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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 '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 <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?

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Locum Consultant in Paediatric Cardiology

Leeds, LS1 3EX

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

**Leeds Teaching Hospitals** 

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Senior Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Cardiology

London, SE1 7PG

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

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# Post CCT Fellow in Paediatric Cardiology in advanced echocardiography

London, SE1 7EH

Salary:

£70425.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation 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 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 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

Manchester, M13 9WL

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

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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#### Consultant - Paediatrics

Truro, TR1 3LJ

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Cornwall Hospitals 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 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 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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#### Paediatric Recovery Practitioner

East Grinstead, RH19 3DZ

Salary:

£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

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Clerk - Paediatrics job (opens in a new window)

# Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist

Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist job (opens in a new window) [23]

# Advanced Paediatric Audiologist

Basildon, SS16 5NL

Salary:

£47810.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Advanced Paediatric Audiologist job (opens in a new window) [24]

#### 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

Salary:

£106000.00 to £154760.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

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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

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Community Paediatric Audiologist job (opens in a new window) [28]

#### Specialist Paediatric Dietitian

Reading, RG6 6BZ

Salary:

£48270.00 to £54931.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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#### Lead Pharmacist Paediatrics

Taunton, TA1 5DA Yeovil, BA21 4AT

Salary:

£62215.00 to £72293.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Somerset 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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#### 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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#### Paediatric Consultant Anaesthetist

Plymouth, PL6 8DH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Consultant Anaesthetist job (opens in a new window) [35]

#### Senior Audiologist (Paediatrics)

Rotherham, S601RY

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Audiologist (Paediatrics) job (opens in a new window) [36]

## 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) [37]

# Specialist Paediatric Dietitian

Basildon, SS16 5NL

Salary:

£31049.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Paediatric Dietitian job (opens in a new window) [38]

# Community Paediatric Dietitian

Carshalton, SM5 1JL

Salary:

£42939.00 to £50697.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Community Paediatric Dietitian job (opens in a new window) [39]

## Speciality Doctor (Paediatrics)

Walsall, WS2 9PS

Salary:

£59175.00 to £95400.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Walsall Healthcare NHS 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 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Lead Paediatric Audiologist job (opens in a new

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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

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinical Matron - Paediatrics job (opens in a new window) [42]

#### Paediatric Ward Clerk

York, YO31 8HE

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Ward Clerk job (opens in a new window) [43]

#### Paediatric Occupational Therapist

Reading, Wokingham or Newbury, RG18 3AS

Salary:

£29970.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Occupational Therapist job (opens in a new window) [44]

#### 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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#### 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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#### Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist

Northampton, NN1 5BD

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northampton General Hospital

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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

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Occupational Therapist job (opens in a new window) [45]

#### Senior Paediatric Audiologist

London, SE1 7EH

Salary:

£54320.00 to £60981.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

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#### Locum Paediatric Consultant

Swindon, SN3 6BB

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

**Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust** 

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#### Ward Manager - Paediatrics

Preston, PR2 9HT

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager - Paediatrics job (opens in a new window) [50]

#### Paediatric Specialist Physiotherapist

London, W2 1NY

Salary:

£54320.00 to £60981.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Paediatric Specialist Physiotherapist job (opens in a new window) [51]

# 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 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Lead Paediatric Audiologist job (opens in a new window) [52]

# Consultant Cardiologist

London, SW17 0QT

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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#### Consultant Cardiologist

Huntingdon, PE29 6NT

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

North West Anglia 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.

British Cardiovascular Society [55]

Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board [56]

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health [57]

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