
Sub-specialty Programme Information

Community Child Health 2026

Programme summary:

The table below contains a list of all the programmes for the above sub-specialty for training programmes starting in August/September 2026, that are being advertised in this round.

SharePoint:

The job descriptions for each post can be found via this [SharePoint link](#). Within the SharePoint site, you will find the following a folder for each sub-specialty recruiting for 2026, within which there will be:

- Regional Folder(s): for each Lead Deanery that is offering posts in that sub-specialty, containing;
- Regional sub-folder(s): for each programme using the Programme Title, containing;
- JD(s): job descriptions for each hospital/centre in the programme, as PDF files (N.B. The file titles contain an internally generated abbreviation code and the name of the location in which that job. You will not need to remember the abbreviation code, when preferencing in the Oriel system).

Using the Programme document:

The following terms are used in the programme list below – they may also be used in the SharePoint site and/or Oriel system, as described:

Lead Deanery = the main region submitting the programme; also the title of the regional folders in SharePoint

Programme Title = corresponds to the regional sub-folder in SharePoint; this will also be the offer code in Oriel

Paediatric training is capability based so the stated duration of posts is indicative. Applicants may therefore progress through sub-specialty programmes at a rate quicker than this indicative time. Please refer to the [applicant guide](#) and [RCPCH curriculum](#) for further information.

Application Process

Applications for Sub-specialty recruitment 2026 open from 12 noon Wednesday 22 October 2025 and close at 12 noon Wednesday 12 November 2025.

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For general application enquiries, please contact: subspecialty@rcpch.ac.uk

Maximum number of sub-specialty appointments that may be made in 2026 for Community Child Health

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Lead Deanery	Programme Title (Abbreviation code)	Hospital(s)/Centre(s)	Places Available	Additional Information
East Midlands	East Midlands North – Mansfield (2025CCHMans)	Kingsmill Hospital, Mansfield (36 months)	1	2-3 year programme based in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. A comprehensive training programme offered at King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield. This is a district general hospital within Sherwood Forest NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust. The clinical experiences will offer ample opportunity to see and manage (under supervision) children of all ages with a range of medical and/or developmental issues. There is a strong focus on holistic, multiagency working and child health inequalities. Trainees will have the ability to cover all aspects of the CCH curriculum but also with scope to develop more specialist interests in greater depth.
East Midlands	East Midlands South - Leicester & Kettering (2025CCHLeicKett)	Leicester Royal Infirmary (24 months) St Mary's Hospital, Kettering (12 months)	1	This is a Community Child Health rotation run by the East Midlands Deanery, normally lasting 3 years (pro-rata for LTFT trainees). The appointee will usually spend 2 years in Leicester and 1 year in Kettering. The sequence and timing of rotations will be tailored to individual training needs and service needs.
East of England	East of England - Cambridge & Huntingdon & Colchester (2025CCHCambHuntColc)	Cambridge Child Development Centre (12 months) Oak Tree Centre, Huntingdon (12 months) Colchester (12 months)	2	This post is designed for higher specialist trainees who wish to obtain a CCT in Community Child Health. It rotates between Cambridge/Huntingdon and Colchester.

