

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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Leeds, LS1 3EX

Salary:

£61825.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Leeds Teaching Hospitals

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○ Consultant in Paediatrics and Neonatology (Cardiology)

Guildford, GU2 7XX

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Senior Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Cardiology with CMR and CT**

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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- **Consultant Cardiologist**

Keighley, BD20 6TD

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Airedale NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Cardiologist**

Liverpool, L9 7AL

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

Leeds, LS11 0DL

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Dietitian**

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 Physiotherapist**

Maidenhead, SL6 6DU

Salary:

£39205.00 to £47084.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Consultant**

Eltham, SE9 5AB

Salary:

£105504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Demelza Hospice Care for Children

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- **Paediatric Dietitian**

Wigan, WN3 5DX

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Wrightington Wigan & Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Radiographer**

Manchester, M13 9WL

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

London, E1 1FR

Salary:

£44806.00 to £53134.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Burnley, BB12 2PQ

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust

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Liverpool University Hospitals 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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- **Paediatric Therapy Assistant**

Margate, CT9 5PA

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Northampton, NN1 5BD

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northampton General Hospital

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- **Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Northampton, NN1 5BD

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northampton General Hospital

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- **Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Hounslow, TW3 3LN

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£51883.00 to £58544.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

West London NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Oncology Consultant**

Bristol, BS2 8BJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW)

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- **Paediatric Therapy Assistant**

Scunthorpe, DN15 7BH

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Dietitian**

Wickford, SS11 8AU

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Acute Paediatric Physiotherapist**

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Paediatric Audiology Lead**

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

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- **Healthcare Assistant - Paediatrics**

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Safeguarding PPA**

Carshalton, SM5 1AA

Salary:

£29176.00 to £30225.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Specialist Dietitian**

Cwmbran, NP44 8YN

Salary:

£37898.00 to £45637.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

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- **Community Paediatric Dietitian**

Carshalton, SM5 1JL

Salary:

£42939.00 to £50697.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals 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 Dietitian(XR06)**

Leeds, LS1 3EX

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Leeds Teaching Hospitals

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- **Paediatric Clinical Specialist**

Wakefield, WF1 4DG

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust

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- **Lead Paediatric Audiologist**

Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL6 9RW

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care 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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- **Paediatric Rheumatology Consultant**

Leicester, LE1 5WW

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

Hounslow, TW3 3LN

Salary:

£42938.70 to £50697.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

West London NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Junior Sister**

Epsom, KT18 7EG

Salary:

£42939.00 to £50697.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Paediatrics Lead Pharmacist**

Camberley, GU16 7UJ

Salary:

£55877.00 to £62626.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Locum Consultant Cardiologist**

Guildford, Surrey, GU2 7XX

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Locum Consultant Cardiologist**

London, SW17 0QT

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Cardiologist/Electrophysiologist**

Coventry, CV2 2DX

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Continence Associate Practitioner**

Plymouth, PL2 2PQ

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS 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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- **Specialist Paediatric Occupational Therapist**

Colchester, CO4 9YQ

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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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.

[British Cardiovascular Society](#) ^[49]

[Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board](#) ^[50]

[Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) ^[51]

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