

**School of Postgraduate Paediatrics Visit to  
Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Visit Report  
14<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**HEEoE  
representatives:**

Dr Wilf Kelsall, Head of School of Paediatrics

**Feedback regarding the Department**

Dr Richardson was able to update me on progress in the department. The biggest change will be the withdrawal of military paediatricians over the next year. Discussions are already underway to replace the military general practice trainees with an increased number of trainees from the East of England School of General Practice. I am very pleased to hear that the junior doctors rotas are being revamped. The current working pattern of having trainees working seven nights in a row is not recognised as best practice. The level one (ST1-ST3) rota is being revamped and will change from September 2014. It is planned that the level two/three (ST4-ST8) rota will change from 2015. I am pleased to hear that Dr Richardson has been able to change his working pattern to ensure that he can attend the departmental consultant meetings to formally raise training issues that will be minuted and acted upon.

**Meeting with trainees**

I met a small but representative group of paediatric trainees who generally were very positive about the training that they have received at Peterborough. They described all consultants as being supportive and accessible. Induction occurs appropriately. Consultant led handovers are well organised. There is good educational supervision and consultants all complete workplace based assessments.

**Conclusions**

Peterborough is a well-run and busy paediatric department that provides high quality training.

### Recommendations

1. The department should continue to develop the role of the senior trainee. The senior trainee should meet with the paediatric tutor and should be encouraged to attend consultant faculty group meetings. The trainee should also act as a conduit for improved communication between the School of Paediatrics, LETB and the departments
2. The paediatric tutor and senior trainee should attend consultant paediatric meetings to strengthen paediatric faculty groups and ensure that training issues are properly addressed and minuted in the department.
3. The seven night rotas are currently under review and will be phased out for level one trainees in September. The department should aim to phase out this working pattern for higher trainees from March 2015.
4. The teaching programme needs to be reviewed to ensure that there is consistent consultant leadership and input. The trainees say that this does vary from consultant to consultant. Trainees should work with consultants to ensure that the teaching programme is delivered
5. The department needs to ensure that trainees have access to space and appropriate Dictaphones to ensure that clinic letters can be completed in a timely fashion.
6. Consultants should be encouraged to provide more bedside clinical teaching for trainees who will soon be taking their MRCPCH exam.
7. The department should look to host one of the mock MRCPCH clinical exams which have been very successful across the East of England.

### Final Thought

Thank you for supporting the school of paediatrics. Peterborough is a very important department. I would propose a re-visit again in 3 years, an earlier visit would only be required if a specific training issue arose in either the GMC surveys or at ARCP feedback. Please provide a written update in August 2015 regarding rotas and teaching programme.

**Revisit:** 3 Years

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