

# 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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Maidenhead, SL6 6DU

Salary:

£40617.00 to £48778.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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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 Physiotherapist**

Salford, M6 5FW

Salary:

£31049.00 to £37796.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northern Care Alliance 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**

Blackburn, BB1 2HR

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Bodelwyddan, LL18 5UJ

Salary:

£39263.00 to £47280.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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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 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 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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- **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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- **Specialist Paediatric SLT**

Kingston upon Thames, KT2 7QB

Salary:

£53751.00 to £60651.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Kingston and Richmond NHS Foundation Trust

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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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- **Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Middlesbrough, TS5 8LA

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant Paediatric Haematologist**

Sutton, SM2 5PT

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£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Community Paediatric Audiologist**

Stockport, SK2 7JE

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

HealthHarmonie

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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 Physiotherapist - Paediatric**

Wirral, CH63 4JY

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Wirral University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Gastroenterology CNS**

Brighton, BN2 5BE

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)

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- **Specialist Dietitian - Paediatric**

Nottingham, NG7 2UH

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£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts

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- **Paediatric Specialty Registrar**

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- **Paediatric Junior Sister**

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Salary:

£39205.00 to £47084.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Respiratory Physiotherapist**

Redditch, B98 7UH

Salary:

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Junior Sister**

Guildford, GU2 7XX

Salary:

£40617.00 to £48778.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

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Royal Surrey NHS Foundation 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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- **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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- **Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist**

Middlesbrough, TS5 8LA

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Nursing Associate - Paediatrics**

Scarborough, YO12 6QL

Salary:

£27485.00 to £30162.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation 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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- **Specialist Paediatric Dietitian**

Birmingham, B4 6NH

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Paediatric Consultant Radiologist**

Swindon, SN3 6BB

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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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 Physiotherapist - Paediatrics**

Huntingdon, PE29 7HN

Salary:

£38682.00 to £46580.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS 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 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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- **Paediatric Occupational Therapist**

Morden, SM4 5LT

Salary:

£44485.00 to £52521.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Consultant Imaging Cardiologist**

Bath, BA1 3NG

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Consultant - Interventional Cardiologist**

Slough, SL2 4HL

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Frimley Health 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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- **Further information**

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[British Cardiovascular Society](#) <sup>[48]</sup>

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