Be part of
a world-leading centre
of life-changing care
for children, young people
and their families
Designed by children for children

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Our background

Evelina London Children’s Hospital is part of Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust.

Our history

The original Evelina Hospital for Sick Children opened in 1869 on Southwark Bridge Road, London. It was funded by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild in memory of his wife, Evelina, who had died along with their son who was born prematurely.

In its first year, more than 300 children were admitted to the hospital’s 30 beds. By 1900, bed numbers had doubled, with more than 1,000 admissions and more than 20,000 children visiting the hospital each year.

During the Second World War, Evelina closed to inpatients to serve as a casualty post. It was hit by bombs three times during the Blitz in 1940, 1941 and 1944.

Following the creation of the National Health Service in 1948, Evelina merged with Guy’s Hospital and moved to the newly opened Guy’s Tower in 1973.

Over the next 30 years, as hospital services for children became more specialised, the children’s department developed a worldwide reputation in a number of areas, including children’s heart surgery, nephrology and neurology.

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Our hospital
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Ocean – level 0
Ocean is home to a large children’s outpatients department. Every specialty holds clinics here and the waiting area is always bustling with children and their families. The dedicated children’s pharmacy is also on Ocean, along with a café.

Arctic – level 1
Arctic is home to many of our imaging, cardiology and kidney specialties including:
- Husky medical daycase unit
- Polar Bear fetal cardiology unit
- Penguin kidney outpatients and blood testing
The Seal children’s imaging department includes our MRI scanner, complete with dedicated anaesthetic and recovery areas, child friendly X-ray and ultrasound rooms.

Forest – level 2
Forest is home to four of our operating theatres and our recovery suite. Two further operating theatres are located on Reef – level 1.
Forest also houses a 20-bed paediatric intensive care unit and a paediatric retrieval service covering the south east of England. We specialise in renal, orthopaedics, neurology, ENT and general surgery and have a number of designated cardiac beds for the extensive cardiac service we offer.

Beach – level 3
Beach floor is home to a 26-bed nephro-urology ward with a haemodialysis unit and a short stay surgical unit for children requiring minor and major surgery. The Evelina Hospital School is also located on Beach.

Savannah – level 4
Savannah is home to Camel and Dragonfly wards. With 84 beds, these wards cover three main specialties:
- Cardiology, including high dependency cardiac beds
- Orthopaedics and spinal surgery
- Neurology and inherited metabolic diseases.

Mountain – level 5
Mountain is home to a 42-bed ward that incorporates both medical and surgical general/specialist paediatrics, a high dependency unit and complex ENT surgery.

Sky – level 6
Sky is home to our offices and administrative facilities.

Other facilities
- Children’s Accident & Emergency – our dedicated children’s A&E department is located close to Evelina London at St Thomas’ next to the adult A&E. A team of specialist children’s doctors and nurses care for patients in this busy unit.
- Neonatal unit – the neonatal unit comprises 18 intensive care beds, six high dependency beds and 24 special care cots. We provide care for a range of specialties including neurological, renal, cardiac and metabolic disorders and specialist surgery.
- Community services – our team of specialist doctors, community nurses and therapists work in community settings across Lambeth and Southwark to manage a range of developmental, physical and social issues.

Vital statistics
- 151 inpatient beds including 20 intensive care beds
- 46 – neonatal unit
- 6 operating theatres plus 1 cardiac theatre in East Wing, St Thomas’
- a full children’s imaging service with MRI scanner, X-ray and ultrasound
- a kidney dialysis unit
- an outpatients department and a medical day care unit
- a hospital school
Our staff

The dedication and skill of our staff is what makes Evelina London successful. We are committed to recruiting and retaining the best staff, providing them with the support and opportunity to deliver great care.

With 13,000 staff across Guy’s and St Thomas’, we are one of the biggest local employers and almost 40% of our staff live locally. We encourage and support our staff to develop their careers with a wide range of research and professional development opportunities.

What our staff say about us:

“I work here because it’s the best! I feel like everyday I’m involved in pioneering stuff, establishing treatments and I find it all fascinating and interesting. I love that it’s challenging and I’m still learning something new every day.”

Rachel, Staff Nurse

“I work at Evelina because of the integrated way everyone works with all the specialist professionals. All the professionals here respect each other and their roles. There are lots of learning opportunities working here – and there’s also a good social life!”

Sarah, Occupational Therapist

“I like the environment I work in – it’s friendly, welcoming and inviting for the children and their families and not at all scary. Everyone here is friendly and it has a good reputation. I like being part of the team who provide high standards of care.”

