

Midlands Fellowship Programme

Programme Description

Reference	Paediatric Palliative Care
Role Locality	Midlands
Number of Roles	1
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Job Title: Paediatric Palliative Care

Location: Midlands Region, United Kingdom

To apply for a Fellowship:

- o The duration will be 11 month fixed term (September 2026 – August 2027)
- o Fellowships will be 40% project time, with the remainder spent in your normal training programme or clinical work
- o All fellows must remain with the same employer for the duration of the fellowship unless agreed with the fellowship leads
- o Fellowships are post foundation training opportunities
- o All fellows must have either a NTN or confirmation of approval from their employer prior to the start of the fellowship
- o All resident doctors in training must have prior approval from their TPD to train LTFT before applying
- o Fellowship work does not count towards CCT capabilities

About Us:

The fellowship project provides the Fellow with a comprehensive development opportunity, combining advanced clinical skills acquisition with leadership, educational, and evaluative experience. This will equip the Fellow with the capabilities required to contribute meaningfully to the future of care and training within the NHS

Position Overview:

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The Fellowship will be 60% clinical / 40% palliative care and will last 11 months from September 2026. The post is 40% NHSE funded and 60% funded from the applicant's clinical post within their East Midlands School of Paediatrics Training Programme. The employing organisation would be the Trust the Clinical post is held at. The clinical component of the post will count towards training, so out of programme (OOP) does not need to be applied for.

The Fellowship builds on an earlier successful NHSE Paediatric Palliative Care Fellowship which helped support Paediatric Palliative care training across the region through supporting training days and arranging training sessions with the Child Bereavement Trust. It continues to build the foundations for Paediatric Palliative Care training in the region. Paediatric Palliative Care training is hard to access both regionally and nationally and there is a lack of Paediatric palliative care provision in the East Midlands.

Clinical work will be focused on paediatric and neonatal palliative care. As this the 40% Fellowship component is supernumerary post this will allow flexibility to be involved in a wide range of palliative care related work. This will link across different subspecialties including paediatrics, neonatology, paediatric intensive care, paediatric oncology and paediatric neurodisability and will include relevant MDT meetings and ethical meetings. Working relations will be with Rainbows Hospice, specialist paediatric palliative care nurses and relevant clinical areas at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust and Nottingham Children's Hospital and across the East Midlands.

As an NHSE Midlands Fellowship holder you are also part of the wider Fellowship Programme. You will be required to attend the Induction Sessions and the NHS England Leadership Development Programme which usually consists of four Leadership development sessions (<https://www.eastmidlandsdeanery.nhs.uk/midlands-fellowships-programme/secondary-care-fellowships/leadership-development-programme>).

NHSE will fund up to £2000 for an academic qualification as part of the Fellowship.

Key Responsibilities:

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Brief description:

The Fellow will work closely with specialist palliative care nurses and join ethical and palliative care discussions with regional neonatal, intensive care, oncology and neurodisability teams. Time will be spent at Rainbows Hospice but also in relevant hospital clinical areas. Support will be offered to complete relevant paediatric palliative care training and the previous paediatric palliative care fellow completed a postgraduate paediatric palliative care qualification. Alongside the Fellowship 60% of time will be spent in a clinical post as allocated by the East Midlands School of Paediatrics.

Legacy Building: Be an integral part of supporting and building palliative care training and in the East Midlands. This will help with working towards developing a special interest (SPIN) post in paediatric palliative care post.

Collaboration and Networking: Interact with different clinical areas and the multi-disciplinary team at Rainbows Hospice to build clinical relationships. Work with the charity sector especially the Child Bereavement Trust. Engage with the NHSE Fellowship programme.

Qualifications and Skills:

Currently an ST5+ resident doctor on the East Midlands Paediatric Training Programme (East Midlands north or South). Standard ARCP outcome (e.g. outcome 1) at last ARCP

Benefits:

The Fellow will gain experience in working with different clinical teams alongside the speciality Paediatric Palliative care team. They will develop networking opportunities and professional skills of time management, diary coordination, maximising training opportunities. They will be part of a process that build paediatric palliative care training across the East Midlands. There is Fellowship funding of up to £2000 available to support an academic qualification and a suitable course run by Cardiff University has been accessed by a previous Fellow. The Fellow will gain leadership training through the NHSE Fellowship development programme.

This Fellowship is supported by Rainbows Hospice, and the Rainbows point of contact is Julie Taylor, Executive Nurse & Director of Operations (Julie.Taylor@rainbows.co.uk).

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