

PAEDIATRIC REFERRALS FROM ED

PLEASE REFER TO PAEDIATRIC SPR (BLEEP 732) FOR:

- Any UNWELL children needing IMMEDIATE intervention
- Children needing Paediatric admission to Sunshine ward for investigations and management. PLEASE NOTE:
 - Surgical admissions under 10 years will automatically be under joint care and reviewed on paediatric ward rounds (twice daily) once admitted. The Surgical team (not ED) will need to contact the Paediatric team if they want an urgent review.
 - Teen pregnancies have to be admitted under Gynae in an Adult ward.
 - Patients with disruptive or unsafe behaviour that can pose danger to inpatients and staff needs to be agreed with Paediatric consultant and Nurse in charge before admission.
- Children needing URGENT paediatric speciality care ± transfer
 - Paediatric sub-speciality care is not provided at Kingston and will need to be referred to St George's or Evelina. Please involve the paediatric team as the sub-specialities will need point of contact for transfer back ± follow-ups.
- Children who are STABLE for Paediatric review in Dolphin ward (PAU)
 - Open 08:00 to 24:00 daily with last accepted patient at 21:00. Admission will depend on space and staffing.
 - Children under 6 months of age
 - Children with Direct Access letter
 - Children needing > 3 hours of observation and further review
 - GP referrals - check with Dolphin ward on x2328 if they came without a letter as GPs might have called the consultants directly on the PAU mobile.
 - NOT FOR children who has an obvious orthopaedic/surgical problem or referred to other specialities e.g. Surgeons or Orthopaedics
 - Children who need more specialised investigations ± semi-urgent (within 1 week) Paediatric or Paediatric Subspeciality reviews, AFTER discussion with Paediatric SpR/Consultant.
 - Future PAU reviews CANNOT be booked from ED, unless done by a General Paediatric Consultant for very special circumstances.

Please refer to Paediatric Guidelines on the Intranet. **If in doubt, please discuss with the ED consultant.** The ED and Paediatric team CANNOT refer children from ED for outpatient investigation or paediatric/subspeciality follow-ups. This needs to be done by their GP.

- GP online and paper paediatric OPD referrals: Rapid access (within 2 weeks) or General (6-12 weeks)
- GP same-day referrals: PAU consultant mobile (via switchboard)
- GP advise services: phone line (via switchboard) or email (Kinesis)

There is also a Paediatric Website for families that explains common conditions in children (laminated posters with QR codes available on the walls in Paeds ED) with guidelines for GP about referrals: <https://kingstonhospital.nhs.uk/healthcare-professionals/paediatrics-referrals/patient-information-leaflets-paediatrics> .