
Sub-specialty Programme Information

Paediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM) 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-speciality 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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CSAC webpage: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/membership/committees/paediatric-emergency-medicine-intercollegiate-sac>

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

Maximum number of sub-specialty appointments that may be made in 2026 for Paediatric Emergency Medicine

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Lead Deanery	Programme Title (Abbreviation code)	Hospital(s)/Centre(s)	Places Available	Additional Information
East Midlands	East Midlands North - Derby & Nottingham (2025PEMDerbNott)	Royal Derby Hospital (PEM & Paediatric Surgical Specialties) (18 months) Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham (PICM) (6 months)	2	A comprehensive training programme based in a busy dedicated Children's Emergency Department (CED) of the Royal Derby Hospital providing care for children in the Derbyshire region. This is a well-established training programme with previous sub-speciality trainees having successfully obtained PEM Consultant posts. The programme comprises: • 12 months in CED, with one late shift within CED each week in addition to day shifts. During night shifts as the sub-speciality trainee you will predominantly be covering CED only. An additional Paediatric ST4+ covers NICU overnight. • 6 months surgical attachment, supernumerary in the daytime, allowing attendance at specialist clinics and theatre lists, with late shifts within CED and night duties as above. • 6 months PICU attachment undertaken at Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham with full shifts and a retrieval service within COMET Children's Medical Emergency Transport - a dedicated critical care transport service for children in the East Midlands.
East Midlands	East Midlands South - Leicester (2025PEMLEic)	Leicester Royal Infirmary, PEM/PICM/Paediatric Surgical Specialties (24 months)	2	The training programme at Leicester is 24 months' duration and includes: • 12 months in our dedicated Paediatric Emergency Department • 6 months of PICU / anaesthesia • 6 months of self-directed study in surgery, surgical sub-specialities and orthopaedics The Leicester Royal Infirmary opened a new state-of-the-art dedicated Paediatric Emergency Department in 2017 and is one of the busiest in the country, treating over 65,000 new patients. The paediatric ED and Children's Short Stay Unit operates 24/7 and is situated adjacent to the adult Emergency Department. In July 2018 we integrated our paediatric streams to a 'single front door' with the Children's ED being the point of access for all paediatric patients to the hospital. This has brought a further increase in attendances but also a closer and more collaborative working relationship between the emergency, paediatric and paediatric surgical teams.

				The Children's Hospital offers general paediatrics and many paediatric sub-specialities including surgery, anaesthesia, orthopaedics, radiology, respiratory medicine, neurology, endocrine, haematology, gastroenterology and oncology. There is a PICU and a second cardiac and ECMO PICU on site. Leicester is a Trauma Unit with the nearest Major Trauma Centre at Nottingham. Due to the nature of paediatric trauma and being a city centre ED our team continues to see a number of significantly injured walk in patients. The city is multi-cultural with a varied socio-economic profile.
East of England	East of England - Cambridge (2025PEMCamb)	Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, PEM/PICM/Paediatric Surgical Specialties (24 months)	1	24-month training programme. Paeds ED, PICU & Paediatric Surgery/Ortho. Order of rotation may vary, depending on availability.
Kent, Surrey and Sussex	KSS - Brighton & Southampton (2025PEMBrigSout)	Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, Brighton, PEM & Paediatric Surgical Specialties (18 months) Southampton General Hospital, PICM (6 months)	1	This rotation provides training in Paediatric Emergency Medicine in the Children's Emergency Department in Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital. There are a number of co-located specialties including paediatric surgery, paediatric orthopaedics, ENT, ophthalmology, paediatric respiratory medicine and paediatric gastroenterology. Anaesthetic cover is available on-site at all times with a dedicated team of paediatric anaesthetic consultants. The post in PICU provides the necessary training to complete competencies in Paediatric Emergency Medicine.
London	London - St Mary's & London (2025PEMStMLond)	St Mary's Hospital (12 months) or Chelsea & Westminster Hospital (12 months) or Homerton Hospital (12 months)	3	This is a 24 months WTE indicative training programme that will start at one of St Mary's, Homerton or Chelsea & Westminster, and rotate through: PICU at St Mary's, Evelina or Royal London and ED at St Mary's, Homerton, Evelina, Royal London or Chelsea. Placements will be confirmed after appointment in line with LTFT and training requirements. See description for second year

