Children’s outreach service
**Who are we?**
The paediatric outreach team consists of a team of experienced nurses who support all healthcare professionals in the assessment and management of unwell children. The team enhance and support patient safety and complement existing assessment processes ensuring the symbiotic doctor/nurse relationship is strengthened.

All areas in the children’s hospital are supported by the outreach team, including the emergency department, theatres, paediatric intensive care and all children’s wards.

The team follow up all children discharged from PICU and assist in supporting the staff and families in the transition to the wards with continued clinical support.

**Why is the service needed?**
The team was developed in recognition of the increased pressure on acute beds e.g. PICU and PHDU and the increased acuity of children in this hospital.

With the support of outreach, our nursing and medical teams can deliver safer care by having staff with a full range of skills and competencies required to meet the needs of children. Working closely with the education team and through clinical supervision, the outreach team can offer individual and group support for all healthcare professionals, ensuring patient acuity is prioritised and staff feel supported, reducing stress or any isolation they may feel.

The benefits of outreach enable our teams to gain confidence and competence in a wide range of skills, ensuring we always have the right people with the right skills in the right place at the right time. The team ensure beds are used efficiently through close liaison with the operational bleep holder.

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