

Data Collection Form

Following input from the Clinical Advisory Group, Steering Group and also many of you, the PICANet core dataset has now been finalised. PIM/PIM II were the choice of risk adjustment tools, although the data collection form and software will fully support the collection of PRISM/PRISM III for those units who wish to collect them. Version 3 of the data collection form was sent out with this newsletter, and we would welcome any comments.

Unit Visits

We are currently in the process of arranging for two members of the PICANet team to visit each unit. All units have been contacted, and so far, the following visits have been scheduled:

July:

- Leeds General Infirmary 22nd

August:

- Liverpool Children's NHS Trust 14th
- Bristol Royal Children's Hospital 15th
- Manchester Children's Hospital 20th

September:

- Queen's Medical Centre 6th
- North Staffordshire Hospital Trust 16th
- Newcastle General Hospital 17th
- University Hospitals of Leicester 24th
- University Hospital of Wales 27th
- James Cook University Hospital 30th

October:

- Sheffield Children's Hospital 10th
- Hull Royal Infirmary 15th

If your unit is not listed above, please contact a member of the PICANet team as soon as possible, so that a date can be arranged.

These visits are extremely important, and should take no more than an hour of your / your colleagues' time. The intention is to:

- Describe the background to the study

- and how it is managed
- Introduce the dataset
- Discuss practicalities of data entry
- Identify potential problems with collecting particular items of data
- Discuss the provision and installation of software and technical data specification
- End with a question and answer session
- Nominate a specific contact at your Unit to deal with PICANet issues

Training

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.

PICNET

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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