

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital-paediatric endocrine research narrative

Since starting in 1995 the paediatric endocrine service at Chelsea and Westminster has developed primarily as a clinical service and has had a relatively small research interest.

Currently the department is taking part in:

- A commercial multicentre international study of Diazoxide in Prader Willi syndrome (Soleno study), where recruitment has been very successful because we look after a large group of children with Prader /willi syndrome.
- Dr Alexander is taking part in a follow up study focussing on the metabolic outcomes for children whose mothers had bariatric surgery prior to pregnancy.

The Trust has had a relatively low research profile in the past, although in recent years there has been an investment in the Trust research team which has supported the studies we are taking part in. We are keen to continue to develop this area, potentially taking on more commercial studies. Current plans for increased integration of paediatric services with Imperial College mean would be scope in the future to develop research links with teams at Imperial.

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