**Paediatric IR BSIR special interest group**

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**Current mission statement**:

Paediatric interventional radiology is a growing area within IR. It has many similarities to adult practice but differs significantly in some areas, not just in the small size of the patients. Paediatric IR is different in terms of the need for family centred care and care pathways, consent, sedation and anaesthesia as well as radiation protection.

The ready provision of paediatric IR can also impact positively on adult practice in various areas, such as the management of vascular anomalies (which present far more commonly in paediatrics), the preservation of central veins for future vascular access by the use of expert techniques, advising adults IRs who encounter emergency paediatric referrals (such as trauma, thrombolysis or vascular insufficiency) and ensuring patient transition to adult care goes as smoothly as possible.

Paediatric IR can be delivered by dedicated paediatric interventional radiologists, paediatric diagnostic radiologists who perform some IR procedures and adult interventional radiologists that perform procedures on children. Input from all of the above is needed to provide the cover for paediatric IR that the UK needs.

The group aims to:

* Provide a forum for discussion, mentoring and education regarding paediatric IR
* Promote the highest standards of practice in paediatric IR in the United Kingdom
* Help develop services and expertise around the country
* Promote the exchange of information, learning and experience amongst UK interventional radiologists who have an interest in paediatric IR
* To develop a specific paeds IR education program and explore teaching options to encourage/facilitate practice by paediatric diagnostic radiologists and adult IRs
* Promote collaborative research and quality improvement
* Participate fully in the BSIR annual meeting and explore forums for collaboration with other specialties, such as through BSPR and BAPS

**Other points:**

The committee will meet quarterly.

The committee will liaise with SIG members via a quarterly newsletter, providing a point of contact for PIR matters and a source of education and collaboration for SIG members.