

# Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

## Department of paediatric urology



Paediatric Urology in Leeds is integrated within the Department of Paediatric Surgery but is also closely linked to the Department of Urology. Both are large departments with national and international profiles within their specialties. Paediatric Surgery functions as a single department providing a co-ordinated service in two large teaching hospitals i.e. the Clarendon Wing at the General Infirmary and St James's University Hospital, whereas

Urology is concentrated at St James's University Hospital. The program currently is setup in 2 institutions - St. James University Hospital and Leeds General Infirmary

Specialised services for children in the Yorkshire Region, with the exception of Hull, are concentrated in Leeds. The population of the Region is approximately 3.5 million with around 50,000 live births per year. The Department of Paediatric Urology provides an elective and acute urological surgical service for the children of Leeds (population approximately 750,000). The specialist regional services for children are rationalised to concentrate expertise and support services in one or other of the two hospitals. The emphasis of the service at St. James's University Hospital is on paediatric urology, paediatric oncology, minimally invasive surgery, hepatobiliary surgery and transplantation. Paediatric Nephrology, Paediatric and Adult renal transplantation are also based at St James's University Hospital. A full range of Adult Urological and Paediatric Nephrology services are provided at St James's University Hospital.

The Regional Neonatal Surgical Unit is based at the Clarendon Wing of the General Infirmary, along with paediatric surgical gastroenterology, paediatric thoracic surgery, and the bulk of the acute paediatric surgery.

Leeds is a long established centre of surgical excellence. In addition to the Academic Departments of Surgery and Orthopaedic Surgery, other surgical disciplines are well represented, with thriving departments in the full range of surgical specialties. Leeds is the currently the only centre in the UK with a Paediatric Urologist holding a Professorial Chair. Leeds has been at the forefront of the development of minimally invasive surgery and has been recognised by the Royal College of Surgeons and Department of Health as one of the few designated training centres in the UK. Internationally, Leeds is one of the few centres undertaking robotic laparoscopic Paediatric Urology. COPU, an ESPU- recognised international training course in operative Paediatric Urology was first held in Leeds in March 2005.

Leeds is a vibrant commercial and financial centre offering a wide range of cultural and sporting facilities. There is a good choice of residential accommodation in suburbs to the north of Leeds and in the neighbouring villages. Leeds offers easy access to the beautiful countryside of the Yorkshire Dales and to the historic city of York. There are rapid road and rail links with other parts of the country.