

Meet the team

Patient information factsheet

Patients in rheumatology are cared for by a multidisciplinary team of doctors, specialist nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and ophthalmologists.

We have close links with many other specialist staff including psychologists and pharmacists.



Dr Alice Leahy is a paediatric rheumatology consultant. She is leading the development of appropriate child-focussed rheumatology services at the Trust.



Dr Brian Davidson is a rheumatology consultant trained in all aspects of clinical rheumatology, together with more specialist training in the management of connective tissue disorders. He has helped develop the paediatric rheumatology service and Southampton lupus clinic.



Sarah Hartfree is a paediatric rheumatology nurse specialist with a range of experience in hospitals. She is the support link for the paediatric rheumatology service.



Louise Fox, the children's physiotherapist, has worked across all areas of paediatrics including intensive care, orthopaedics, neonates and neuro since 2000. Her area of speciality is musculoskeletal, and she has a strong interest in rheumatology.



Kristina May has been a paediatric consultant ophthalmologist at Southampton since 2009. She has developed the new paediatric uveitis service and works closely alongside the paediatric rheumatology team. Her main focus of interest is paediatric uveitis and neonatal care.

Contacts

Paediatric rheumatology patient line 07760 158 924

This number is not for emergency use. If you feel you require urgent assistance please contact your GP or go to the emergency department.

Other useful contacts

Dr Leahy's secretary	023 8120 4829
Dr Davidson's secretary	023 8120 6770
Paediatric rheumatology specialist nurse	07760 158 924 or s.hartfree@nhs.net
Paediatric outpatient appointments	023 8120 8746
Butterfly room (children's blood tests)	023 8120 4075
Paediatric physiotherapy	023 8120 4560
Paediatric hydrotherapy	023 8120 4561

Useful websites

In addition to our webpage (www.uhs.nhs.uk/childrensrheumatology), we recommend the following sources of information:

Arthritis Research Campaign	www.arc.org.uk
Arthritis Care	www.arthritiscare.org.uk
BSPAR	www.bspar.org.uk
Children's Chronic Arthritis Association	www.ccaa.org.uk
CHOICES	www.kidswitharthritis.org

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