

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:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Leeds Teaching Hospitals

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◦ Deputy CNS in Paediatric Cardiology

London, SW3 6NP

Salary:

£44806.00 to £53134.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Clinical Psychologist in Paediatric Cardiology**

Nottingham, NG7 2UH

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts

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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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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

London, E15 4PT

Salary:

£42939.00 to £50697.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Dietitian**

Blackburn, BB2 3HH

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Scunthorpe, DN15 7BH

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Dietitian**

Uxbridge, UB8 3NN

Salary:

£34521.00 to £41956.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

Norfolk, NR1 1AA

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Outpatient Network

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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

London, N15 3TH

Salary:

£42939.00 to £50697.00

Type:

Permanent
Employer:
Whittington Hospital NHS Trust
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- **Paediatric Dietitian**

Blackpool, FY3 8NR

Salary:
£35392.00 to £42618.00

Type:
Permanent

Employer:
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation 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 Matron**

Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, NR31 6LA

Salary:
£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:
Permanent

Employer:
James Paget University Hospitals 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 Physiotherapist**

Chester, CH2 1UL

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Countess of Chester 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 Audiologist**

High Wycombe, HP11 2TT

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS 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 Audiologist**

Oxford, OX3 9DU

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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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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- **Consultant Paediatric Neuropsychologist**

Cambridge, CB2 8AH

Salary:

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Gastroenterology CNS**

Brighton, BN2 5BE

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

Birmingham, B4 6NH

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialty Doctor - Paediatrics**

King's Lynn, PE30 4ET

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHSFT

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- **Paediatric Occupational Therapist**

Widnes, WA8 3LZ

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

London, NW10 7NS

Salary:

£42939.00 to £50697.00

Type:

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Employer:

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- **Consultant Paediatric Nephrologist**

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Employer:

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- **Specialist Paediatric Dietitian**

Manchester, M13 9WL

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Community Paediatric Audiologist**

Stockport, SK2 7JE

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

HealthHarmonie

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- **Consultant in Paediatrics**

Whitehaven, CA28 8JG

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Physiotherapist - Paediatrics**

Huntingdon/Cambridge, CB1 3DF

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Dietitian**

Nuneaton, CV10 7DJ

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Brighton, BN2 5BE

Salary:

£37338.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)

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- **Paediatric Consultant Anaesthetist**

Plymouth, PL6 8DH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Dietitian**

Reading, RG6 6BZ

Salary:

£48270.00 to £54931.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Nottinghamshire, NG5 1PB

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Bank Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Leicester, LE2 2FF

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

Spire Healthcare Ltd

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- **Paediatric Occupational Therapist**

Maidenhead, SL6 6DU

Salary:

£39205.00 to £47084.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Audiologist**

Walsall, WS2 9PS

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Therapy Assistant**

Crewe, CW1 6ZQ

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Specialist Dietitian**

Rotherham, S60 2UD

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Carshalton, SM5 1JF

Salary:

£34521.00 to £50697.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Senior Physiotherapist - Paediatric**

Wirral, CH63 4JY

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Wirral University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

Derby, DE22 3NE

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Chertsey, KT16 0PZ

Salary:

£40617.00 to £48778.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Ashford & St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Poole, Dorset, BH15 2JB

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Lead Paediatric Audiologist**

Scunthorpe, DN15 7BH

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust

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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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