



The Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network.

PICU Families Group Lay Representatives

PICANet are seeking four lay representatives to join the Paediatric Intensive Care Families Group; the representatives will be parents or carers, with experience of involvement with a child on the paediatric intensive care unit.

The Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network (PICANet) is a national audit supported by the Health Quality Improvement Programme (HQIP) which collects data on all children admitted to paediatric intensive care units (PICUs) across the UK. PICANet was established in 2001 and aims to continually support the improvement of paediatric intensive care through clinical audit. It is coordinated by the Universities of Leeds and Leicester.

The PICU Families Group was formed in October 2009 to provide a forum to:-

- develop research projects on aspects of patient and public involvement within the paediatric intensive care service
- to ensure that the research outcome will enhance and support the experience of the child and family
- also facilitating the monitoring of appropriate Standards of the Paediatric Intensive Care Society

Membership of the PICU Families Group

1. Representatives from PICANet
2. Representatives from PICU Nursing Staff
3. Representatives from PICU Medical Staff
4. Patient/Carer Representatives

Meetings are expected to be held 3-4 times per year for approximately 3hrs commencing at midday. The location of the meeting will normally be the University of Leicester.

The next meeting date is planned for 10th November 2011.

The lay representatives will be able to take full part in the meeting discussions and submit items to the agenda.

No specialist knowledge is required but experience of paediatric intensive care as a parent or carer within the last 10 years is required.

All travel expenses and additional expenses reasonably incurred (i.e. child care) by attending meetings may be reimbursed.

For further details or to express an interest please contact:-

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