East of England	East of England - Ipswich & Norwich (2025CCHIpswNorw)	Ipswich (18 months) Norwich (18 months)	1	This post is designed for higher specialist trainees who wish to obtain a CCT in Community Child Health. It rotates between two centres: Ipswich & Norwich. The placement duration may vary between 12-18 months at each centre, and the order of placement may vary depending on availability.
Kent, Surrey and Sussex	KSS - East Sussex & Brighton & Worthing (2025CCHEastBrigWort)	Chailey Heritage Clinical Services, Chailey, East Sussex (12 months) Seaside View, Brighton General Hospital (CCH) with Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital (acute paediatrics out-of-hours) (12 months) Worthing Hospital (12 months)	1	This programme covers a wide range of competencies including child safeguarding. The initial 12 month post is at Chailey Heritage Clinical Services, which is a specialist unit for children and young people with complete needs, offering experience in neurodisability. There is no out-of-hours work attached to this post. The second year is spent at Seaside View Child Development Centre, Brighton with acute paediatric on call at Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, Brighton. The final year is based in the child development centre at Worthing Hospital with acute paediatrics on site. There may be flexibility within the region to allow changes in placements after the first 6 months of the training programme.
London	London - City & Hackney & Islington & Haringey & Lewisham & Evelina (2025CCHCityIsliHariLewiEvel)	City & Hackney (12 months) or Islington (12 months) or Haringey (12 months) or Lewisham (12 months) or Evelina (Lambeth / Southwark) (12 months) See additional information box for further details.	6	This is a 36 months WTE indicative training programme with posts starting at: City & Hackney, Islington, Haringey, Lewisham or Evelina (Evelina has two posts). And rotating into one or more of the following: City & Hackney, Islington, Haringey, Lewisham, Evelina, Camden, Brent, Chelsea & Westminster, Ealing, Northwick Park, Mile End or St George's. Opportunities are available in allied specialties such as palliative care, neurodisability, child mental health or public health contingent on post availability. Rotations will be designed and confirmed in line with training need and LTFT requirements.

North East	North East - Gateshead & North East (2025CCHGateNort)	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead (24 months) Dependent on trainee needs - multiple centres within the North East (12 months)	2	This CCH training post will incorporate a 24 month placement with a base at either Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead or University Hospital at North Durham followed by a 12 month flexible option placement, as part of a 3 year programme covering training in all modules of the RCPCH Community Child Health subspeciality curriculum for ST5-7 trainees. Trainees work under close supervision within multidisciplinary groups and participate in joint working with agencies from health, education and social care. There is a well established programme within the region that allows subspecialty modular training. Modules include Forensic Paediatrics, Child Public Health, Palliative Care, Neurodisability and Neurology and Adolescent Medicine. These second placements may be anywhere across the North East region to meet the educational needs of the trainee.
North West	North West Manchester - Burnley & Blackburn (2025CCHBurnBlac)	Burnley General hospital (12 months) Blackburn General Hospital (12 months) Royal Preston Hospital or Royal Manchester Children's Hospital (12 months)	1	This is a 3-year Community Paediatric post. The first year will be based at Burnley General Hospital, rotating to Blackburn Hospital in the 2nd year. There will be further opportunities if required in the third year to do further 6 months at one of the community child health centre and 6 months neurology at Preston/RMCH This post provides an excellent training opportunity in all aspects of Community and Neurodevelopmental Paediatrics via community neurodisability clinics, special school clinics, CIC medicals and other more specialised clinics.

North West	North West Manchester - Bury & Wigan (2025CCHBuryWiga)	Bury General hospital (12 months) Wigan General Hospital (12 months) Royal Preston Hospital or Royal Manchester Children's Hospital (12 months)	1	This is a 3-year Community Paediatric post. The first year will be based at Bury General Hospital, rotating to Wigan Hospital in the 2nd year. There will be further opportunities if required in the third year to do further 6 months at one of the community child health centres and 6 months in neurology at Preston/RMCH. This post provides an excellent training opportunity in all aspects of Community and Neurodevelopmental Paediatrics via community neurodisability clinics, special school clinics, CIC medicals and other more specialised clinics as detailed below.
North West	North West Manchester - Manchester & Salford (2025CCHMancSalf)	Manchester Local authority (12 months) Salford Community centre (12 months) See additional information box for further details.	1	This is a CCH programme rotating between neighbouring Salford and Manchester which will be suitable for either full or less than full time trainees. A further 12 months experience will be gained in associate specialities or community child health (CCH) depending on availability and trainee preference to complete a 3-year programme – this could include further time in CCH (Bury, Wigan, Salford, Manchester) or Neurology (Royal Manchester Children's Hospital or Preston). These include the diagnosis and management of long-term neurodisability, neurodevelopment, including social communication difficulties, safeguarding, adoption and fostering and school-based issues, including advice to the local authority. Both rotations have acute on-call duties, Salford being linked with Royal Bolton Hospital and Manchester with Royal Manchester Children's Hospital (RMCH).
North West	North West Mersey - Alder Hey & Wirral (2025CCHAldeWirr)	Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (24 months) Arrowe Park Hospital (Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust) (12 months)	1	Applicants will be offered 2 years in Alder Hey Children's Hospital and a 3rd year in Arrowe Park Hospital (Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust). The programme will be tailored to the previous experience, interests and training needs of the trainee, but will include assessment, investigation and management of children with Developmental Delay, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and other neurodevelopment disorders.

