**Paediatrics**

**Information Sheet**

| Current number of training posts: | 46 ST1 – 3  
59 ST4+ |
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<td>Based in the following Trust locations:</td>
<td>Basingstoke, Dorchester, Poole, Portsmouth, Salisbury, Southampton, Winchester</td>
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<td>Example rotation:</td>
<td>Variable throughout Wessex. Would usually include at least one year in one of the larger units (Southampton/Portsmouth)</td>
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| General information on the training opportunities | All trainees will rotate between district hospitals in the Region and the regional centre in Southampton. Each posting is for a 6-12 month period with commencement dates in March and September in keeping with the National Grid Programme for sub-specialist training and the commencement dates of paediatric rotations in most other Deaneries. Rotations typically occur as follows:  
ST1 – Trainees typically spend 6 months in a general paediatric posting and 6 months in a level 3 neonatal unit.  
ST2 – Most trainees spend this year in Southampton University Hospital Trust where they gain exposure to some of the paediatric specialties including respiratory, gastroenterology, endocrinology, neurology, oncology, nephrology, paediatric surgery, urology, paediatric cardiology and paediatric intensive care. There is a community paediatric training programme that operates during this year.  
ST3 – Depending on their competencies, trainees will spend a further 6 months in neonatology at one of the level 3 units and 6 months in a district general hospital working for the first time on a middle grade rota.  
ST4-5 – Trainees spend this time working at a middle grade level. All trainees complete a combination of 6 months general paediatrics, 6 months community paediatrics and 6 months neonatal intensive care and 6 months PICU.  
ST6-8 – Completion of training is tailored according to the needs of individual trainees. Some trainees will train in subspecialty paediatrics appointed via the RCPCH national process. Those looking towards a CCT in general paediatrics will generally spend a year in one of Southampton’s paediatric specialty posts and more Level 3 NICU. The final year is generally spent in a DGH setting where the trainee is expected to function at a more senior level within the department. |
| Key Contacts and Useful Websites: | Head of School – Dr Liz Donavan  
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www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/specialty_schools/wessex_school_of_paediatrics.aspx |