BEST TEACHING HOSPITAL

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NOMINEES
**Addenbrookes Hospital (Cambridge)**

1) Very supportive hospital with plenty of learning opportunities.

2) I have been working on the neonatal unit for the past 1.5yrs. It is such a wonderful place to work, with supportive consultants and nurses who help you throughout your placement. Many trainees have found their experience on the NICU enjoyable, even though they didn’t particularly enjoy neonatal medicine. I would recommend this placement to all paediatric trainees in the EoE region!

3) I would like to nominate the Paediatric Rheumatology Department at Addenbrooke’s Hospital. This team is outstanding with excellent leadership and an organised department. The team is very innovative with the whole MDT working together proactively, embracing opportunities and welcoming new ideas. The training and teaching opportunities for trainees are excellent. Trainees are encouraged to get actively involved for example in decision making, procedures and presentations.

**Basildon Hospital**

1) Basildon paediatric department is a very welcoming, well run department. The doctors and nurses work very well together to provide the best patient care. We receive excellent teaching a few times per week on various topics including data interpretation alongside paediatric radiologists. The consultants are very knowledgeable and approachable and I enjoy working there.

2) We see a lot of interesting cases here at BTUH, from the very sick children to the very well to the social and safeguarding issues. All of them are challenging in that we as clinicians are given the opportunity to development our clinical and practical skills. The team is always there to give support. If you had been at BTUH, then you are equipped to take on anything.
Ipswich Hospital

1) Exceptionally good consultant support, regular teaching and training. Rapid response DOPS/CBDs etc. Good teaching both formally and informally. Most beneficial, a rota that makes allowances for clinic attendance. Revolutionary!

2) Ipswich is a fantastically supportive unit. On a daily basis the consultants and nurses are friendly, encouraging and caring. The team at Ipswich always make the effort to support trainees to build subspecialty experience, attend courses and push themselves professionally. The rota is never a reason that something can't be done. Consultants will cover registrar sickness, they will find locums to cover study leave, and in a crisis, everyone mucks in. The team at Ipswich have encouraged and supported a huge number of foundation trainees into paediatrics in the past few years. They have even inspired one EM trainee into PEM (she is currently undertaking a PEM fellow post in London) and may have borrowed another EM trainee to work in paediatrics full time, because the department is just that awesome. Ipswich faces all the problems that every other DGH does, but they manage them with grace and kindness. For that reason, they deserve to be recognised as the best training unit.

3) Since joining Ipswich hospital, I have enjoyed going to work every day. The support, teaching, and interest all the seniors take in my training makes me feel like I am at university again, where my purpose is to learn, not to merely provide a service. I think this is so rare in any job and think it's important that this is recognised throughout the East of England Deanery.

4) Friendly supportive consultants, always happy to explain and teaching. Excellent rota with good clinic time. Useful weekly teaching sessions. Consultants go the extra mile and put on paediatric specific teaching for trainees. Such a dream compared to previous!
James Paget Hospital (Great Yarmouth)

This hospital team is very friendly. I work comfortably and with lots of enthusiasm. Consultants are friendly as well as nursing team. All Paediatric consultants in this hospital helped me for my clinical MRCPCH exam.

Lister Hospital (Stevenage)

An excellent place to train and to work. The consultant body has some very special people who are approachable, brilliant teachers and supportive, who continually strive to improve both patient care and training opportunities. Lister hospital deserves the recognition and this award due to its efforts in making the department the very best it can be. Many thanks to the consultants and the entire brilliant friendly team – I have enjoyed working here very much.

Luton and Dunstable Hospital

1) Luton is a great hospital to be in for learning. Not only the cases are interesting but the support from the consultants and nursing team is amazing. We are taught at every opportunity and everyone there wants to do the best for the children. It is an amazing place to be in.

2) Great Paediatric and Neonatology Consultants Team

3) Luton is a very supportive unit with a great atmosphere - even during the busiest of shifts. Trainees are well supported by consultants & nursing staff, and there are a good variety of cases to keep us busy. Nurses are hardworking, knowledgeable & have a huge amount of knowledge that they share with the trainees. Trainees’ ideas & concerns are listened to, & the unit consistently strives to improve things. The consultants are approachable, keen to teach, & even don't mind being called at 3am for a chat if you happen to be bored....) It is one of the friendliest & supportive units I have worked in & they provide a high standard of care to their patients & families.
4) Luton is a brilliant place to work and train. It is hectic, busy and stressful but being part of a very special team makes it a great experience. The consultants are exceptionally supportive and dedicated - even at 3am and having been at work for the whole day they will be smiling! They are keen to teach and train and the department is always open to ideas from trainees on how to improve training and the experience of the trainees. I have learnt so much during my time at Luton - about clinical medicine, team work and leadership and feel privileged to have worked with some amazing paediatricians and role models.

5) This amazing team manages to “infect” their trainees with the best habits of thought, the best techniques and the best habits of life!

