

Factsheet

Help us to keep caring for children with cancer

A childhood cancer diagnosis is devastating.

Parents need to know their children are in the best possible hands and have access to the right support. That assurance is precisely what we provide here at St George's, where we have providing specialist children's cancer care for more than 25 years.

In the past year alone, we have treated over 170 young patients living with cancer across South London, Kent, Medway, Surrey, Sussex, and beyond.



The location of children's cancer services is being consulted on



NHS England is running a public consultation regarding the future location of children's cancer services. St George's is one of the two options available.

Closing our children's cancer service and locating services elsewhere will have a significant knock-on effect on our other children's services.

This is because the clinical staff who care for children with cancer also care for other children, so if the service moves to the Evelina it will impact other children's services at St George's. Keeping the service in south west London avoids this.

Why St George's?

We believe Kids Deserve St George's because...

- We have 25 years' experience caring for children with cancer and this experience and the professional relationships developed cannot be easily or quickly replicated.
- Our location and dedicated parking estates plan will make it even easier to reach us by car and minimise travel challenges – which we know is what families want.
- Our brand-new state-of-the-art children's cancer centre is ready to build and will include a range of specialist children's services on site, including neurosurgery – 1 in 4 children with cancer have a neuro-oncological cancer and sometimes require neurosurgical input in an emergency.
- Our proposal offers the least disruption for services and staff and also has the lowest cost to build – and was assessed by NHS England as better value for money.

130,000
children's
appointments
last year at
St George's

We have one
of the largest
paediatric
cancer surgery
services in
the UK

25+
years' experience
caring for
children
with cancer

Our children's
services are
rated Outstanding
by the CQC

How can I support St George's?

Complete the consultation and give your views on why Kids Deserve St George's.



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Keep updated on the consultation by emailing communications@stgeorges.nhs.uk