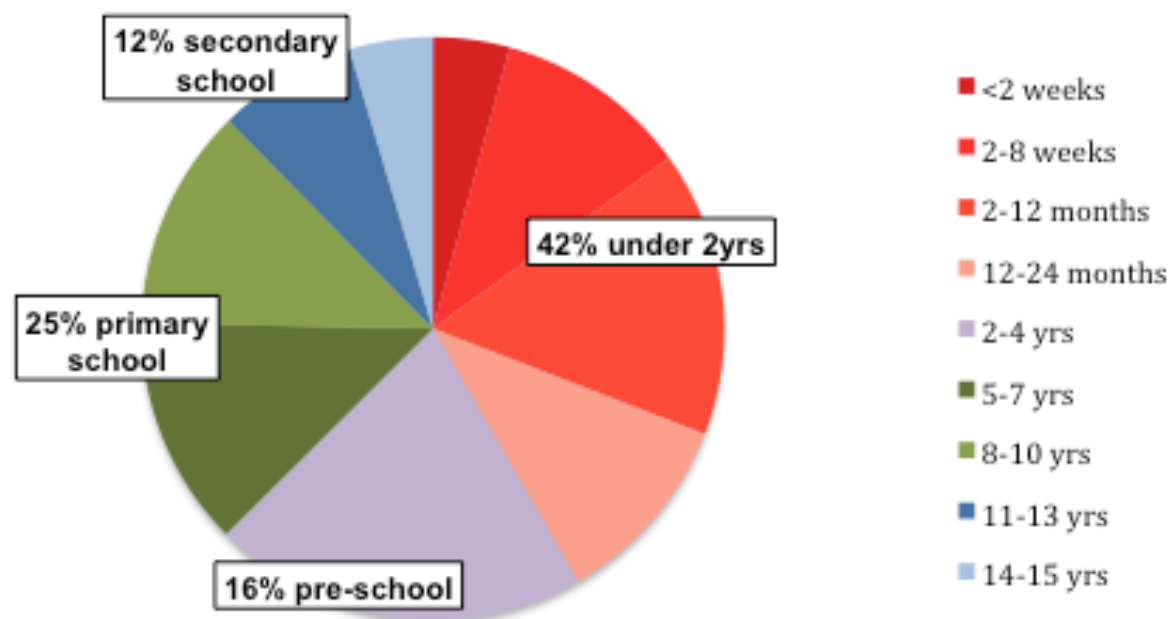


Clinical Case Exposure

GPs worked in the CAU alongside consultants. This gave them confidence to challenge themselves, so the breadth of age, case mix and acuity that they saw was the same as paediatric colleagues. One session per week was the minimum to provide enough volume to consolidate learning, and attending OPD clinics exposed GPs to specialist paediatrics and increased knowledge of pathways. By the end of the year the GPs were able to see cases referred to CAU by community peers, and one of the GPs had obtained the DCH.

GP clinical development

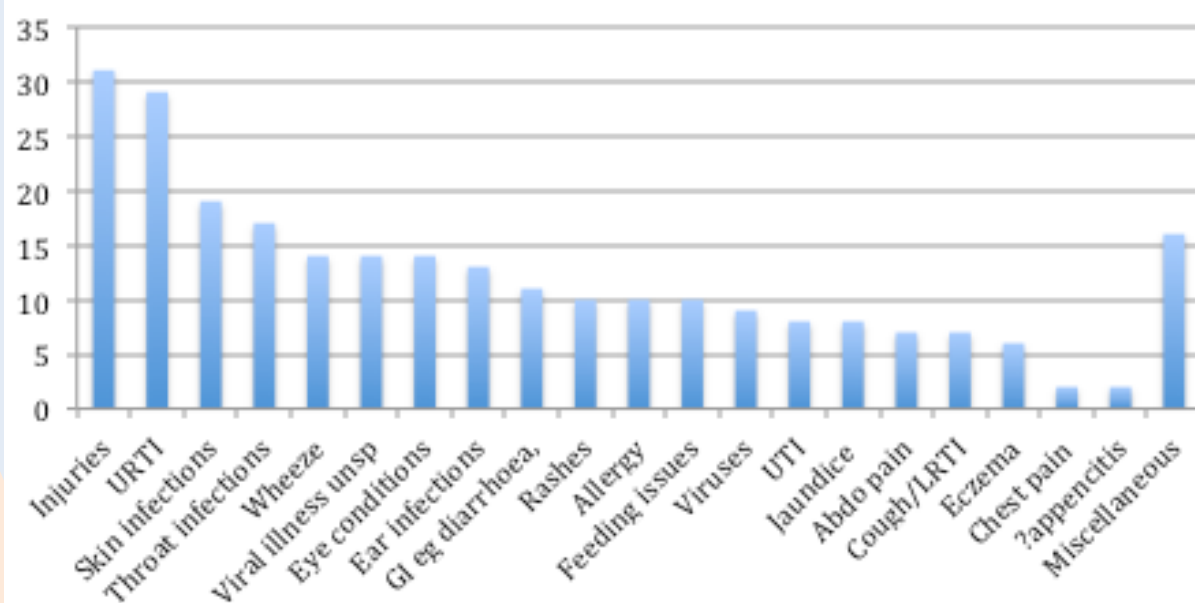
GP activity in CAU by age Feb-May 2017



Partnership Working

Besides facilitating clinical supervision, working alongside paediatricians meant GPs shared perspectives on cases. This was a two-way process, and highlighted differences in the art of medicine in primary care- in particular decision-making and management. Key to this was that the GPs remained in core practice, and this meant they also became resources for local community colleagues.

Conditions seen by GPs at CAU Feb-May 2017



Anecdotes

“I’ve picked up some unbelievable tips. I’m really enjoying the flexibility...it’s a lovely department, and is hugely helpful seeing cases with support” **GP**

“I feel I am gaining excellent experience and learning so much from the consultants. I’ve enjoyed every minute- it’s the highlight of my week.” **GP**

“The placement has given me an understanding of why patients are presenting to CAU, and by seeing variability in GP referrals I’ve gained insight into the different paediatric skills and experience of GPs in the area” **GP**

“The CAU doctors also ask our advice- e.g. what would be appropriate for a GP to follow up. In addition I’ve been able to share learning at my practice.” **GP**

“We are all learning from having them, understanding more about GP work, the variety as well as the volume, but also the different approach which is more holistic, faster and tends to less intervention” **Consultant Paediatrician**