

Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust

The Emergency Department at Salford Royal sees 100,000 patients each year, of which 18,000 are children. The consultant body is 18 strong and special interests include paediatric critical care/NEWTS, adult critical care, sports medicine, pre-hospital care, forensic medicine, level 2 ultrasound and research. The consultant body is supportive allowing freedom of independent decision making whilst being alongside on the shopfloor if needed.

As a major trauma centre, we see more major trauma patients than any other Greater Manchester hospital. To cement this major trauma experience, the weekly registrar teaching is supplemented by weekly major trauma specific teaching and multidisciplinary major trauma high fidelity simulation. As the home of the TARN major trauma research team, opportunities for research into major trauma are available.

Our new spacious, well equipped department has emergency radiology and a CT scanner within the footprint of the ED. Radiology ordering has also been simplified with processes for the ordering of CT, MR and US for specific indications without requiring discussion with a radiologist.

We have a paediatric unit called the PANDA unit, supported by 5 paediatric consultants. There are observation beds for stays of up to 24 hours, but we have no inpatient paediatrics. Registrars will not spend prolonged periods of time seeing children with minor illness or injury in the paediatric unit. Our paediatric experience is focussed upon the management of only the more severely ill or injured children who require resus based care.

We enjoy excellent relations with our in-patient specialities, acute medics and Mental Health Liaison being particularly supportive and easy to work with. We are also proud of the highly developed electronic patient record that allows full instant access to all patient notes, including copies of all old investigations and ECGs. EPR coupled with electronic access to the local GP records enables trainees to deliver very high levels of clinical care. Indeed, we are one of the few trusts nationally to be awarded 'Outstanding' by the CQC in relation to the delivery of emergency care.