

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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Guildford, GU2 7XX

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

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○ Apprenticeship AP Paediatric Dietitian Cardiology, GI Surgery & Burns

Bristol, BS2 8BJ

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW)

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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 Pharmacist**

Southampton, SO14 2AA

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospital Southampton 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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Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Buckinghamshire Healthcare 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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- **Paediatric Consultant**

Eltham, SE9 5AB

Salary:

£105504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Demelza Hospice Care for Children

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- **Paediatric Dietitian**

London, WC1N 3JH

Salary:

£44806.00 to £53134.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation 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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- **Paediatric Audiologist**

London, E8 2FP

Salary:

£44806.00 to £53134.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Barts Health NHS Trust

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- **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**

Carshalton, SM5 2AA

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Trust Doctor in General Paediatrics and Paediatric Specialties**

Leeds, LS1 3EX

Salary:

£49909.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Leeds Teaching Hospitals

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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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- **Specialist Dietitian - Paediatric**

Nottingham, NG7 2UH

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts

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- **Senior Paediatric Audiologist**

St Albans, AL1 3JE

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hertfordshire Community NHS 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 Physiotherapist**

Hayes,, UB3 2PB

Salary:

£42939.00 to £50697.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Senior Paediatric Radiographer**

Brighton, BN2 5BE

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)

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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 Specialist Dietitian**

Crewe, CW1 4QJ

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£29970.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **General Paediatric Consultant**

London, W12 0HS

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Type:

Permanent

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Imperial College Healthcare 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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- **Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist**

London, SE1 7EH

Salary:

£44806.00 to £53134.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation 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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- **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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- **Ward Clerk (Paediatrics)**

Barnstaple, EX314JB

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Devon University Healthcare 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**

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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- **Nursing Associate - Paediatrics**

Slough, SL2 4HL

Salary:

£27857.00 to £30570.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Dietitian**

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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- **Paediatrics Lead Pharmacist**

Camberley, GU16 7UJ

Salary:

£55877.00 to £62626.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Frimley Health 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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- **Clinical Matron - Paediatrics**

Bath, BA1 3NG

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Matron General Paediatrics**

London, W2 1NY

Salary:

£61927.00 to £68676.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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- **Paediatric Audiology Lead**

High Wycombe, HP11 2TT

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

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- **Specialist Paediatric Occupational Therapist**

Colchester, CO4 9YQ

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Locum Consultant Paediatric Oncologist**

Nottingham, NG7 2UH

Salary:

£105504.00 to £139882.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts

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- **Senior Specialist Paediatric Dietitian**

Warwick, CV34 5BW

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Warwickshire University 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](#) ^[48]

[Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board](#) ^[49]

[Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) ^[50]

[Royal College of Physicians](#) ^[51]

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