6) Luton Neonatal unit is like a big family, the doctors and nurses are always welcoming to the transport team and work to help the region, creating cots and willingly help the network. It is like a big happy family.

7) I am nominating NICU in Luton and Dunstable Hospital due to the very supportive team who are keen to develop trainees’ interests and teach skills required. I am very grateful for experience in this Hospital.

8) I have been lucky enough to work at Luton as both an SHO and a registrar on both the Paediatric and NICU sides. The two departments are fantastic places to train and have a wonderful ethos of care, hard-work and compassion. We can really learn something from each and every one of the consultants here; not just educational gems (and there are plenty to be had!) but also how to deal with challenging/distressing situations and how to support and enthuse more junior team members whilst facilitating personal growth. I am currently working on the Paediatric side. It’s stressful and demanding (physically, mentally and emotionally) but I love it thanks to the strong sense of “team”, the wealth of interesting cases, the constant strive for improvement/development of the unit and the passion for paediatrics displayed by all. The consultants really take ownership of their patients and are proactive and keen to help you treat them. The level of care shown to their patients is extended to their trainees. They show a real interest in the future and well-being of trainees of all levels. There are some great educational opportunities available including MRCPCH clinical teaching (open to trainees from ALL hospitals) and Sim Training. The legendary Grand Round itself is like a mini master class! There are plenty of chances for projects and leadership roles are strongly encouraged. I am extremely proud and privileged to be part of the “Luton Family”.
1) Queen Elizabeth's Hospital paediatric department has the friendliest, most supportive and caring team I have ever worked in. I absolutely loved my time as a foundation doctor working on the ward. All the consultants, registrars, juniors and multidisciplinary team were always very approachable. It is a small team where it is lovely to see Consultants supportive of one another, always helping each other out and offering advice. They were all supportive towards my interest in doing Paediatrics, going out of their way to help with rota issues to enable me to attend courses too. They ensured that I had enough opportunities to develop my confidence in practical skills too. The nurses were also very helpful, especially initially when I was new to the job; they are very knowledgeable about their patients and always appropriately escalated any patient related concerns they had. I genuinely valued all their opinions and felt like we were always working together as part of a team, it was very enjoyable! The multidisciplinary team always cared about their junior doctors and ensured we had taken breaks. The teaching we received was phenomenal, twice a week receiving consultant/registrar teaching that was bleep free alongside weekly junior case based discussion presentations, and informal ward teaching ensured I learnt a lot throughout the job. The paediatric department in kings Lynn is absolutely fantastic and I feel very privileged to have been a part of the team.

2) The Queen Elizabeth Hospital is a truly special place to work. A little out on the periphery of the east of England deanery however is an amazing place to work, learn and develop as a paediatric trainee. Key to this is an amazing team of devoted paediatric consultants who work incredibly hard for both their patients and the paediatric/neonatal staff. I have never worked in a department that is so supportive and caring. All the consultants go above and beyond in their jobs. The nursing and auxiliary staff are very friendly and helpful. There is a very active weekly teaching programme to help further knowledge and understanding. As a junior doctor you feel appreciated and encouraged, your efforts are always recognised. It really is a great place to work and I feel privileged to work there and be part of the QEHKL team.

3) This is the most supportive paediatric department I have ever worked in. The is emphasis on teaching, simulation training and team work, which encompasses the wider multidisciplinary team, including physio, pharmacy, dietitians and play team. The development of one’s own path in paediatric is nurtured and supported. King’s Lynn has a very varied population and along with the regular paediatric patient base there are opportunities to see very unusual and rare diseases and conditions.
4) Kings Lynn is a fantastic and inspirational hospital to work in for paediatricians at all levels of training. The team approach and atmosphere is the best of all the hospitals I have worked in with consultants leading by example with their hard work and dedication but also their commitment to high quality patient care and willingness to support each other and junior colleagues and adapt to the needs of trainees. Trainees views are actively sought, listened to and acted upon. Consultants take an active role in teaching and encourage trainees to do the same. All junior members of the team are extremely well supported and made to feel valued. All of the consultants are excellent role models and very inspiring. A good example of the consultants dedication and genuine care for trainees well-being is the fact that many of them came in on a weekend off to renovate the new registrar on call room to provide a functional and comfortable space for registrar admin as well as somewhere homely to go for a quick cup of tea during a busy shift. I would commend Kings Lynn to trainees at all levels of training for its breadth of general paediatric and neonatal experience and the opportunity to be part of an amazingly supportive team.

5) Working in the paediatric department at the QEH is a lovely experience, it’s a warm and welcoming hospital and you very much feel part of the team. All members of the department from consultants to nursing staff to play specialists are friendly and supportive. There is a big teaching culture here with opportunities to impart knowledge regularly being taken on ward rounds as well as lots of encouragement for junior staff to learn procedural skills, also regular teaching sessions which are relevant and educational.

Watford Hospital

Friendly & cordial working environment. Only DGH in East of England to have separate Paed & Neonatal consultant rota - helps with better trainee supervision & mentoring.