

PAEDIATRIC MORTUARY SERVICE USER GUIDE

ADDRESS

Paediatric Mortuary Service
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Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
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MORTUARY CONTACT DETAILS

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MORTUARY OPENING HOURS

The Paediatric Mortuary is open from 08:00 to 16:00. The mortuary is not routinely staffed out of hours. There is however an Out of Hours Service for the Coroners service.

For MFT cases, access can be arranged by contacting the Children's Clinical Coordinator via MFT switchboard.

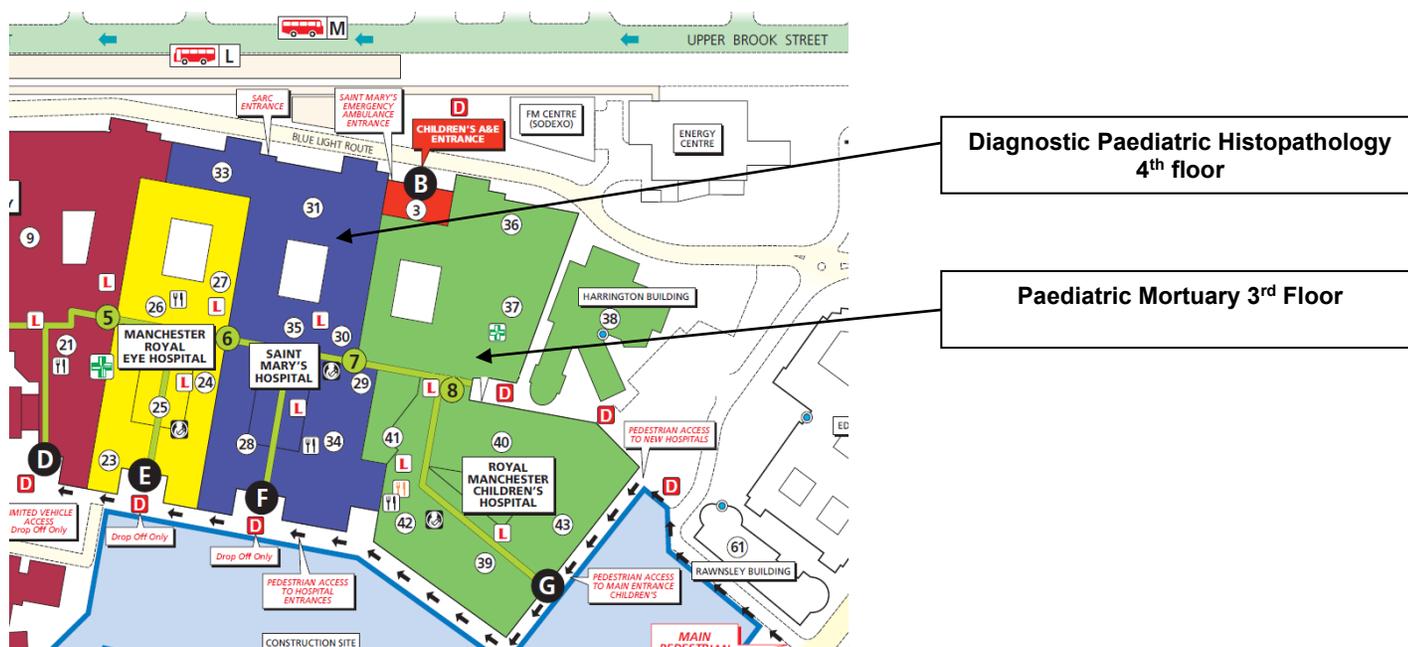
The Paediatric Mortuary is closed on the first Wednesday of every month from 14:00 for staff training and development.

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MORTUARY LOCATION

The Paediatric Mortuary is on the 3rd floor Royal Manchester Children's Hospital use Core Lift 8



REQUESTING A POST MORTEM EXAMINATION

It is important to inform a Consultant Paediatric Histopathologist once there is written permission for a hospital post mortem and to make sure that the notes and written consent are available in the mortuary / histopathology department as soon as possible. We do not know that a post mortem is required unless you tell us. Please ensure that the Consent Form has been fully completed, that a Cooling Off /Change Your Mind period has been agreed with the consent-giver and documented, and that the form has been signed. The consent form can be located on the staff intranet under <https://intranet.mft.nhs.uk/content/hospitals-mcs/clinical-scientific-services/laboratory-medicine/using-our-services/forms-information-and-resources>

Division of Laboratory Medicine

Family Visits

Visits are carried out in accordance with hospital policy and are managed by nursing staff and the family services department. However, it is always necessary to liaise with mortuary staff during the working day so that we can ensure that relatives are not disturbed for any reason.

POST MORTEM REPORTS

The time taken to issue a report following a post mortem examination varies, depending on the complexity of the case and tests carried out. In coronial cases an initial cause of death, if established, will be given to the Coroner on the day of the post mortem examination. A full report will be available within 8 – 12 weeks. **Please note that any clinician / relative wanting a copy of this report must obtain it via the Coroner's office.** For hospital post mortem examination, allow 6 weeks for the report to be available.

PLACENTAS

Please send placentas to the mortuary when they are connected with a post mortem. Usually these have been fixed in formalin on the labour wards. Placentas requiring routine histology (not associated with a death) should be sent to the Paediatric Histology Laboratory for examination.