North East	North East - Sunderland (2025PEMSund)	Sunderland Royal Hospital, Sunderland (Including PICU at Great North Children's Hospital, Newcastle) (24 months)	1	The PEM rotation includes 18 months of Paediatric Emergency Medicine in Sunderland Royal Hospital, part of the South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trust. This period also includes sessions in Paediatric Surgical Specialties at the Great North Children's Hospital and Sunderland Eye Infirmary, and sessions in Paediatric Orthopaedics at Sunderland Royal Hospital. During this period, the trainee will obtain all their PEM competencies as well as their surgical competencies for example maxillofacial, otolaryngology, and plastics. The final 6-months will be at the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Great North Children's Hospital. This means that the trainees' sessions are curriculum based and will tailor their PEM sessions to ensure a balance with the surgical sessions so that all competencies will be achieved.
North West	North West Manchester - Manchester (2025PEMManc)	Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, PEM/PICM/Paediatric Surgical Specialties (24 months)	1	Appointments will be made to a 24-month equivalent rotation, which follows the guidelines set out by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and the Royal College of Emergency Medicine for subspecialty training in Paediatric Emergency Medicine. The Paediatric Emergency Medicine rotation will be wholly spent at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital (RMCH), a specialist secondary and tertiary children's hospital located in Central Manchester with all specialities on site. The WTE of 12 months will be spent in the Paediatric Emergency Department, 6 months each in Paediatric ICU, 3 months in Paediatric Trauma and Orthopaedics and 3 months in Paediatric Surgery.
North West	North West Mersey - Alder Hey (2025PEMAIde)	Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, PEM/PICM/Paediatric Surgical Specialties (24 months)	1	This two year post offers an exciting opportunity for comprehensive training in PEM, PICM, resuscitation and advanced paediatric life support and paediatric retrieval training with NWTs (North West and North Wales Paediatric Retrieval Service) and training within all the Surgical Specialties. The trainee will spend a total of 12 months in the ED, 6 months in ICU and 6 months on Surgical Secondments. All trainees participate in the monthly regional PEM teaching programme of lectures, tutorials and practical sessions on all aspects of PEM. There is monthly journal club, mortality and critical incident meetings which are open to everyone from the multi-disciplinary team. There is in-house simulation training twice weekly. During year 2 training there will be the opportunity to develop as the lead consultant taking an overall management role for the department during your shift in a supervised fashion. Senior trainees are expected to support and supervise less

				experienced colleagues. In addition trainees help coordinate and deliver the national teaching programme and present at journal club and mortality meetings. As a department we are involved in research opportunities and have an excellent research team. We expect our trainees to become GCP trained and fully participate in ongoing national and international trials of which the department is currently involved in QI/audit and presentation of work and attendance at national/international PEM conferences is strongly supported.
Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland - Belfast (2025PEMBelf)	Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, PEM/PICM/Paediatric Surgical Specialties (24 months)	1	Paediatric emergency medicine sub-specialty training in the Royal Belfast hospital for Sick Children is a 2 year programme including 1 year emergency paediatrics, 6 months paediatric intensive care, 6 months paediatric surgery including orthopaedics & general surgery. The emergency department in RBHSC is the only dedicated 24 hour paediatric emergency department in Northern Ireland. Approximately 50,000 children are seen in the department annually, with an age range from birth to the sixteenth birthday. RBHSC functions both as a district general paediatric hospital and as a paediatric tertiary referral centre. PICU training is in a 12 bedded PICU in 107 bed RBHSC.
South West	South West Severn – Bristol (2025PEMBris)	Bristol Royal Children's Hospital, PEM/PICM/Paediatric Surgical Specialties (24 months)	1	The Bristol Royal Hospital for Children (BRHC) sub speciality training in paediatric emergency medicine (PEM) is well established and has recently benefited from an expansion in dedicated consultant numbers. The 2 year programme comprises: • 12 months of paediatric emergency medicine • 6 months of training secondments (e.g. Orthopaedics, ENT, Plastics, Trauma, Ophthalmology) • 6 months of PICU The BRHC Emergency Department usually has 2 paediatric EM sub-speciality Residents and 2 senior general EM Residents in PEM specialist training at any one time. There is a strong educational programme, and the department is committed to both national and locally led research projects.

Wales	Wales - Swansea & Cardiff (2025PEMSwanCard)	Morriston Hospital, Swansea Bay University Health Board, PEM/PICM/Paediatric Surgical Specialties (12 months) University Hospital Wales, Cardiff and Vale, PEM/PICM/Paediatric Surgical Specialties (12 months)	1	The split site Paediatric Emergency Medicine rotation in Wales is a 2 year programme that includes 12 months in the Emergency Department in the University Hospital of Wales (UHW) (with 6 months of surgical secondments), 6 months of the Emergency Department placement undertaken at Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) and 6 months PICU at UHW.
Yorkshire and the Humber	Yorkshire & Humber - Leeds & Hull (2025PEMLeedHull)	Leeds General Infirmary, PEM/PICM/Paediatric Surgical Specialties (18 months) Hull Royal Infirmary (6 months)	1	This 2 year programme will allow the trainee to spend time in two busy Paediatric Emergency Departments, one of which is a Major trauma centre and one trauma unit. The trainee will assist in the initial management and treatment of patients and facilitate appropriate discharge or referral, as well as follow-up clinics. They will gain experience in a wide variety of paediatric presentations, both medical and trauma and as part of and leading the PED resuscitation team. The trainee will be given management and administrative experience whilst in the dept. The trainee will also have the opportunity to spend time on paediatric intensive care and surgical specialties to further their PEM skills. The order of rotations is subject to change depending on rotation planning and trainee numbers.

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>