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# Children's services

**Our children's department cares for children with cardiac and respiratory conditions, providing specialist quality care for children from before birth to 16**

## **Royal Brompton Hospital**

The children's department includes the paediatric intensive care unit (PICU), high dependency unit (HDU), Rose Ward and the paediatric sleep unit. As a tertiary referral centre, our dedicated team of highly skilled professionals provides a holistic service to children and their families. Using the very latest technology and therapies, the paediatric team provides state-of-the-art treatment in a friendly atmosphere. We pride ourselves on our exceptional work with clinicians, allied health professionals and play, family and educational support workers.

We promote family-centred care, and parents are actively encouraged to stay in the hospital so they can be involved in their child's care. Family accommodation is provided either within the ward area or nearby. When children become teenagers



they begin the transition to adult services. Between the ages of 16 to 18, their care is transferred to an adult cardiologist/respiratory team at the hospital.



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### Paediatric intensive care unit

PICU is a 16 bed unit that cares for both respiratory and cardiac patients requiring investigations and treatments, including extra corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO). Patients are admitted to the unit after surgery, or transferred to us from district general hospitals or other tertiary care units.

### HDU

The HDU has eight beds split between PICU and Rose Ward that provide step-up or step-down care. Children in the unit may be recovering from surgery, or require extra physical support or observation.

### Rose Ward

Rose Ward has 38 beds and cares for patients with respiratory and cardiac conditions. There are three dedicated beds for day cases, four beds for the sleep laboratory, four HDU beds, three six-bed bays and nine single cubicles.

### Paediatric outpatients, Harefield and Royal Brompton Hospitals

Children with respiratory illness, congenital heart disease and acquired heart disease often need lifelong care. They will

have regular appointments with a specialist team including doctors, nurses and allied health professionals.

### Shift patterns

Nurses work 11.5 hour shifts, either 7.45am to 8.15pm or 7.45pm to 8.15am, with an hour's break, usually in two half-hour slots.

### Informal visits

Please do call and arrange for an informal visit - we would love to talk to you and show you around our department. You can contact us on 020 7351 8835 – ask for the practice educator for the area you want to visit.



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