

Tameside General Hospital Information

Location & Trust: Tameside General Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne
Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust

College Tutor Name: Dr K Whitfield

Description of Hospital/Department:

Tameside General Hospital is a medium-sized District General Hospital located in Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester. The Children's Department is made up of a:

- Children's Ward with 16 beds including 7 cubicles and 2 high-dependency beds
- Observation & Assessment Unit open 24 hours with 11 beds including 3 cubicles
- Neonatal Unit level 2 unit with 7 intensive care cots and 6 special care cots
- Postnatal Ward27/Transitional care with 15 postnatal beds/cots
- Labour Ward with 5 delivery rooms and 1 maternity theatre

The Children's Department has 9 Acute Consultants plus 3 Community Consultants as well as 5 permanent Staff-Grade doctors. It runs a tier 1 and tier 2 rota made up of Paediatric Specialty Trainees, GP Specialty Trainees and Foundation Doctors. The Department is well supported by a wonderful team of nurses, play specialists, other allied health professionals and secretarial staff.

Day to day Duties of Trainees:

The Department runs a Consultant Hot Week system for both the Paediatric and Neonatal sides. The trainees join the ward round alongside a Consultant to manage the care of the in-patients on the both the Children's Ward and the Neonatal Unit & Postnatal Ward. Trainees also clerk and assesses all acute admissions to the O&A and may attend the Emergency Department to see patients in Resusc and are part of the Paediatric Crash team. Trainees also attend deliveries on Labour Ward and hold bleeps for the Neonatal Crash team. All trainees are also rostered time in the Children's Out-patient Department. T2 trainees are also involved in safeguarding work under the supervision of a Consultant.

Trainee Opportunities/Areas of Specialism:

Trainees are supported to take on other learning opportunities in addition to their clinical working are such as Leadership & Governance activities, Audit & Quality Improvement as well as Medical Education both undergraduate and postgraduate. There is a monthly invite to Departmental meetings:

- Paediatric specialty meeting (Thursday 1300-1400 monthly)
- NICU business meeting (Wednesday 1300-1400 monthly)
- Perinatal meeting, Mortality review meetings, Audit meetings, Guidelines meetings, Clinical incident review meetings

The Department has Consultants with a Specialist Interest in Asthma, Allergy, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Endocrine, Renal & Coeliac. There are also visiting tertiary out-patient clinics from Cardiology, Neurology, Genetics & Renal from RMCH. There is also a Paediatric Research Nurse & link Consultant.

Educational Opportunities/Meetings including audit:

There is a strong educational focus in the Department and informal teaching occurs during Paediatric and Neonatal ward rounds, as part of handover, and in giving feedback to clinical discussions. There is also a structured teaching programme timetabled:

- T1 teaching (Tuesday 12-1300 weekly): T1s deliver peer teaching on range of paediatric and neonatal topics or cases on rolling curriculum
- T2 teaching (Wednesday 12-1300 First of the month): T2s deliver or chair sessions tailored to their needs eg safeguarding, palliative care, journal club, clinical governance, developing CV
- Departmental teaching (Thursday 13-1400 weekly): Range of topics including case discussions, safeguarding supervision and other meetings such as mortality reviews
- Simulation (Adhoc sessions): Multi-disciplinary simulation scenarios with APLS/NLS
- Teaching clinics (Allocated on rota): T2 runs the out-patient clinic list under the supervision and support of a Consultant
- Microbiology ward round (Wednesday mornings): Discuss antibiotic prescriptions
- Radiology meeting (Adhoc monthly): Discuss interesting images and gain advice
- NWTS outreach day (Adhoc 3-4monthly): Visiting NWTS team discuss interesting cases

Additional Hospital Amenities:

The Hospital has an awarding-winning mess facility for a small monthly charge which in addition to a comfortable rest areas, recreational activities and good IT access, has drinks and hot food options available. There is also a Costa Coffee, Convenience store & ATM on site.