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## **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 <u>foundation training</u> [2] after medical school. Find out details of current salary ranges for foundation and specialty training, <u>SAS doctors</u> [3] and consultants on the <u>'Pay for doctors'</u> [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 <u>foundation?programme</u> [5]?where you'll work in six placements in different settings.

After?your?foundation?programme, you can apply for paid <u>specialty training</u> [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?
- Live vacancies

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#### • Paediatric Cardiology Fellow

Leeds, LS1 3EX Salary: £61825.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Leeds Teaching Hospitals <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Cardiology Fellow job (opens in a new</u> window) [7]

#### • Senior Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Cardiology

London, SW3 6NP

Salary: Negotiable Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Cardiology job (opens in a new window) [8]

#### Consultant in Paediatrics and Neonatology (Cardiology)

Guildford, GU2 7XX Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant in Paediatrics and Neonatology</u> (Cardiology) job (opens in a new window) [9]

#### • Consultant Cardiologist

Keighley, BD20 6TD Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Airedale NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Cardiologist job (opens in a new window) [10]

#### Paediatric Dietitian

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LD Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Dietitian job (opens in a new window) [11]

#### Paediatric Physiotherapist

Maidenhead, SL6 6DU

Salary:

£39205.00 to £47084.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Physiotherapist job (opens in a new window) [12]

#### • Paediatric Audiologist

Widnes, WA8 3LZ

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Audiologist job (opens in a new window) [13]

#### • Paediatric Pharmacist

Southampton, SO14 2AA

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Pharmacist job (opens in a new window) [14]

#### • Paediatric Dietitian

Wigan, WN3 5DX

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Wrightington Wigan & Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Dietitian job (opens in a new window) [15]

#### • Paediatric Consultant

Eltham, SE9 5AB

Salary: £105504.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Demelza Hospice Care for Children Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Consultant job (opens in a new window) [16]

#### • Paediatric Audiologist

London, E1 1FR Salary: £44806.00 to £53134.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Barts Health NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Audiologist job (opens in a new window) [17]

#### • Paediatric Physiotherapist

Burnley, BB12 2PQ

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Physiotherapist job (opens in a new window) [18]

#### • Paediatric Audiologist

London, E8 2FP Salary: £44806.00 to £53134.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Barts Health NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Audiologist job (opens in a new window) [19]

#### • Locum Consultant Cardiologist

London, SW17 0QT

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant Cardiologist job (opens in a new window) [20]

#### Consultant Interventional Cardiologist

Middlesbrough, TS4 3BW

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Interventional Cardiologist job (opens in a new window) [21]

#### Trust Doctor in General Paediatrics and Paediatric Specialties

Leeds, LS1 3EX

Salary:

£49909.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Leeds Teaching Hospitals

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Trust Doctor in General Paediatrics and Paediatric Specialties job (opens in a new window) [22]

#### • Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist

Northampton, NN1 5BD

Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Northampton General Hospital <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist job (opens in a new</u> window) [23]

#### • Specialist Dietitian - Paediatric

Nottingham, NG7 2UH

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Dietitian - Paediatric job (opens in a new window) [24]

#### • Senior Paediatric Audiologist

St Albans, AL1 3JE

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Paediatric Audiologist job (opens in a new window) [25]

#### • Senior Paediatric Radiographer

Brighton, BN2 5BE Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279) Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Paediatric Radiographer job (opens in a new window) [26]

#### • Paediatric Therapy Assistant

Margate, CT9 5PA Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Therapy Assistant job (opens in a new window) [27]

#### • Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist

Hayes,, UB3 2PB

Salary:

£42939.00 to £50697.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist job (opens in a new window) [28]
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#### • Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist

Northampton, NN1 5BD Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Northampton General Hospital Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist job (opens in a new window) [29]

#### • Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist

Hounslow, TW3 3LN Salary: £51883.00 to £58544.00 Type: Permanent Employer: West London NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist job (opens in a new window) [30]

#### • Paediatric Research Assistant

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Sheffield, S10 2TH

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust

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window) [31]
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#### • Paediatric Specialist Dietitian

Crewe, CW1 4QJ Salary: £29970.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Specialist Dietitian job (opens in a new window) [32]

#### • General Paediatric Consultant

London, W12 0HS

Salary:

Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for General Paediatric Consultant job (opens in a new window) [33]

#### Paediatric Oncology Consultant

Bristol, BS2 8BJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Oncology Consultant job (opens in a new window) [34]

#### • Paediatric Therapy Assistant

Scunthorpe, DN15 7BH Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Therapy Assistant job (opens in a new window) [35]

#### • Specialist Paediatric Dietitian

Wickford, SS11 8AU Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: NELFT North East London Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Paediatric Dietitian job (opens in a new window) [36]

#### Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist

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Heywood, OL10 2DY
Salary:
£46148.00 to £52809.00
Type:
Permanent
Employer:
Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist job (opens in a
new window) [37]
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#### • Paediatric Safeguarding PPA

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Carshalton, SM5 1AA
Salary:
£29176.00 to £30225.00
Type:
Fixed-Term
Employer:
Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Safeguarding PPA job (opens in a new
window) [38]
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#### • Paediatric Audiology Lead

High Wycombe, HP11 2TT

Salary: £53755.00 to £60504.00 Type: Permanent Employer:

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Audiology Lead job (opens in a new window) [39]

#### • Acute Paediatric Physiotherapist

Manchester, M13 9WL

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Acute Paediatric Physiotherapist job (opens in a new</u> window)\_[40]

#### • Theatre Practitioner - Paediatrics

Nottingham, NG7 2UH

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts Apply now on NHS Jobs for Theatre Practitioner - Paediatrics job (opens in a new window) [41]

#### • Paediatric Clinical Specialist

Wakefield, WF1 4DG

Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Clinical Specialist job (opens in a new</u> window) [42]

#### • Consultant Paediatric Radiologist

Salford, M6 8HD

Salary: £105504.00 to £139882.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Consultant Paediatric Radiologist job (opens in a new window) [43]

#### 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 <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Lead Paediatric Audiologist job (opens in a new</u> window) [44]

#### • Paediatric Dietitian(XR06)

Leeds, LS1 3EX

Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Leeds Teaching Hospitals Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Dietitian(XR06) job (opens in a new window) [45]

#### Ward Clerk (Paediatrics)

Barnstaple, EX314JB Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Clerk (Paediatrics) job (opens in a new window)

#### Paediatric Junior Sister

Epsom, KT18 7EG

Salary: £42939.00 to £50697.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Junior Sister job (opens in a new window)

#### Paediatrics Lead Pharmacist

Camberley, GU16 7UJ Salary: £55877.00 to £62626.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatrics Lead Pharmacist job (opens in a new window) [48]

#### Nursing Associate - Paediatrics

Slough, SL2 4HL

Salary: £27857.00 to £30570.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Nursing Associate - Paediatrics job (opens in a new window) [49]

#### • Specialist Paediatric Dietitian

Derby, DE22 3NE Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust

## Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Paediatric Dietitian job (opens in a new window) [50]

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#### • Specialist Paediatric Occupational Therapist

Colchester, CO4 9YQ Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Provide CIC Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Paediatric Occupational Therapist job (opens in a new window) [51]

#### Locum Consultant Paediatric Oncologist

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Nottingham, NG7 2UH
Salary:
£105504.00 to £139882.00
Type:
Fixed-Term
Employer:
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Locum Consultant Paediatric Oncologist job (opens in
a new window) [52]
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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) [53]

## 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 [54]

Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board [55]

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health [56]

Royal College of Physicians [57]

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