What are the haemoglobinopathies?
Haemoglobinopathies are a group of blood disorders including Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassaemia.

Other red cell disorders include Diamond Blackfan Anaemia (DBA).

This leaflet describes the services that are available for children with Haemoglobinopathies in Oxford and the surrounding areas, and include key contact details.

Our team

Dr Amrana Qureshi
Consultant Haematologist (Service Lead)

Lesley McCarthy
Roald Dahl Haemoglobinopathy Nurse Specialist

Dr Georgina Hall
Paediatric Haematology Consultant

Dr Neha Bhatnagar
Paediatric Haematology Consultant

We also have a Psychological Support Service, so please let us know if this might be useful for your child.
Outpatient Clinic
We will see your child in our Outpatient Clinic for regular reviews, and our Haematology Consultants will see them annually.

Our Outpatient Clinic is on Level LG1 of Oxford Children’s Hospital. The Clinic is normally on Thursday afternoons, while annual reviews take place on Tuesday afternoons.

Transcranial Doppler (TCD) ultrasound scans also take place on Tuesday afternoons in Radiology.

If your child needs a blood test, we have a Phlebotomist (someone specially trained to take blood samples) and a Play Specialist to help.

Appointment enquiries
Outpatient Secretary: 01865 234 212
Email: paediatrichaematology@ouh.nhs.uk

Kamran’s Daycare
We carry out planned transfusions for children with Sickle Cell Disease, Diamond Blackfan Anaemia (DBA) and Thalassaemia in Kamran’s Daycare on Kamran’s Ward, Level 0, Oxford Children’s Hospital. Our team arranges these.

Enquiries
Kamran’s Daycare: 01865 234 062
Monday to Friday 8.00am - 8.00pm

Inpatients
Urgent problems
If your child is unwell, we will assess them and admit them to Kamran’s Ward.

If your child needs to be admitted to hospital for treatment, we will always try to find a bed on Kamran’s Ward. If your child is admitted to another ward in the Children’s Hospital, the Haematology team will still care for them.

If your child has a high temperature, uncontrolled pain or appears pale and unwell, please contact us on the number below.
Kamran’s Ward: 01865 234 069
01865 234 068
Nurse Specialist
Our Nurse Specialist provides advice and support and is present at clinic appointments, annual reviews and times of hospital admission.

They will also co-ordinate planned admissions for treatment and blood tests.

The Nurse Specialist also offers advice and support to your child’s nursery or school and works with the adult team to enable smooth transitions to adult services.

Enquiries
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(Roald Dahl is a children’s charity which funds specialist nursing posts in the NHS and family grants to support children with chronic conditions.)

Coming to Oxford Children’s Hospital
For information leaflets, videos and advice on transport, parking and hospital facilities, please visit:
www.ouh.nhs.uk/children
www.ouh.nhs.uk/hospitals/jr
Useful websites

NHS website
www.nhs.uk/conditions/sickle-cell-disease

Sickle Cell Society
sicklecellssociety.org
54 Station Road, London NW10 4UA
Tel: 020 8961 7795
Email: info@sicklecellsociety.org

UK Thalassaemia Society
ukts.org

Thalassaemia International
www.thalassaemia.org.cy

DBA UK Website
Diamondblackfan.org.uk

Social Services
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Benefits and Immigration Advice
Please contact Citizens Advice: www.citizensadvice.org.uk
Further support

Interpreter and advocacy services
Please let us know if you need an interpreter

Spiritual support
Please contact our Chaplaincy team
Tel: 01865 857921
Email: chaplaincy@ouh.nhs.uk

Feedback
We welcome your feedback, so if you have any comments or concerns please speak to a member of the Haematology team.

If they are unable to resolve your concerns, please contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service.

Email: PALS@ouh.nhs.uk

Get involved in improving services
Congenital Anaemia Network
www.togetherwecan.co.uk
If you need an interpreter or would like this information leaflet in another format, such as Easy Read, large print, Braille, audio, electronically or another language, please speak to the department where you are being seen. You will find their contact details on your appointment letter.