

Training Days

The recent training days in Bristol and Sheffield were well attended by medical, nursing, audit and clerical staff from PICUs around the country.

The sessions included:

- An overview of what PICANet is and what it hopes to achieve.
- Detailed explanation of the admission and discharge information.
- Detailed explanation of medical history and PIM 7 PIM II data.
- Daily intervention record explanations.
- Software application demonstration and chance to have hands on experience of currently available software.
- Group work utilising anonymised real patient notes to attempt data extraction using the PICANet proforma.

The feedback was positive and many useful suggestions and points for discussion were made to the PICANet team.

With most delegates staying overnight at everyone was able get to know each at an evening meal at the end of the first day,

Unit Visits

Over the last few months members of the PICANet team (Nicky Davey, Sam Jones and Roger Parslow) have been visiting participating PICUs.

Thank you to everyone for sparing the time to see us. Those units visited so far are

- Leeds General Infirmary
- Alder Hey
- Manchester Children's Hospital
- Nottingham
- Bristol Royal Children's Hospital
- Stoke on Trent
- Newcastle General Hospital
- University Hospitals of Leicester
- Southampton
- Cardiff

- James Cook University Hospital
- Sheffield Children's Hospital
- Hull Royal Infirmary

We gave a presentation of information on what PICANet is about and hopes to achieve.

There will be two 2-day training sessions for PICU staff to attend:

Bristol: 11th/12th September
Sheffield: 2nd/3rd October

Ideally we would like three members of staff from each PICU to attend one of the training sessions, which will be suitable for Doctors, Nurses and Data Clerks. We will endeavour to make these days as interesting as possible (how "fun" can data collection training be??!) and there will be a chance to mix socially as there will be a group evening meal after the first day. The training will introduce concepts of data type, and will cover items on data collection, coding, data entry and software.

The PICANet Team recently met with our similarly titled colleagues in the South East Region, PICNET. It was agreed that PICNET will provide PICANet the information sufficient to meet our obligations to the Department of Health. This means that those units currently contributing to PICNET will continue to send their data to PICNET in the usual manner. In addition the PICANet Team will not need to visit the PICNET units in the first instance. Furthermore, staff at PICNET units will not need to attend the training sessions in September & October. However, a

joint PICANet/PICNET training session will be organised for these units at a later date. Further details of these plans will be sent to PICNET units soon. The PICNET data will be added to the PICANet data so that all units in England & Wales will feature in the analysis recommended and guided by the PICANet Clinical Advisory and Steering Groups. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

IT Issues

In response to our IT survey, we have had 18 replies from 24 units and 5 from the Trust IT departments. Thank you very much to those of you who have responded. It is extremely important for us ascertain whether you have an NHSnet connection and access to a central server to plan for data transmission and local data security issues. This can be discussed when the team visits your unit.

Health & Social Care Bill

An application for class support under this Bill for PICANet has been produced (if successful it will mean that that PICANet will be exempt from taking patient consent). The application will be submitted to the Patient Information Advisory Group (PIAG) in August for review in early September.

Thank you

Thank you for your continued help and support. Any questions or queries can be directed to:

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