



PICANet ANNUAL MEETING 2015



The **PICANet Annual Meeting 2015** took place at the **Royal College of Nursing** in central London on **Wednesday 4th November 2015** with over 100 delegates attending from across the paediatric intensive care and wider health community.

Delegates heard an overview of the latest findings from PICANet and the 2015 Annual Report before settling in for 7 excellent sessions from our invited speakers from all over the world covering a wide variety of topics. The day enabled delegates from across the PIC and wider health community to network with fellow colleagues, and attendees made the most of the interactive style of meeting with many questions being directed to speakers at the end of each talk.

We have received wonderful feedback from delegates, most rating both the speaker's presentations and the event itself as good or excellent! All abstracts from the speakers, along with a few photos from the day can be found on the PICANet website at <http://www.picanet.org.uk/Annual-Meeting/>.

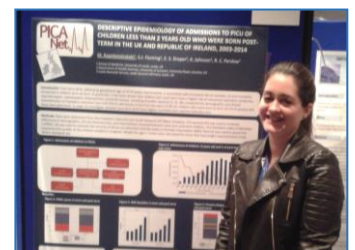
Thank you to all of our speakers and delegates that attended the day in London, we hope to see you again next year! - Details of the 2016 Annual Meeting will be announced in the New Year.



PICS MEETING – BIRMINGHAM

The Paediatric Intensive Care Society Annual Scientific Meeting took place on the 14th – 16th September 2015 in Birmingham. Several members of the PICANet team attended across the 3 day programme allowing some excellent networking opportunities with PIC colleagues.

Photo* Melpo Kapetanstrataki with her poster: Descriptive epidemiology of admissions to PICU of children less than 2 years old who were born post-term in the UK and Republic of Ireland, 2003 – 2014.

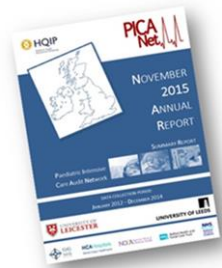




The **PICANet Annual Report 2015** was published on Tuesday 3rd November 2015.

2015 sees the publication of our 12th annual report, with data presented on 59,642 paediatric intensive care admissions (aged under 16 years) and 1,430 admissions (aged 16 years and over), in the three year period January 2012 to December 2014.

The latest report from the **Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network** shows that despite a year on year increase in activity, mortality rates following admission for paediatric intensive care remain very low at less than 4%.



This is at a time when **only 15% of UK PICUs met the current nurse staffing levels** as prescribed by the Paediatric Intensive Care Society Standards. Recent data from across the NHS has highlighted the use of Agency and Bank nursing staff and there are similar findings in Paediatric Intensive Care.

The **2015 Report is available to download for free** from <http://www.picanet.org.uk/Audit/Annual-Reporting/>



A new addition to the PICANet Annual Report publications this year, is the **Lay Report**, giving a simplified breakdown of the full Annual Report in a handy 4 page document. This Lay Report can also be downloaded for free from the PICANet website.

If you would like to report on any data not covered by the Annual Report or reports available on PICANet Web please complete a Data Request form online at www.picanet.org.uk/Audit/Data-Requests/



2015 STAFFING STUDY

The **annual staffing study** - A study of occupancy & nursing and medical staffing provision, facilitates the monitoring and analysing of staffing levels within PICUs. **All units will be asked to collect data during the week commencing November 16th 2015.** Information is being collected on the nursing and medical establishment, other professionals working on PICU, and also details of staffing levels at four specific 'snapshot' time periods.

If you would like any further information please contact **Caroline Lamming**, PICANet Research Nurse on 0116 2525414 or crl4@leicester.ac.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The next **PICANet Steering Group Meeting** will be held in London on **Thursday 28th January 2016**. If you would like anything raised at this meeting please contact the PICANet team at picanet@leeds.ac.uk.

The **RCPCH Annual Conference** will be taking place in Liverpool from the **26th to 28th April 2016**. The RCPCH Annual Conference is where paediatricians and child health professionals come together to share good practice, discuss the latest in key clinical issues and discover cutting edge paediatric research.

For more information visit: <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/annual-conference/>