

Treatment of Children

Children below the age of 16 years with a diagnosis of cancer or suspected cancer must be referred to the paediatric oncology team at the principal treatment centre (PTC) and must not be managed exclusively by adult site-specific teams.

- The joint PTC for children aged 1-16 years for South Thames is The Royal Marsden hospital, Sutton/St George's Hospital.
- The PTC for North Thames (including North West London) is Great Ormond Street Hospital/University College London Hospitals.
- All patients <1 year should be referred to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

For certain tumour types that are uncommon in children (e.g. skin, melanoma, head and neck, thyroid, gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary), the paediatric oncology team should liaise with the appropriate site-specific MDT for advice about management and to agree surgical interventions, but overall responsibility for managing the patient remains with the paediatric oncology team.

Please see below for contact details for the children's PTCs

South Thames PTC Contacts

<p>The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust</p>	<p>Lead Clinician - Dr Julia Chisholm julia.chisholm@rmh.nhs.uk 020 8661 3549</p> <p>Paediatric oncology oncall registrar (new referrals) 020 8915 6248 (24h line)</p>
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North Thames PTC Contacts

<p>Great Ormond Street Hospital (patients aged <13 years)</p>	<p>Lead Clinician – Darren Hargrave darren.hargrave@nhs.net</p>
<p>University College London Hospitals (patients aged ≥13 years)</p>	<p>Lead Clinician – Dr Sara Stoneham sara.stoneham@uclh.nhs.uk 020 3447 9950</p>