

ST678 Matching Information

Level 3 training is the final phase of your training and is really important in the run up to becoming a Paediatric consultant. Some of you will want to apply (or make a further application) for one (or two) of the RCPCH subspecialty (grid) National training programme, while the majority of you are planning to be General Paediatric consultants with or without a subspecialty interest. The posts you are allocated should best help to prepare you for that.

In general, the ideal plan for training during Level 3 is as follows:

ST8

- a 12-month placement doing General Paediatrics in a hospital setting as close to the type of hospital you hope to eventually work in as a consultant

ST6 and 7

- 2 or 3 different posts which should ideally include 6 months of Neonatology.
- This is the time when you might want to consider doing a SPIN (Special Interest) module. The number of RCPCH approved SPIN modules are constantly rising and it is worth looking carefully into this option. Please take a look at the RCPCH website (<http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/training-examinations-professional-development/quality-and-standards/special-interest-modules/specia>). Part of the SPIN module might be undertaken in a tertiary subspecialty setting, but the whole point of SPIN is that it can be delivered within a General Paediatric post. For example – you may want to do the Diabetes SPIN – we would try and give you a 6 month tertiary Endocrinology post and then 12 months in a General Paediatric setting working in a department with a designated consultant for Diabetes.
- If you do not want to select a SPIN, that is absolutely fine. Trainees then often elect to do 6 months Neonatology, 6 months PICU, perhaps 6 months A&E and then 18 months General Paediatrics. This would be excellent preparation for a busy DGH General Paediatric consultant post – and you could always develop a subspecialty interest as a consultant (you will see on the RCPCH website that there are also post-CCT SPIN modules).

Please use this opportunity to talk to your Educational Supervisor, College tutor or TPD as they will be able to give you valuable advice about your career.

Trainees often worry about the matching process and our plea to you is that you should not stress too much over this.

We are always happy to review your allocated posts and make changes at a future date if and where possible. Furthermore, your plans too may change- you may decide to go on OOP, parental leave etc.

How is matching done?

All trainees are asked to submit their requests by completing the matching paperwork and submitting it to the Paediatrics team by a set date (this is advertised on the School website). A “matching panel” meets for 2 full days in late March to go through all the requests and to sort out the placements. The panel consists of 3 or 4 TPDs.

Trainees are then informed by the Paediatrics team of their provisional placements.

In cases where a trainee is unhappy with their placement or perceives that an error has been made, they are invited to “appeal” and all the appeals are reviewed at a final matching day in late April.

A trainee’s placements can be reviewed at any stage during ST6/7/8.

Therefore, trainees who would like changes made are encouraged to contact their relevant TPD to discuss this and if a change can be made, it will be.

Matching is a complicated process and it is extremely difficult to make sure everyone’s needs are best attended to. Over the years, therefore, we have developed a process in order to prioritise need.

The panel therefore makes placements in the following order:

1. All trainees intending to apply to the National Grid are placed first as they will ideally be given posts that will support their ability to train within their chosen subspecialty. They will only be placed for ST6 – and will need to apply again for ST7/8 posts if they are unsuccessful in their Grid application.
*Please note that you may not be placed in your chosen subspecialty for the entirety of your ST6 year as this depends on the duration of the subspecialty training programme.
*If you are planning on applying for the grid in your ST7 year, you are strongly advised to discuss this with your TPD and make this clear on your matching form.
2. All trainees needing ST8 placements. You will be placed for one year and will then need to apply for a grace placement if required.
3. All trainees needing ST7 placements. Placements will be for two years taken into account your ST6 placement and any requirements for SPIN
4. All trainees needing ST6 placements. You will be placed for the duration of your level 3 training taken into account any requirements for SPIN

*If a trainee applies for any of the Grid Training Programmes, they should contact the relevant CSAC to seek approval of some of all of their ST6 year to count towards subspecialty training. It will be important to complete the appropriate assessments for the specialty during the ST6 year in this case.

Here is the list of hospitals with the posts and training opportunities they offer. Please bear in mind that many trusts will have posts badged as specific subspecialties, but with busy rotas you cannot be guaranteed to have protected time in the subspecialty and you might need to arrange to sit in on extra clinics etc to get the full range of experience.