				Regular participation in multi agency work, working alongside allied health professionals, social care and education professionals. The trainee will work closely with community based therapy teams, community nursing teams, physician associates and advanced health practitioners. Trainee will link both clinically and through training modules with specialist teams including Orthoptic, Audiology, Palliative Care, Neurology, Sensory Impairment Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Orthotics and Wheelchair services, Speech and Language, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Services.
North West	North West Mersey - Wirral & Alder Hey (2025CCHWirrAlde)	Arrowe Park Hospital (24 months) Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (12 months)	1	Applicants will be offered 2 years in Arrowe Park Hospital (Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust) and a 3rd year in Alder Hey Children's Hospital. There may be the possibility for opportunities for training in paediatric neurology or neurodisability if requested. The programme will be tailored to the previous experience, interests and training needs of the trainee, but will include assessment, investigation and management of children with Developmental Delay, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and other neurodevelopment disorders. Regular participation in multi agency work, working alongside allied health professionals, social care and education professionals. The trainee will work closely with community based therapy teams, community nursing teams, physician associates and advanced health practitioners. Trainee will link both clinically and through training modules with specialist teams including Orthoptic, Audiology, Palliative Care, Neurology, Sensory Impairment Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Orthotics and Wheelchair services, Speech and Language, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Services.

Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland – Belfast (2025CCHBelfTBC)	Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (12 months) Western, Northern, Southern or South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (24 months)	2	The community sub-specialty trainee will have an individualised three-year training program, consisting of at least one year in the Belfast Trust where the tertiary children's hospital; Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children is based. RBHSC offers the breadth of community paediatrics as well as neurology, respiratory and neurodisability placements that may be useful for trainees. Community paediatric training is available in the Northern, Western, Southern or South Eastern Health & Social Care Trusts.
Scotland	Scotland North - Inverness & Aberdeen (2025CCHInveAber)	Raigmore Hospital (12 months) Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital (24 months)	1	3 year community child health training with 2 years spent in Aberdeen, 1 year in Inverness or can be altered according to trainee preference. Opportunities are available to obtain all competencies needed for community child health CCT and spend time in specialist clinics or work on public health related topics depending on the trainee's area of interest. Three year programme based between the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital (RACH), Department of Community Child Health and Raigmore Hospital, Department of Community Child Health with, Year 1 at Raigmore Hospital and Year 2 and 3 at RACH.
Scotland	Scotland West – Glasgow (2025CCHGlas)	Royal Children Hospital (36 months)	1	The programme comprises of a minimum of 2 years training in CCH, based in at least two of the seven Child centres within Greater Glasgow and Clyde. A further 12 months training could include a 6 month placement in paediatric neurology at the Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow and 6 months training in other specialties aligned to CCH. The trainee will be based within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Specialist Children's Services, under consultant supervision, and be part of a full multi-disciplinary team with strong inter-agency links across 7 Health and Social care partnerships (HSCP) localities and education authorities. They will be expected to have their own caseload with a wide mix of children with disabilities and neurodevelopmental problems.

