

RBHSC General Paediatric Medical Rapid Response Clinic (RRC) Referral Criteria

All Trusts have local arrangements for children with urgent general paediatric medical problems so please refer to your local service. RBHSC Rapid Response Clinic does not usually have capacity to see children who reside in other trusts.

General medical conditions appropriate for RBHSC Rapid Response service:

- Aged under 14 years
- Any **very urgent** general paediatric medical condition when GP assesses need for consultant paediatrician to see within 7 days. Usual waiting time 3-7 days.

Please do not refer children if:

- Already under the care of a paediatrician (refer to usual consultant)
- ENT problem (refer RVH/ENTRAC)
- Eye problem (refer RVH/Ophthalmology-Paed Ophth)
- Surgical issue (refer surgery, highlight urgency)
- Orthopaedic issue (refer orthopaedics, highlight urgency)
- Developmental issue (refer Cal Mgmt N+W/S+E /child development clinics, highlight urgency)
- Allergy / Dermatology (refer to the specific specialties, highlight urgency)
Note, all specialties in RBHSC have consultant triage.

Alternatives to RRC for general medical problems:

- RBHSC Emergency Department – if same day assessment needed
- Urgent general medical OPD referral (usually 6 weeks)
- Routine general medical OPD referral (many months – varies)