
Sub-specialty Programme Information

Paediatric Palliative Medicine 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.

Contact Details:

For specific sub-specialty information, please contact:

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CSAC webpage: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/membership/committees/paediatric-palliative-medicine-csac>

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

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

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Lead Deanery	Programme Title (Abbreviation code)	Hospital(s)/Centre(s)	Places Available	Additional Information
North West	North West Mersey - Alder Hey & Lancashire (2025PALAldeLanc)	Alder Hey (18 months) Mersey West Lancs Adult Palliative Care (6 months)	1	The Alder Hey SPC Team specialises in clinical management of life-limiting and life-threatening conditions in children, both malignant and non-malignant. Sub-speciality PPM trainees will develop wide-ranging and relevant experience in the key delivery components: <u>Advanced symptom management:</u> Supportive care for complex symptom management in children with life threatening & life limiting conditions including cancer. Using range of medications and routes and adapting according to trajectory of disease. <u>Parallel planning and enhanced supportive care:</u> Understanding of rare disorders and their pathways. Support for advance care planning, including emergency care planning and accessing children's continuing care. Input into clinical MDTs: care planning, social, education and other professional meetings, at hospitals, hospices and in the community. <u>End of life care:</u> Support for end-of-life decision making, including preferred place of care. Rapid discharge for end-of-life care, including fast track to hospice or home. Specialist medical and nursing support for hospices, acute trusts, community palliative care teams, and tertiary centres. Knowledge of the death and dying process. Identifies complex grief and those at high risk with signposting/referral to appropriate local and/or specialist bereavement services. They will gain valuable experience at Claire House Children's Hospice which will give insight into how care is integrated across sectors and also with other affiliated teams including the bereavement team, spiritual care team, psychology team and clinical pharmacology/medicines information team. The post includes 6 months experience with an adult palliative care team. There is an agreement in place with Andrew.Khodabukus@MerseyWestLancs.nhs.uk, Training Programme Director for Palliative Medicine, Mersey Rotation, NHS England North West. This is a GMC-recognised training post.

Yorkshire and the Humber	Yorkshire & Humber - Yorkshire (2025PALYork)	Martin House Hospice (24 months)	1	This programme offers the opportunity to learn about PPM across hospital, community and hospice settings from antenatal care through to adulthood. The trainee is based with the Martin House Children's Hospice specialist palliative care team supporting children and young people across East, North and West Yorkshire. In addition, the hospice has a young adult unit and a bereavement service. The Specialist paediatric palliative care team hosted by Martin House team also has a close collaborative relationship with Andy's hospice Grimsby. Our team is embedded in Leeds Children's Hospital and has close links with West Yorkshire Palliative Care team, Bradford palliative care team, community nursing teams and hospitals across the area. Three months will be spent in adult palliative medicine. 50% on call will be paediatric palliative medicine and 50% will be paediatrics at Leeds Teaching Hospitals. The trainee is expected to be involved in audit, teaching and management sessions. Trainees can get involved with the Martin House Research Centre and undertake research.
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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>