

## What can I offer?

- ▶ Are you a good communicator who enjoys working with children, young people and their families?
- ▶ Do you have the potential to make a good diagnosis? This is important because infants and children often present with illnesses which they may not be able to describe.
- ▶ Are you able to be emotionally resilient, patient and sensitive when managing critical illness or disabilities in infants and children?
- ▶ Do you enjoy teamwork?
- ▶ Could you be an advocate for children and young adults?

If so, then Paediatrics is the career choice for you.



## Useful Contacts:

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**Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health**

[www.rcpch.ac.uk](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk)

**For information about local Health Boards and current vacancies across Wales**

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## A CAREER IN:

# Paediatrics



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## A Career in Paediatrics

Paediatricians look at specific health issues, diseases and disorders in babies, children and young people. Doctors work with both the patient and their family. Paediatrics is a diverse, stimulating and hugely rewarding specialty.

### You could be working in:

- ▶ General Paediatric Units, seeing a wide range of conditions affecting children.
- ▶ Community-based settings, managing long-term conditions of children and young people.
- ▶ Highly specialised units, working in a wide range of sub-specialties such as neonatal medicine, paediatric intensive care medicine or paediatric neurology.

### Paediatrics is:

- ▶ Forward looking in the way it has embraced flexible training and working: about 17% of consultants work part-time.
- ▶ Able to offer enormous opportunities in social and ethical aspects of health care.
- ▶ Good for those who enjoy working in a team; a paediatrician works within a multidisciplinary team. For example, you may work with physiotherapists, speech therapists, dieticians or specialist nurses.



## Paediatrics in Wales

The Wales School for Paediatrics and Child Health was established in 2007 and works closely with the RCPCH to provide the highest quality paediatric training and education. Trainees can apply to train on either the North Wales/Mersey programme or the South Wales programme. The School provides excellent support for trainees in all aspects of their training and has appointed a number of lead consultants in the following areas: Education, Less-Than Full-Time Training, Performance and Quality Assurance. There are over 160 trainees on the programme, undertaking placements in general paediatrics, neonatology and sub-specialties including oncology, neurology, respiratory, community, renal, gastroenterology, PICU, endocrinology, cardiology, emergency medicine and palliative care medicine.

The current structure of the NHS in Wales, with Health Boards encompassing primary, secondary and tertiary care, enables a holistic approach to service delivery and patient care. There are clear pathways of referral, with clearly identified “hubs” for tertiary care both in North and South Wales.

There is a strong sense of community amongst paediatricians in Wales, facilitated by the Welsh Paediatric Society.

The Wales Deanery has processes in place to continually review the training provided in order to ensure the delivery of high quality training programmes and excellent patient care.

**The trainees experience**

*“The Wales Deanery provides the support and stimulation needed to optimise the long and essential path to excelling as a Paediatric consultant. It does this in a subtle and personal way with a reputation for friendly working environments and an array of personable consultants. This individualized approach to training maximizes opportunities for career development and job satisfaction. Close links with Cardiff University provides easy access to renowned educational resources while the unparalleled beauty and serenity of the Welsh countryside combined with an ever-evolving capital city is the perfect environment in which to enjoy life outside work.”*

ST4 Paediatric trainee

## Training Locations (Health Boards)

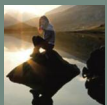
### North Wales / Mersey programme

- ▶ Betsi Cadwaladr UHB
- ▶ Arrows Park Hospital NHS Trust
- ▶ The Alder Hey Childrens' Hospital

### South Wales programme

- ▶ Aneurin Bevan UHB
- ▶ Cardiff & Vale UHB
- ▶ Cwm Taf UHB
- ▶ Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHB
- ▶ Hywel Dda UHB

Further details about each of the training locations can be found on the Paediatric and Child Health pages of the Wales Deanery website.



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