**Introduction**

Welcome to Wales, and to Paediatric Palliative Medicine. This is a two year programme leading to accreditation in the paediatric subspecialty of palliative medicine. It is primarily intended for those who will go on to be consultants in paediatric palliative medicine, and by the end of the programme trainees should have attained level IV according to the APPM curriculum.

**How we work**

The population of Wales is three and a half million. The all-Wales tertiary service is coordinated from the Noah’s Ark Children's Hospital in Cardiff, and extends across the whole of Wales. There will be times when your work will take you to any of the hospitals in Wales, to the patient's home, to either of the two children's hospices in Wales (especially Tŷ Hafan) or to one of the special schools. There are secondary paediatric palliative care services in each of the Local Health Boards in Wales, but in practice you will spend most of your time working with the teams in Cardiff and Swansea. Although the majority of the Welsh population lives in the South, you will have the opportunity to travel to North Wales from time to time to help with satellite clinics there.

Training in Wales will include a significant component of exposure to the adult specialty, which we consider to be very important. This may be in the form of a day a week or in a block, at one of the adult hospices in South Wales.

The core tertiary team provides an all-Wales specialist service in paediatric palliative care and works closely alongside specialist palliative care nurses from each of the seven Health Boards in Wales and at Tŷ Hafan Children's hospice. A paediatrician with a special interest takes the medical lead for palliative care in each region, again working closely with the palliative care nurses and providing a tier of secondary level expertise (APPM level III). There are six paediatric oncology outreach nurses across Wales who provide palliative care nursing expertise to children with cancer. Finally, there is input into the team from social work and chaplaincy services where possible.

**Clinical Training**

* Training offers graduated responsibility, with an expectation that at the beginning of training you will discuss all patients with the clinical supervisor, but that as the programme progresses this will give way to increasingly independent clinical working, supported always by good team communications.
* During office hours, your middle-grade responsibilities will be in paediatric palliative medicine:
  + Inpatient Palliative Care based at the children’s hospital for Wales, Cardiff University
  + Medical support, including home visits, for oncology and palliative care community outreach teams caring for children at home
  + Specialist palliative care to Children’s Hospice (Tŷ Hafan) one half day per week
  + Liaison with regional secondary care teams (including clinics and joint visits where necessary)
  + Liaison with primary care teams (including visits where necessary)
  + Outpatient symptom control clinics at various locations across South and West Wales.
  + Special school clinics in Cardiff
  + Secondment to an adult specialist palliative care team
* There is currently no out of hours on call associated with palliative care. You will participate in the middle-grade paediatric rota at the Children’s Hospital in Cardiff, which is shared with other trainees covering general and specialist paediatrics (including palliative care). The on call commitment is not expected to exceed a one in six.
* Trainees are strongly encouraged to undertake the Cardiff University Diploma/MSc in Palliative Medicine (paediatric option) during their post. The Diploma offers a robust theoretical underpinning to much of the practical clinical work you will be undertaking. The Diploma is intended to deliver competencies to level III of the APPM Curriculum, but it does not necessarily deliver all of them.

**Research, audit and teaching**

Wales is a leading centre for paediatric palliative care teaching and research, and you will be expected to participate actively. You will be expected to perform audit once or twice each year of their training, on a subject of interest to be agreed with their clinical supervisor. You are encouraged to develop a small research project during your time and will be supported in taking this to presentation at local, regional or national and international conferences. A word of warning – research takes much longer than you think to set in motion. Start thinking about it in the first few weeks of your post.

There is a regular Journal Club, and an active programme of teaching across Wales, particularly to junior paediatric trainees and to nurses. We will encourage you to participate and to be observed while teaching.

**Conferences and study leave**

We will support you wherever possible in attending relevant courses and conferences. These would include, for example, the biennial international conference in paediatric palliative care hosted in Cardiff itself, APPM Study Days and the Rome Conferences. Courses on communications skills are particularly valuable.

Cardiff is the leading centre for academic training in PPM in the UK. We would encourage you to complete the rigorous post-graduate Diploma in Palliative Medicine and to consider the MSc in research methodology in palliative care. We will aim to offer extensive teaching to support this.

**Resources you will need**

* We have put together some resources in a shared DropBox folder *Paediatric Palliative Care Resources* with which we will link you once you have an NHS email address. These include papers, presentations and audio and video resources.
* There is a Google Calendar which includes details of events such as leave that affect the whole Network. The username is [PaedPallCare@gmail.com](mailto:PaedPallCare@gmail.com) and the password is CicelySaunders. *Please note this is NOT secure and should not be used to record patient-identifiable data such as addresses.*
* There are two curriculum documents you should have:
  + The RCPCH curriculum in paediatric palliative medicine is available from the RCPCH website and sets out the competencies you must have in order to obtain a CCST. You should upload this onto your RCPCH e-portfolio.
  + The APPM Curriculum, which is in the PPC Resources folder, sets out in more detail what you will be covering in the next two years.
* The ‘course textbook’ is the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Care in Children 2nd ed. (Goldman A, Hain R, Liben S). Oxford University Press; 2012. ISBN 978-0-19-959510-5.
* The ‘course handbook’ is Paediatric Palliative Medicine (Oxford Specialist Handbooks in Paediatrics) - Hain, R., Jassal, S. Oxford University Press: 2010. ISBN 978-0199236329. *NB A new edition will be coming out in the next few months, which will include the APPM formulary (below).*
* Symptom control guidelines are available online without charge on http://paed.pallcare.info/index.php
* The APPM Formulary (in the PPC Resource folder, and also available on the APPM website) is a valuable resource for prescribing some of the more unusual medications in PPM.
* A large number of relevant articles are available in the PPM offices, in hard copy and electronic form. They are filed/stored using an Endnote Library entitled *Index,* which is in the PPC Resources folder.
* A range of other textbooks is available in the PPC office. You are welcome to use any of them, but please do not remove them from the office.

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**Indicative weekly programme (very variable in practice !)**

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|  | RH | MB | JG |
| Mon am | Ward round (PPC offices, NACH)  Clinic (COPD, NACH) | Clinical meeting with care team and CNS (Tŷ Hafan) |  |
| Mon pm | Satellite clinic (Serennu) | Management meeting  Patient admission  (Tŷ Hafan) |  |
| Tues am | 10.00 Tutorial (McD)  Patient visits  (TH) | (Tutorial)  Clinical work  (Tŷ Hafan) |  |
| Tues pm | IPFR Panel meetings | Supporting work |  |
| Weds am | All-Wales MDT/Journal Club (2nd Weds)  (‘The Hub’ NACH) | All-Wales MDT/Journal Club (2nd Weds)  (‘The Hub’ NACH) |  |
| Weds pm | Ward round (PPC offices, NACH) | Ward round (PPC offices, NACH) |  |
| Thurs am | Satellite clinics (various) | TYA MDT meeting. Transition MDT  UHW) |  |
| Thurs pm | Domiciliary visits |  |  |
| Fri am | Supporting work | Transition work  Clinic/Domiciliary |  |
| Fri pm | Supporting work | Hospice clinical work (TH) |  |

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| NACH = Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospital | TH = Tŷ Hafan |
| McD = Sully branch of McDonalds | TYA = Teenagers & Young Adults |

*The full list of team members, complete with contact details, is included below. You are encouraged to do home visits with the palliative care nurses wherever possible (oncology and non-oncology).*

**WELSH PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE NETWORK**

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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| **SOUTH & WEST WALES** | | |
| **CONSULTANTS:** | **Phone Numbers** | **Post/Health Board** |
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| **Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist for transitional palliative care:** | | |
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