

Children's Emergency Department

Please contact the placement as soon as possible:

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Information about the placement

This area has been specifically designed for the care of children attending the ED. It is staffed by paediatric nurses with support from the adult team in times of need. This area has six cubicles plus two high dependency beds and a three bedded bay. There is also an allocated nurse assessment space opposite the paediatric waiting area, as well as clean and dirty utilities. All patients under the age of 16 years are cared for in this area – with some patients up to 18 if they remain under paediatric consultant care i.e. endocrine or neurology teams.

Key learning opportunities during the placement

Learning opportunities here include

- Learning new assessment skills specific to Paediatrics
- Learning about specific Paediatric medical and surgical conditions
- Observing examination and treatments
- Assess, prioritise, plan, and evaluate care for children presenting with a variety of conditions
- Recognition prioritisation and effective management of the seriously sick or injured child
- Understanding of family centred care and common responses of the child and family when attending the Emergency Department
- Pain assessment in children
- Referral agencies, specialist centre referrals and clinics
- Discharge planning including various services and referral agencies
- Role of the multidisciplinary team

Suggested spoke placements

Some potential spoke placements can be arranged:

- Working with our advanced nurse practitioners (ANPs)
- Radiology (X-ray and CT)
- CDU
- Play specialist
- Shadowing the outreach nurse
- Working in our Urgent Care Centre
- Observer shift with paramedics
- EDPS/CAMHS
- Hand and Plastics clinic (cHAPI) or Trauma clinic/Plaster room

Typical shift patterns, days department is open

- Day shifts = 07:30 – 20:00
- 10 shifts = 10:00 – 22.30
- Night shifts = 19:30 – 08:00

Useful reading for the placement

You may like to do some reading surrounding the subject of emergency medicine before you start your placement.

You may like to revise

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