
Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network

☆ PICANet Annual Meeting ☆ 6th November 10.30 – 4pm

This year's annual meeting will be held at Bristol Education Centre. If you would like to come and have not yet put your name down please email [Sarah Skinner](mailto:Sarah.Skinner@picanet.org.uk) asap for more details. The meeting is free and a great opportunity to discover more about PICANet, meet the team and the other units and a chance to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there and are here to help if you have any queries.

We have a variety of speakers including researchers, clinicians, nurses and information on the Chip Trial, a parents view and our new funder HQIP (Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership), the programme is now available at www.picanet.org.uk

PICANet funding continued

We are delighted to announce that PICANet has secured two more years of funding from HQIP (Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership) from March 2009. This is excellent news and means we can make some longer term plans for the project.

A new member of staff

We welcome **Phil McShane** to the PICANet team in Leeds as an Epidemiologist/ Health Services Research Statistician.

National Report update

A copy of the Welsh report and the Abridged version of the national report is now available on downloadable PDF at our website www.picanet.org.uk

Staffing Survey - November 2008

PICANet are planning to undertake a further staffing survey this autumn. Questionnaires will be sent to the lead doctor and senior nurse in all PICUs, collecting information on the numbers and grades of nursing and medical staff employed on the units. Details will also be requested for specific 'snapshot' time periods.

The results of previous staffing surveys may be found in the PICANet National Report January 2004-December 2005 chapter 15 available at www.picanet.org.uk.

Previous experience has shown that it is very difficult to collect complete and meaningful data on this topic. If you have any suggestions for the collection of particular data which would assist with workforce planning or other staffing issues in the units please contact Caroline Lamming, email: cr14@le.ac.uk

PICS Cardiff

PICANet are presenting their work at PICS Cardiff on 21st November 2008. Come and find out more about the PICANet National Report. [PICS 2008](http://www.picanet.org.uk)

Some interesting reading!

A new paper is shortly to be published on line by ADC. [ADC Online First](http://www.adc.org.uk)

The paper titled 'Epidemiology of critically ill children in England and Wales: incidence, mortality, deprivation and ethnicity' resulting from PICANet data is interesting reading. The paper concludes that In England and Wales, the admission rate to paediatric intensive care is higher in children from more deprived areas and 36% higher for children from the south Asian population. Risked-adjusted mortality increases in south Asian children as deprivation decreases. Contact Roger Parslow for more information.



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