



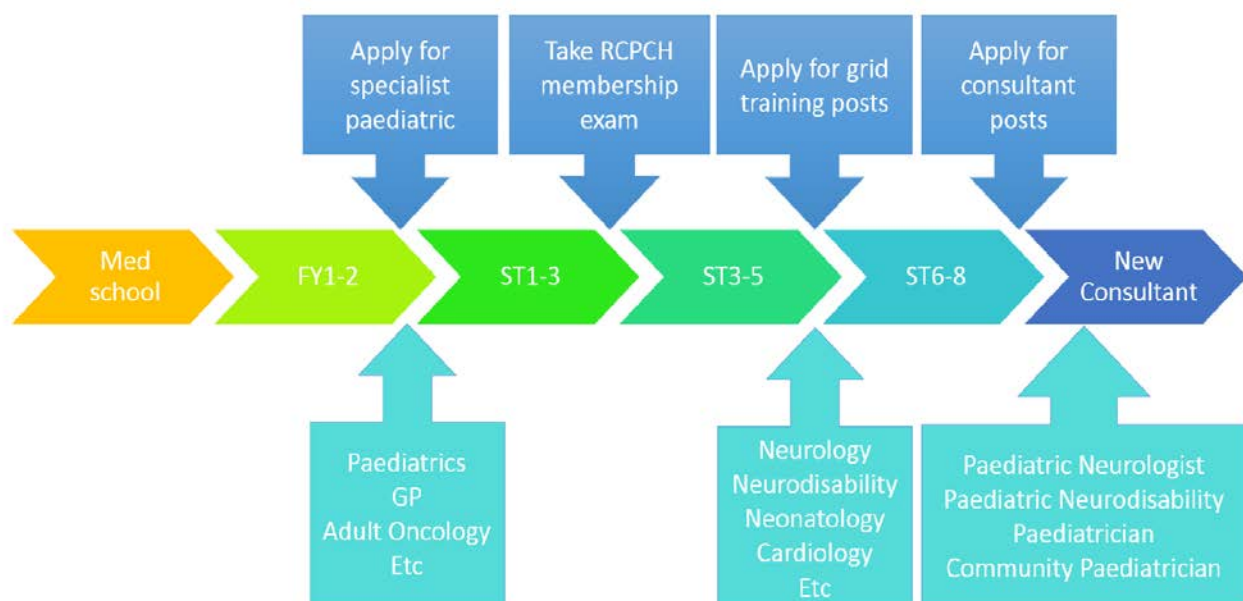
## It's never too early to explore paediatric neurology!

We would like to dispel your preconceived ideas and encourage you to enter the world of paediatrics and consider a career specialising in the care of the children with neurological conditions.

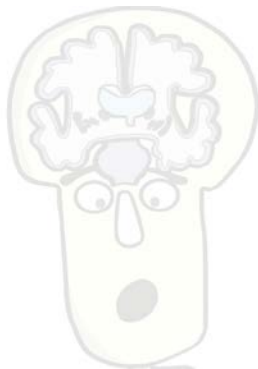
Did you know babies can have strokes? Did you know boys with Duchenne muscular dystrophy now live into their 30s? Did you know surgery can cure some epilepsies? Did you know that children with cerebral palsy rate their quality of life as highly as you do yours?

This is a fascinating world of interesting conditions, ground breaking research resulting in effective treatments, and kind approachable dedicated professional colleagues. Yes, it can be challenging, both intellectually and emotionally, but there is a range of fulfilling careers working with children with neurological conditions: Community Paediatrician, Hospital Paediatrician, Neonatologist, Neurodisability Consultant, Paediatric Neurologist. We asked colleagues to describe their roles and have posted their replies on our website. Have a look at the careers page at [www.bpna.org.uk/careers](http://www.bpna.org.uk/careers)

There is a shortage of high quality trainees coming into the profession. If you are motivated and interested, it is very likely you will be able to get a training post. Here is the typical training pathway...



## Neuroscience studies...don't panic!



Surveys of medical students frequently rate neurology as the speciality in which there is the highest level of interest. If you have an interest in this field don't let neurophobia put you off! The training schemes consistently receive good feedback and are designed to give you the confidence to work with children with neurological problems. The BPNA is constantly expanding its range of education and training opportunities to ensure you have the knowledge you need and access to support.

**Come and meet us** at the BPNA January conference, Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health conference and local careers fairs. You could submit an abstract to the BPNA conference – we have a number of medical students present both posters and platform presentations each year. The BPNA offers three prizes: Best presentation by a medical student, Best oral presentation by a trainee and Best poster presentation by a trainee. We have very special registration rates and there is a career Q&A session especially for students and junior doctors.

Did you know BPNA abstracts are published in the journal *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology*? If your abstract is accepted for poster or oral presentation, you can include it on your cv and applications!

**Keep in touch** - Andrew Mallick finished his training recently (*so he can still remember what it is like to be a junior doctor!*) and is now a Consultant Paediatric Neurologist at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children. Andrew is very happy to answer your questions about paediatric training and what paediatric neurology is all about. Email [Andrew.Mallick@bpna.org.uk](mailto:Andrew.Mallick@bpna.org.uk)



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The British Paediatric Neurology Association is the professional organisation for doctors who specialise in the care of children with neurological disorders. We are a charity (1159115) aiming to promote the health and well being of children with neurological disorders through:

- Training and education of professionals working in the field of neurosciences. (Throughout your training, and beyond, the BPNA has programmes in place to support and educate you)
- Research into neurological disorders affecting children & young people
- Improvement of knowledge of professionals, the public and patients and their families through scientific meetings
- Providing support to members to facilitate the delivery of these objectives