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Pathology: the science behind the cure

## **RCPaith – Paediatric Biochemistry response to HEE's Strategic Framework Call for Evidence 2021**

From experience in Liverpool and Manchester over the last thirty years, it is suggested that each Children's hospital laboratory or Regional pathology network, if paediatric services are included, should have at least one whole time equivalent consultant for paediatric biochemistry.

This could be a medically qualified chemical pathologist with experience of paediatric metabolic medicine or a consultant clinical scientist with similar experience and qualifications. Larger big city or multiple city networks or children's hospitals may need two or three consultants in children's biochemistry in the longer-term future.

These opinions are based on the evidence of what has previously been provided in North West England.