

Admissions Arrangements

Service Context & Background

Southampton Children's Hospital School provides education for children of school age who are receiving medical care at Southampton General Hospital and are therefore unable to attend their home school. Southampton Children's Hospital School also runs a Medical Outreach Service which provides education for pupils who are currently unable to attend school due to medical needs. In line with DFE guidance, all pupils enrolled at SCHS must be referred by a medical practitioner. All referrals are sensitive to the health needs of the child, which remain the priority throughout the pupil's time on roll.

Admission Arrangements for Southampton General Hospital

On admission all pupils are initially consultant referred. In all cases there must be an agreement with the parents that they want the child to engage in education and that they will provide information about child's experience of schooling. Pupils need to be medically fit to be taught.

Priority is given to inpatients that are:

- Long Stay: predicted to attend 10 school days or more.
- Recurring: previously enrolled at SCHS.
- Taking Exams
- Statutory School Age: 4-16 years.

Short-Stay Patients:

- SCHS may also teach and/or provide resources for pupils expected to attend for 5 to 9 school days.

Siblings of Patients:

- In exceptional circumstances siblings of Long Stay inpatients may also be taught by SCHS. This is considered on a case by case basis.

SCHS does not provide education for:

- Inpatients admitted to hospital for less than 5 days (including day-patients.)
- Out-patients, unless previously enrolled at SCHS.
- Children who are not patients of the hospital.

In the above instances, responsibility for the pupil's education remains with the home school.

Admission Arrangements for the Medical Outreach Service

SCHS offers an educational outreach service for pupils with identified medical needs which prevent them from attending their usual school. This provision has a limited number of places and is only offered as a short-term intervention, with each case being reviewed every 6 weeks. Referrals are made directly to the Head Teacher and can come from CAMHS, EWOs, social workers and the child's home school. This service is provided as hospital education outreach, and thus all referrals must be accompanied by medical evidence from a "medical practitioner", such as a consultant or general practitioner. There is a charge connected with this service: see the "Charges Policy" for more details. For further guidance on making a referral please visit the school website.