



**South Thames
Paediatric Network**

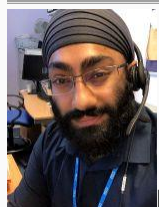
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April 2023 Network Update

Welcome to our monthly Network Newsletter, which includes our latest information and updates, as well as resources available to support local planning and provision of clinical care. Don't forget to take a look at our website www.stpn.uk for more detailed information.

Staff Update

We have recently appointed two new Paediatric Critical Care (PCC) Network Clinical Leads: Dr Jatinder Jheeta and Dr Nick Prince. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Sachin Patil and Prof Akash Deep for their contribution to the PCC network.



Dr Jatinder Jheeta is a Consultant Paediatrician at Darent Valley Hospital who has worked in paediatric and neonatal critical care, retrieval and general paediatric services across the South Thames Network. He has been appointed as Clinical Lead for Paediatric Critical Care Levels 1 and 2. Jatinder says 'I hope to collaborate with colleagues from the full multidisciplinary team, to collectively share experiences, learnings and innovative practices, particularly whilst the pressures on our services continue to rise, with higher numbers of sick and more complex children presenting at our doors requiring our service. Providing high standards of paediatric critical care closer to home with improved patient safety and working towards more sustainable models of care whilst considering staff wellbeing are of great interest to me.'



Dr Nick Prince is a Consultant Paediatric Intensivist at St Georges Hospital who has an interest in education and training having held the roles of both College Tutor and Training Programme Director. Nick has been appointed as the Level 3 Critical Care lead for STPN. Nick

says 'I am passionate about developing the full breadth of STPN critical care services for the benefit of our patients and also our teams, with a strong focus on culture, wellbeing, inclusivity and engagement. I want all of our units to continue to develop the reputations for excellence they deserve through a positive approach to meeting the needs of our patients and families at all times.'



Paediatric Surgery Clinical Lead (1PA per week)

The Clinical Lead post (1PA/week) for our SIC ODN is now up for renewal.

South Thames Paediatric Surgery in Children ODN is seeking to recruit a Paediatric Surgery Clinical Lead, 1PA per week.

If you would like further information please call Sally Watts (07918 338799) or Harriet Ward (07342 068 632)

To apply, please submit a brief CV (no more than 2 pages) outlining your relevant experience supported by a personal statement (up to 400 words) to england.stpn@nhs.net



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**Paediatric Surgery Clinical
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JOIN US!



2 X Deputy Clinical Educators for Nurses or AHPs

We are seeking 2 x Deputy Clinical Educators (open to Nurses or AHPs) to support our network education programmes and project teams.

To apply please click on [NHS Jobs - Application](#)

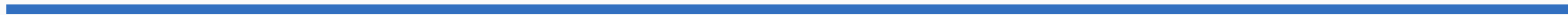


The poster features the South Thames Paediatric Network logo in the top left, which includes a stylized map of the region and the text 'South Thames Paediatric Network' and 'Transforming Healthcare for Children and Young People'. The main text is set against a dark blue background with a white speech bubble on the left containing the words 'JOIN US!'. To the right of the text is an illustration of a female healthcare professional in blue scrubs holding a clipboard, with a glowing lightbulb above her head. The recruitment details are as follows:

RECRUITING
Deputy Clinical Educators x 2
(Band 6)

We're seeking expressions of interest for two Deputy Clinical Educators for Nurses or AHPs, to support the Network educators and project leads in coordinating and delivering education across the multiple STPN workstreams to promote development of healthcare professional students and staff.

https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/direct_apply/?vac_ref=917809494



STPN Dashboard and Data

Figure 1: General Paediatric Beds occupied (01/01/2022 - 17/04/2023)

