

**School of Paediatrics meeting with trainees  
 Cambridgeshire Community Services based  
 in the department of Paediatrics at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital  
 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

<b>HEEoE representatives:</b>	Dr Wilf Kelsall, Head of School of Paediatrics
<b>Trust representatives :</b>	Dr Cremonesini, College Tutor

**Departmental update**

Dr Cremonesini, the outgoing tutor, updated me with respect to the department. Since the last school visit, a consultant of the week has been introduced. The department has reduced the number of level one paediatric trainees from three to two, the number of GP trainees has increased to three. From September 2014 there will be four FY2 trainees. Over the last year, the department has provided training for GP trainees from Bedford. Across the acute and community services there are five level 2 paediatric trainees, three in the acute, one community trainee and one grid specialist trainee in children's psychiatry. There are two staff grade posts one actively involved in the acute service and one fully dedicated to the community service. In addition there is a community based GP. The paediatric service at CCS based at Hinchingsbrooke is currently part of an on-going review of wider paediatric services in Cambridgeshire. The neonatal unit is now a local SCBU. The number of beds on the paediatric ward has been reduced to fourteen with six assessment beds which will open for part of the week.

**Meeting with trainees**

I met with a representative group of trainees which included foundation, general practice, level one and level two/three paediatric trainees. They were all extremely positive about the department. The consultant of the week way of working has been very well received. Trainees are adequately supervised by very supportive consultants. They are confident that the department is busy enough to provide them with excellent all round paediatric training. All of them would recommend Hinchingsbrooke to their peers.

**Conclusion**

Paediatric training in Hinchingsbrooke is of a very high standard as identified in the 2014 GMC survey. I am very grateful to Dr Cremonesini for his leadership in the department with respect to training. He has stepped down as tutor and has been replaced by Dr Kate Riley who was interviewed and appointed today. The department has been outstanding in its support of trainees with additional training requirements. The department has stepped forward to take GP trainees who required training placements due to changes in their training programme.

### Recommendations

1. The department should aim to develop more formal bedside clinical skills training aimed at level one paediatricians who need to develop skills to allow them to pass the clinical components of the MRCPCH examination.
2. The department must look at ways of facilitating level two trainee attendance in outpatients. Clinic attendance should be brought into the trainee's rota. If there is only one trainee in the hospital, the department should look at ways of allowing regular clinic attendance perhaps by reviewing the role of the consultant of the week who might take the registrar bleep for some sessions each week.
3. The department should review its staffing structure to reduce the dependence of the service on trainees. Obviously the on-going discussions around paediatric service in Cambridgeshire will influence this. It may be appropriate to appoint more consultants in the long term or indeed non- training staff grade posts.
4. I am very pleased that the department continues to offer high quality training. A further review of the department should take place in three years' time. Obviously if any issues arise before then in the GMC survey or at ARCP this will need to be re-considered.

### Action Plan to Health Education East of England by:

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