

North West School of Paediatrics Website Proforma for RCPCH tutors

Demographics

Location & Trust: Royal Oldham Hospital (Paediatrics)

College Tutor Name: Dr Jill Mant and Dr Mike Perkins

Wellbeing Lead Name: N/A

Description of Hospital/Department:

Oldham is a busy large DGH which offers both general paediatric and tertiary neonatal placements. The general paediatric ward has 24 beds plus a 6 bedded HDU. There is a co-located paediatric observation and assessment unit and a recently newly build paediatric A+E. We serve a very diverse and socially deprived community and as a result see a huge range of interesting pathologies.

Day to day Duties of Trainees:

There are 12 paediatric middle grades on the general paediatric rota. This will soon be increased to 13 (and in due course 14). Middle grades work on the ward, in O+A and in paed ED. There are also fixed clinic days and CPD days included within the rota. The general paediatric trainees do not cover NICU.

The tier 1 rota also contains 12 trainees – a mix of GP trainees, paediatric ST1/2s and FY2s. Trainees work on the ward and OA. They also cover baby checks. Fixed clinic days and CPD days are included in the rota.

Trainees are always very well supported on all shifts. There are at least 2 middle grades on site for 21 hours of the day (including weekends). Consultants are on site until at least 11pm.

Teaching is included in your rota and rotas are adjusted to allow trainees to attend STEP teaching.

Areas of Specialism/Research/Specialty Links:

We have consultants with a wide range of special interests including epilepsy, diabetes, respiratory, allergy, rheumatology and cardiology. Trainees are encouraged to attend special interest clinics to match their own interests and training needs.

We will hopefully soon be offering a diabetes SPIN post.

We also feel that we offer excellent training for senior trainees specialising in general paediatrics.

Trainee Opportunities:

Due to the busy nature of the department and the local population a vast range of interesting and often rare pathologies are likely to be encountered during a 6 or 12 month placement in Oldham. Trainees often joke that they join as an ST3 and leave as an ST8! As a department we like to embrace this wealth of potential learning opportunities and ensure our ward rounds, handovers and grand rounds are all educational events.

The trust and department also has a strong record in clinical governance and there will be lots of opportunities to take part in QIPs, audits and RCAs. There is a paediatric governance lead that is clinically trained and works on the ward directly engaging with trainees and other staff.

Educational Opportunities/Meetings including audit:

We have twice weekly departmental teaching. One session is curriculum focused and delivered by consultants and middle grades. The other session is a grand round at which interesting cases are presented and discussed. In addition we run monthly simulations.

We also have a weekly paediatric xray meeting.

We have monthly safeguarding peer review meetings as well as regular audit meetings and M&M meetings.

Senior trainees are encouraged to also attend the directorate meetings in order to gain management experience.

Additional Hospital Amenities:

There is a large education centre on site with a well-stocked library