South West	South West Peninsula - Exeter & Plymouth & Torbay (2025CCHExetPlymTorb)	Exeter (12 months) Derriford Hospital Plymouth (12 months) Torbay (12 months)	1	Please note this a Peninsula region placement. The first placement will be as stated but subsequent placements may be in Torbay, Plymouth or Truro. The second and subsequent placements will be determined annually via a placement planning process. The full duration of CCH training can be taken in Peninsula but sub-speciality placements at Bristol Children's Hospital may also be available.
South West	South West Peninsula - Plymouth & Torbay & Exeter (2025CCHPlymTorbExet)	Derriford Hospital Plymouth (12 months) Torbay (12 months) Exeter (12 months)	1	Please note this a Peninsula region placement. The first placement will be as stated but subsequent placements may be in Torbay, Exeter or Truro. The second and subsequent placements will be determined annually via a placement planning process. The full duration of CCH training can be taken in Peninsula but sub-speciality placements at Bristol Children's Hospital may also be available.
South West	South West Peninsula - Torbay & Exeter & Plymouth (2025CCHTorbExetPlym)	Torbay and South Devon NHS Trust (12 months) Exeter (12 months) Derriford Hospital Plymouth (12 months)	1	Please note this a Peninsula region placement. The first placement will be as stated but subsequent placements may be in Exeter, Plymouth or Truro. The second and subsequent placements will be determined annually via a placement planning process. The full duration of CCH training can be taken in Peninsula but sub-speciality placements at Bristol Children's Hospital may also be available.
South West	South West Severn – Sirona (2025CCHSiro)	Sirona Health and Care (36 months)	1	This post will be based in the Community Child Health Partnership, which provides all community services for children across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG). All community paediatric services in BNSSG are currently hosted by Sirona care and health CIC. Services operate out of 5 multi-disciplinary hubs (covering areas in line with the local authority boundaries). These are currently in Kingswood (South Glos), Eastgate house (East-central Bristol), Osprey court,

				Hartcliffe (South Bristol), Southmead House (North Bristol) and Drove road, Weston Super Mare (North Somerset). Higher level resident doctors rotate around these hubs aiming to spend a year in each that they are placed, in order to gain experience of working with different teams and also with different populations. Whilst the full duration of training is offered in community settings, doctors in training may choose to spend time in Bristol Children's Hospital gaining experience in other relevant departments such as neurology if this is appropriate to career aims.
Thames Valley	Thames Valley – Oxford (2025CCHOxfoOxfo)	Oxford Children's Hospital (or Reading or Slough/Maidenhead) (24 months) Oxford Children's Hospital (6 months)	1	This is a 3 year programme including 2 years based in one of the participating Community Paediatrics departments either in Oxford, Reading or Slough/Maidenhead, an optional 6 months in Paediatric Neurology at the Oxford Children's Hospital, and a further 6-12 months to be negotiated according to training requirements. Opportunities include experiencing Community Paediatrics in a different department in the deanery to learn more about how differing service set-ups operate, or time focussed on an area of interest such as Safeguarding, adoption and fostering, or other relevant experience such as General Paediatrics clinics, NICU long-term follow-up or Palliative care.
Wales	Wales - Cardiff & Aneurin Bevan & Swansea (2025CCHCardAneuSwan)	Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (12 months) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (12 months) Swansea Bay UHB (12 months)	2	Community Child Health in Wales is offered between three health boards, the Cardiff and Vale UHB, Swansea Bay UHB and Aneurin Bevan UHB, covering the Newport and Gwent areas. There are opportunities for placement within CAHMS to enhance and develop skills in child mental health.

Wessex	Wessex - Basingstoke & Winchester & Southampton (2025CCHBasiWincSout)	Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital (12 months) Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester (18 months) University Hospitals Southampton (6 months)	1	This is a 3 year programme based across the Community Paediatric Department in Hampshire Hospitals NHS Trust (HHFT). HHFT provides community paediatric services for the cities of Winchester and Basingstoke and surrounding areas. The resident doctor may work across both Winchester and Basingstoke during the programme, with the base unit being Winchester.
West Midlands	West Midlands - Wolverhampton & Stoke on Trent & Shropshire (2025CCHWolvStokShro)	New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton (12 months) Royal Stoke Hospital, Stoke on Trent (12 months) Shropshire Community Healthcare NHS Trust (12 months)	1	As part of a 3 year West Midlands Community Child Health post, Postgraduate Doctors in training (PGDIT) train in a range of units providing Community care to children in Wolverhampton/ Shropshire and Stoke Time spent working OOH in general paediatrics will not take up more than 30% training time.

For more information on the recruitment process and to access the guidance please visit:

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/education-careers/apply-paediatrics/sub-specialties>