Introducing the Paediatric Rheumatology service

The Rotherham Paediatric Rheumatology Service provides a high quality, easy access, Consultant delivered service to children and young people with musculoskeletal conditions from Rotherham and the surrounding areas.

Our team is friendly, approachable and aspires to deliver excellence in child and family-centred care.

About the service

The Paediatric Rheumatology service offers twice monthly clinics and same day review for urgent referrals.

We see children aged 0 -16 years with inflammatory and non-inflammatory musculoskeletal conditions including childhood arthritis, auto immune connective tissue disease, vasculitis, idiopathic and mechanical musculoskeletal pain, over-use and degenerative conditions, fibromyalgia and chronic pain syndromes.

Our service is quite unique. This is a jointly run service between consultant specialists in Rheumatology and Paediatrics enabling patients to experience a seamless transition from childhood to adult care.

Facilities

Our services are based in the friendly and welcoming surroundings of the Children’s outpatient department. We have Nursery Nurses and Play Specialists who provide activities and distractions to ensure that visits are stress free and fun for all our patients.

We offer a full range of therapy and diagnostic services for children up to 16 years. Our facilities include Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy and gymnasium sessions, all of which are based within the hospital and at the Park Rehabilitation Centre.

The team also has excellent links with the hospital’s Orthotic and Occupational Therapy teams and Ophthalmology services.

We have access to a highly specialised in-house gait lab and onsite diagnostic imaging facilities to aid diagnosis and treatment, including MRI, USS and CT.

Joint and soft tissue injections are provided in collaboration with Mr Giles, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon.

We provide outreach advice to the child’s school and have a nurse home-visiting service.
Accessing the service
Referrals can be made in the following ways:

Via Choose & Book
Specialty: Children’s & Adolescent Services
Clinic Type: Rheumatology

This is the preferred method, but if an urgent appointment is needed please contact us directly if a suitable appointment is not available.

Urgent referrals
To make an urgent referral, it is often easier to contact the consultants directly as they may be able to arrange to see the patient outside the normal clinic hours and if necessary can see the patient the same day.

Consultants
Consultants can be reached via their secretaries on the numbers below.

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Advice and guidance
Consultants can be contacted via their secretaries or via the main hospital switchboard on 01709 820000