

Transition Plan Paediatric Surgery Curriculum from October 2026

The updated curriculum and syllabus align with the latest surgical practice as well as new developments, ensuring a much better-prepared consultant surgeon. **Trainees should follow the new version as they enter specialty training, move into a new training level or move into a new placement from 1st October 2026.**

Training Programme Directors and Assigned Educational Supervisors should make provision at the earliest opportunity to allow for trainees to adapt their training accordingly.

Please note that these changes do not affect core trainees, they will be expected to use the new curriculum only when they enter specialty training from ST3 onwards.

Details about the changes and why they have been made can be found [here](#).

Training level to be entered on or after October 2026	Requirement	Guidance
ST1 run-through ST3 uncoupled	Use the new 2026 curriculum	Trainees entering specialty training must follow the new curriculum from the start of the specialty programme or as they enter a new placement after 1 st October 2026
ST4-ST6		Trainees must follow the new curriculum as they move into a new training level or as they enter a new placement after 1 st October 2026.
ST7-8	Remain on previous curriculum	Trainees entering the final phase of specialty training may remain on the previous curriculum.
Out of Programme (OOP)	Remain or Transfer	Trainees who have taken time out of Out of Programme may remain on the previous curriculum while at their previous training level but should follow the new curriculum when they move to a new level. <i>Example 1: a mid-ST4 trainee returning from OOP to continue in ST4 from 1st October 2026 may remain on the previous curriculum until they move to ST5.</i> <i>Example 2: an end of ST4 trainee returning from OOP to start at ST5 from 1st October 2026 will move to the new curriculum</i> However, if their next training level is in the final phase of training they may finish training on the previous curriculum.
Statutory leave (e.g. maternity/paternity/adoption leave)	Remain or Transfer	Trainees returning from statutory leave may remain on the previous curriculum whilst completing their previous training level but should follow the new curriculum when

		they move to a new level from 1st October 2026 or as they enter a new placement after 1st October 2026. However, if their next training level is in the final phase of training they may finish training on the previous curriculum.
Less than full time (LTFT)	Remain or Transfer	Trainees who are LTFT may remain on the previous curriculum until they move to the next training level when they should follow the new curriculum. <i>For example, a 50% LTFT trainee after 1 year at ST4 (6 months equivalent) by October 2026 may remain on the previous curriculum until they commence a new placement</i> However, if their next training level is in the final phase of training they may finish training on the previous curriculum.
Portfolio pathway applicants	Remain or Transfer	If applicants wish to apply under the previous curriculum they may do so for up to 12 months from release of the new curriculum