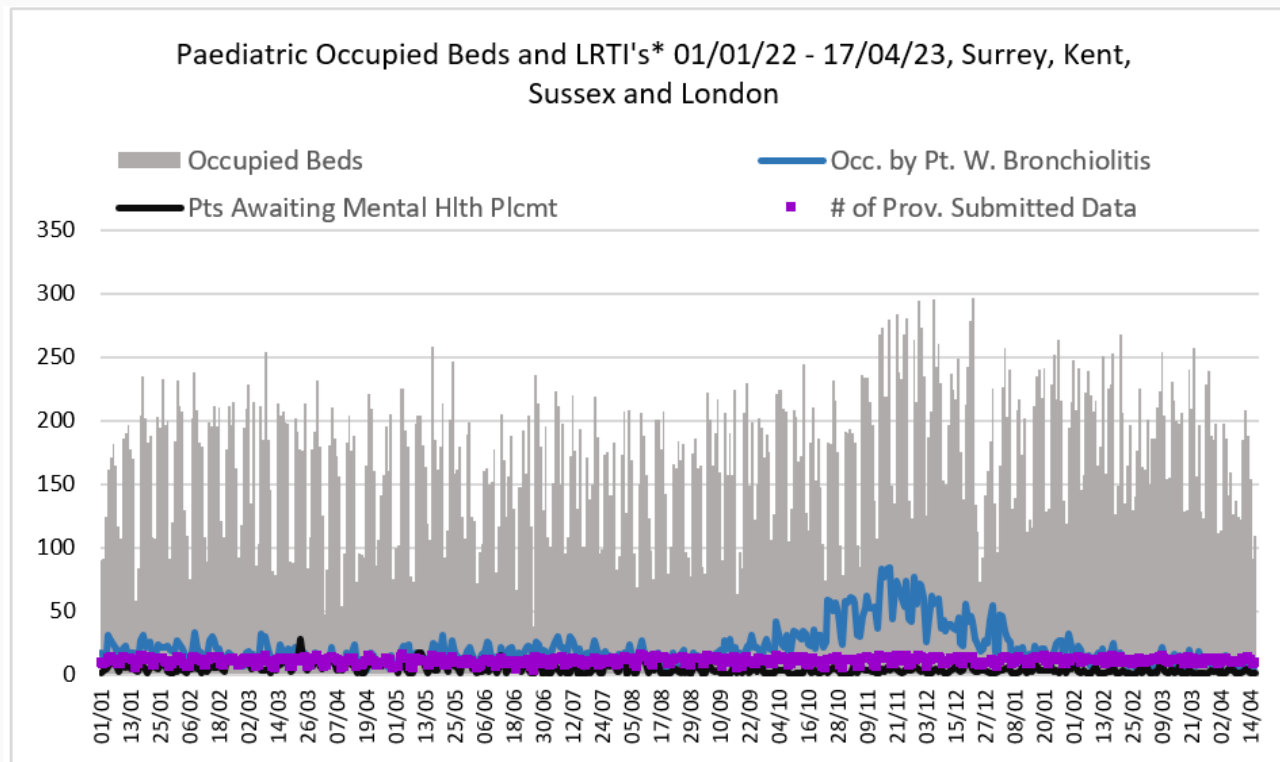


Figure 1: The start of April has seen a reduction in overall beds occupied to under 200 per day across the network compared to the peak of 300 in December, along with significantly lower levels of children with Bronchiolitis being admitted.

Figure 2: Paediatric Critical Care beds occupied (01/01/2022 - 17/04/2023)

