



Name	David Macafee
Position / Function	General Surgery of Childhood Lead
Date of Report	17 April 2026

Activity Summary	Trial Steering Committee CONTRACT 2 Trial (University of Southampton, Prof Hall) – recent expansion of trial from tertiary centres to DGH's. CONservative Treatment of Appendicitis in Children – a randomised controlled Trial. Continue to run a hub and spoke service linked with our nearest Tertiary Paediatric Centre Great North Childrens in Newcastle upon Tyne – valuable learning for other Gen Surgery of Childhood surgeons who wish more cases to be done closer to home (Paediatric anaesthetic dependent). Remain a focal point in the North East for trainees interested in this as part of their consultant practice – n=1 in our current cohort of ST trainees. Providing support to any Trust interested in developing General Surgery of Childhood services – or retaining them. Full time Consultant Colorectal and General Surgeon of Childhood, South Tees and Deputy Medical Director for Safety, North Cumbria Integrated care.
Publications / Guidelines	None
Significant Events	None
Meetings Held	See above
Key Relationships	See above
Acknowledgements	None
Aims and Objectives for next period	Ms Sarah Almond, Consultant Paediatric Surgeon, Alder Hey started the role on 12 March 2026. Phone handover 2 April postponed due to competing commitments for both parties. David wishes Sarah every success.