Emily, Staff Nurse

Our patients

We are proud to serve the vibrant and diverse London boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark. We also provide specialist services to young patients from south east England and further afield. We care for more than 55,000 young patients every year.

As the only London hospital with highly specialised women’s and children’s services on one site, we can look after patients from antenatal diagnosis through childhood, into adolescence and on into adult services.

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What our patients and families say about us:

“The care I received at Evelina London was absolutely, positively wonderful. The doctors, nurses and play specialists are very funny and helpful.”

Keith, Young Heart Patient

“I’m so grateful to the doctors at Evelina London for all that they’ve done for my son.”

Victoria, A Mother

“The doctors and nurses are amazing. Every time we are there, they’ve made things so easy and we feel at home when at Evelina London.”

Monica, A Mother

“One of the things that struck us during the course of my son’s treatment was the sheer number of clinical professionals involved.”

Michael, A Father

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Our specialties

Neonatal care
For the youngest patients, our neonatal intensive care unit cares for babies born prematurely and those with surgical, cardiac, neurological, renal and metabolic disorders. Staff within this unit have the opportunity to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team, rotating through these areas to develop new skills and experience.

Ambulatory care
We provide a high quality service across all the specialties for children and families from birth to 18 years. Most children will gain their first experience of a hospital at our outpatient department. It is a busy, buzzing place that provides a good opportunity to introduce health promotion and listen to the families concerns. Within this service we offer staff opportunities to rotate and work within the different areas to learn and develop new skills and knowledge.

Tertiary services
We provide a comprehensive range of services, including cardiology, orthopaedics, neurology and inherited metabolic diseases. Young patients tend to travel further away for this specialist care. We provide a holistic child and family-centred approach to the management of children with chronic lifelong conditions requiring complex care, building relationships with families and providing support at the most difficult times.

Surgery
Our surgical teams treat patients with a wide range of conditions, performing highly complex and specialist surgery. This multi-disciplinary team provides support to families before, during and after surgery. All our teams are highly motivated with excellent communication skills. They enjoy working in an energetic, challenging and, at times, demanding area.

Research
We lead a huge amount of child health research aimed at improving patient care, developing better treatments and increasing our understanding of disease. Our growing portfolio of more than 80 national and international studies involves more than 3,000 patients. Evelina London’s clinicians work closely with families, charities and schools on all kinds of child health research including:

- Allergy
- Asthma
- Cardiology
- Neurosciences
- Orthopaedics
- Public health

We are home to the Evelina Newborn Imaging Centre, part of the Centre for the Developing Brain, a major neonatal research facility in collaboration with King’s College London.
Why choose us?

Evelina London’s reputation is built on the high quality, compassionate and innovative care we offer our patients. This is only possible through the dedication and skills of all our staff. If you join us, you could work in the heart of London, in great facilities, with the support of committed colleagues. It goes without saying that you will be dedicated and caring. In return, we make sure our staff have excellent development opportunities, whatever their role in the team.

Work-life balance

We are committed to helping staff strike a balance between work and home life through a range of supportive policies:

● On-site nurseries and childcare vouchers – we have a nursery on the hospital site, with limited places. We also offer childcare vouchers.

● Help with accommodation – our accommodation office can help with your housing needs, from short term residential properties to links with housing associations.

● Sports and social club with on-site gyms and swimming pool.

● On-site cinema.

Your education and development

Your education and development is important to us. We work with our academic partners, King’s College London and London South Bank University, to provide exceptional education and training opportunities for our staff.

We help staff develop their skills by funding further studies or paying for them to undertake training on specialised equipment and attend professional seminars to learn and share ideas with their peers. Nursing staff working at Evelina London have the support of a team of paediatric development nurses and clinical educators to develop clinical skills and expertise.

We are committed to clinical research and encourage and support staff to develop and conduct research and patient studies to bring the latest treatments to our patients at the earliest opportunity.

In the heart of London

Evelina London is situated in the heart of London with excellent transport links and plenty of attractions on our doorstep.

The hospital is very close to Waterloo mainline and Tube stations, and is convenient for all forms of public transport. We are within walking distance of London’s vibrant South Bank, home to the Tate Modern museum, the London Eye and a wide range of restaurants, bars and attractions.

Just over the River Thames from the hospital, you will find the Houses of Parliament, St James’s Park and all the attractions of London’s West End.
To find out more about being part of our amazing team, contact us at:

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