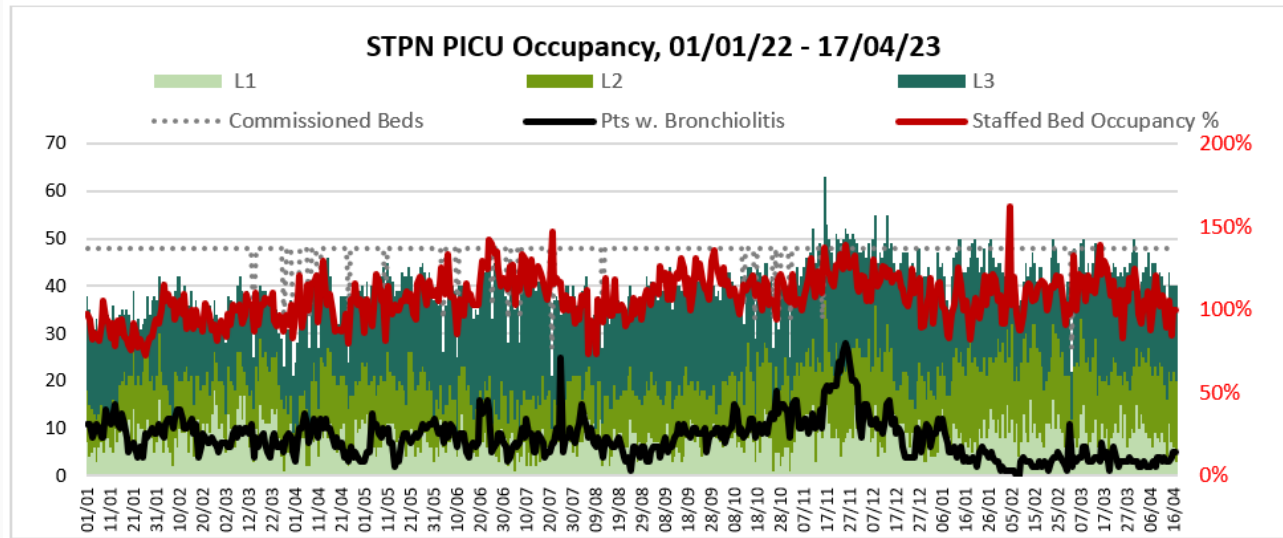


Figure 2: There is a corresponding reduction of PICU bed occupancy since the start of April to under 40 per day across the 3 PICUs, with low levels of children being admitted with Bronchiolitis.

Surgery in Children



THANK YOU!

The SiC ODN team would like to thank you for attending the GIRFT data review meeting, which was held on Friday 31st March 2023. It was a great opportunity to spotlight all the work we have done together. We hope you found it informative and helpful. GIRFT will be publishing recommendations shortly. We will then be in touch with individual organisations to explore how we can work together in achieving these.

Transition

Burdett Trust & STPN Transition QI Webinars

The next and final Transition QI webinar is on the 17th of May 3.30pm – 5pm and it is regarding Implementation.

If you would like to watch the previous webinars, look at the action points for each stage, access supporting documents etc., please visit <https://stpn.uk/adolescent-health-and-transition/adolescent-health-and-transition-webinars/>. To join us in these events, please email sara.mahjabin@gstt.nhs.uk.

At STPN we are keen to support you with the development of your Transition Service, so we will be continuing with monthly Transition Forum webinars. Please get in touch if you need any assistance going through the programme.

STPN Education



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<https://stp.n.uk/education-alwayslearningtogether/>

Interprofessional Education Paediatric Critical Care Days

STPN is offering simulation study days focusing on patient critical care journeys as well as skills teaching for all staff working in acute settings within the network.

If you are interested hosting please email england.stpn@nhs.net



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Interprofessional Education Paediatric Critical Care Study Days

The STPN are offering simulation study days for all staff working in acute settings within the network, to support the provision of paediatric critical care

**The day will involve following patients critical care journeys as well as skills teaching.
There will be additional learning resources available online to complement the study day and for use by local educators**

If you are interested in hosting please email england.stpn@nhs.net

Neonatal Surgery Study Day

27th April 09:00-14:30

Focusing on enhancing neonatal specific knowledge by following a patients journey

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neonatal-surgery-study-day-tickets-516586071847>

Nursing HDU Course

Paediatric Acute Nursing in Critical Care Levels 1&2 with Surgery

Next Occurrence September 2023

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/516669852437/>

CVAD Train the Trainer

26th October virtual study day with a placement day at the RMH for skills practice

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/train-the-trainer-central-venous-access-study-day-tickets-542747180427>

Join us on Whatsapp!

Want an easy way to keep up to date with STPN events and news but without all of the chit chat? Then join our whatsapp group by clicking this link - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FjbGTLWoTWp0hv7JXZSjRZ>



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