
Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network

Happy New Year All!

PICANet Annual Meeting 08

The annual meeting proved a great success with positive feedback from all. If you have not returned your comments and would still like to then e mail [Sarah Skinner](mailto:Sarah.Skinner@picanet.org.uk). Many thanks to Bristol for providing an excellent venue and to all the speakers, attendees and charities who helped make it possible. If you were not able to make it, the presentations and some photos are 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 **Peter Tooze** to the PICANet team in Leeds as our new Database Manager from January. Tom Fleming has moved to another project within the Paediatric Epidemiology Group but will still be available for advice when needed. Thanks to Tom for all your hard work over the last few years.

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: crl4@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](#)

Some interesting reading!

A new paper is shortly to be published on line by ADC. [ADC Online First](#)

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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