

Paediatric Emergency Department – John Radcliffe Hospital

We are a 12 bed unit within the Emergency Department at the John Radcliffe, seeing patients from 0-16 years old. We see a wide variety of presentations from minor injuries to severely unwell children.

We are the Thames Valley Trauma Centre for paediatrics and cover a large area, as well as taking referrals from other hospitals. We work closely with Oxford Children's Hospital which has paediatric specific specialties such as paediatric surgeons, respiratory, endocrine and infectious diseases as well as the plastics, maxillofacial and trauma teams who see both children and adults.

Generally, there is a paediatric registrar based in ED to see paediatric referrals and any medical presentations under six months old. We also have Paediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM) consultants and ED registrars who see the majority of the presentations and can then refer on to specialties if required.

There is also an allocated paediatric bay in resus to receive any priority calls or pre-alerts with paediatric specific airway and resus equipment. We also work very closely with PICU and the outreach nurses.

Contact details

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It is best to contact us during the week.

Location

Level 1 JR – Accident and Emergency Department.

Key learning opportunities

- Assessment of a child
- Recognition of deteriorating child
- A-E assessment
- Use of SBAR
- Distraction and play techniques
- Wound care/dressing
- Medication administration route: PO, PR, IV, IM or SC injections, buccal

- Safeguarding
- Pain management

Suggested spoke placements

- Emergency Nurse Practitioners (ENPs)
- Outreach nurses
- Radiology
- Play specialist

Typical shift patterns

Day: 07.30 - 20.00

Night: 19.30 - 08.00

10: 10.00 - 22.30

Interdisciplinary learning

- Paediatric registrars
- PEM consultants
- Specialties: surgeons, plastics, trauma etc.
- Paediatric critical care
- Resus officers
- Paramedics
- Student nurses

Useful reading for the placement

You may like to consider revising:

- Nursing assessment and triage
- ABCDE assessment
- Nursing the acutely ill or deteriorating patient
- A&E quality indicators
- Wound care and dressings