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## **Surgical Services Available at Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children in April 2016**

**Can you please confirm details of the surgical services available at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children?**

**The information required is as follows and relates to the position at April 2016:**

- 1. Did the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC), have a Medical Admissions Unit (MAU). If so, did they have a designated Children's MAU?**

The RBHSC does not have a Medical Admissions Unit, nor was there one in April 2016.

- 2. What was the first point of contact between the local hospital (Antrim Area Hospital in this case) and the RBHSC, when dealing with an emergency? Did they contact the MAU? If so to whom, medically speaking, did they contact? If not, did they contact the medical (paediatric) doctor on call or the surgical doctor on call?**

We are unable to provide information regarding a specific case.

However, we can advise that any transfer between a District General Hospital and RBHSC is agreed on a Clinician to Clinician basis and individual patient placement is in line with clinical requirements.

- 3. Were children admitted to a (generic) MAU, or were they admitted to a children's ward or Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) if necessary.**

As advised above, RBHSC does not have a Medical Admissions Unit.

Again, any transfer between a District General Hospital and RBHSC is agreed on a Clinician to Clinician basis and individual patient placement is in line with clinical requirements.

- 4. A list of the Consultant Paediatric Surgeons at RBHSC at that time.**

To the best of our knowledge the Consultant Paediatric Surgeons who were in post in 2016 were:

Mr Alistair Dick  
Mr Alan Bailie  
Mr Isaac Philips  
Mr David Marshall  
Ms Majella McCullough  
Mr Bill McCallion