



From left to right:  
Sharon McGreal, Paul  
Wood, and Staff Nurse  
Sarah Hawkins who run  
the clinic.

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## **WORK done by Kettering General Hospital's PAG clinic has been recognised by the European Association of PAG.**

Sharon McGreal, trainee in obstetrics and gynaecology, and Mr Paul Wood, Consultant, published a paper reporting on the work the clinic has done at Kettering General Hospital over the last 15 years.

The article was published in the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in its December 2010 edition and has now won the prize for the best European PAG-related article published in 2010 with a trainee as first author.

Sharon's prize was for free registration and accommodation at the European PAG Congress in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, on May 26-29.

Sharon and Paul's paper was entitled "A study of paediatric and adolescent gynaecology services in a British district general hospital" and centered on the designated services they provide meeting the needs of children with gynaecological problems from a wide geographical area.

National guidelines reinforce the fact that children should be seen within specific paediatric areas in hospital. The paper reviewed the role of such a service in the context of a British district general hospital looking back over the service's 15 year history. A total of 800 patients were included in the study which covered the period 1994-2009.

The study found 86% of patients were referred from primary care and were aged 4-15 with the average age of 10 years. Sixty percent of patients were followed-up, giving a total of 2,023 appointments.

The study looked at common and rarer problems and pathways of care and concluded that developing a specialist service enabled best practice care for children with gynaecological problems.

It recommended that this approach should be encouraged and promoted by those in charge of healthcare policy and provider trusts in general.

Mr Paul Wood is currently Chair of the British Society for Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology. He has just been elected onto the Board of the European Association of PAG and led a successful bid to host the next congress in 2014.