employer:

Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation 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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- **Specialty Doctor - Paediatrics**

Swindon, SN3 6BB

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Great Western Hospitals 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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- **Community Paediatric Audiologist**

Stockport, SK2 7JE

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

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- **Specialist Paediatric Dietitian**

Cambridge, CB1 3UG

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric SIM Fellow**

Wolverhampton, WV10 0QP

Salary:

£61825.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Play Specialist**

Stoke On Trent, ST4 6QG

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Audiology Lead**

High Wycombe, HP11 2TT

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

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- **Clinical Matron - Paediatrics**

Bath, BA1 3NG

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Chief Paediatric Audiologist**

Sevenoaks/Gravesend/Maidstone/Sittingbourne, TN13 3PG

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Matron General Paediatrics**

London, W2 1NY

Salary:

£61927.00 to £68676.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Ward Clerk**

York, YO31 8HE

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Doctor - Paediatrics**

Swindon, SN3 6BB

Salary:

£96990.00 to £107155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric occupational therapist**

Strood, ME2 3DL

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Medway Community Healthcare

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- **Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Northampton, NN1 5BD

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northampton General Hospital

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- **Paediatric Occupational Therapist**

Reading, Wokingham or Newbury, RG18 3AS

Salary:

£29970.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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◦ **Paediatric Occupational Therapist**

Kings Lynn, PE30 4ET

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHSFT

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• **Further information**

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

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[Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board](#) ^[54]

[Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) ^[55]

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