Centres with posts accredited for subspecialty training will mostly be allocated to the grid trainees but non-grid trainees may be placed for 6-12 months in these posts depending on training requirements and availability

Acute Trusts

South London

Croydon University Hospital

General
Neonatology

St Helier Hospital

General
Neonatology

Kingston Hospital

General
Neonatology

Epsom Hospital

General
General with Cardiology (this is generally reserved for trainees undertaking the European accreditation for Paediatricians with expertise in Cardiology)

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich

General
Special interests in Neonatology, Diabetes, Oncology and Sickle Cell disease, Epilepsy and Neurology, and Allergy

Princess Royal Hospital, Bromley

General

Lewisham University Hospital

General
Neonatology

St George's Hospital

General with Respiratory
Gastroenterology
Infectious Diseases (Grid)
Neurology (Grid)
Endocrinology
Neonatology (Grid)
PICU

King's College Hospital

General
General with Allergy
Endocrinology
Gastroenterology (Grid)
Hepatology (Grid)
Respiratory (Grid)
Neonatology (Grid)
PICU

Guys' and St Thomas'/Evelina Children's Hospital

General with a variety of subspecialties (including endocrinology, infectious diseases, sickle cell disease, high dependency care)
Nephrology (Grid)
Paediatric A&E (Grid)
Neurology (Grid)
Neurodisability
Allergy (Grid)
Metabolic Medicine (Grid)
PICU (Grid)
Neonatology (Grid)

Royal Marsden Hospital (Sutton site)

Oncology (Grid)

North London

Ealing Hospital

General – outpatient experience, service development of integrated child health hubs (oncall at West Middlesex Hospital)

Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital (Stanmore)

General with an emphasis on physical rehabilitation and MDT working (oncall at Northwick Park Hospital)

Barnet Hospital

General with Neonatology

Hillingdon Hospital

General with Neonatology

North Middlesex Hospital

General with Neonatology

Northwick Park Hospital

Child Public Health
General

Whittington Hospital
General with Neonatology

West Middlesex Hospital
General with Neonatology

Whipps Cross Hospital
General with Neonatology

Imperial – Hammersmith
General – ambulatory Paediatrics
Neonatology

Imperial – St Mary's
General
General with Nephrology
Infectious Diseases (Grid)
Allergy (Grid)
PICU (Grid)
Paediatric A&E (Grid)
Neurodisability
Neonatology

Royal Brompton Hospital
Respiratory (Grid)
PICU (Grid)

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
General
Gastroenterology (Grid)
Endocrinology
Neurology (Grid)
Neurodisability (Grid)
Paediatric A&E (Grid)
Neonatology (Grid)

Homerton Hospital
General
Paediatric A&E (Grid)
Neonatology (Grid)

Royal Free Hospital
Gastroenterology (Grid)

Royal London Hospital
General (with subspecialty interests in haematology and infectious diseases)
Paediatric A&E (Grid)
Gastroenterology (Grid)
Endocrinology (Grid)

Royal London Hospital (cont'd)

Allergy (Grid)
Respiratory (Grid)
Neurology
PICU
Neonatology (Grid)
Neonatal Transport

University College Hospital

General
General with Adolescent Health
Endocrinology (Grid)
Oncology (Grid)
Neonatology (Grid)

Great Ormond Street Hospital

Dermatology
Endocrinology (Grid)
Gastroenterology
Immunology and Infectious Diseases
Oncology (Grid)
Rheumatology (Grid)
Metabolic Medicine (Grid)
Neurodisability (Grid)
Neurology (Grid)
Palliative Care (Grid)
PICU (Grid)
Respiratory (Grid)
Nephrology (Grid)

Child Public Health

Haringey (On-calls at Whittington Hospital)
East London NHS Foundation Trust (On-calls at Newham General Hospital)

Community posts (All Community posts are accredited for grid training)

South London

St George's
Lewisham
Southwark
Lambeth

North London

Camden

City and Hackney

Brent

Northwick Park

Chelsea and Westminster

Ealing

Haringey

Islington

Tower Hamlets