

Newsletter 41 - October 2014

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The **PICANet 2014 Annual Meeting** will be taking place **on Wednesday 5th November 2014** at the Mercure Piccadilly Hotel in **Manchester**.

With over 100 delegates registered, a fantastic line up of speakers and PICANet celebrating 10 years of data, we are sure this year's meeting will be bigger and better than ever!

Dr Stephen Playfor, Consultant Paediatric Intensivist at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital welcomes this year's programme to Manchester where Professor Liz Draper and Dr Roger Parslow will provide an update from PICANet with discussion on 10 years of PICANet data collection. The morning will see Dr Gale Pearson, Consultant in Paediatric Intensive Care at Birmingham Children's Hospital giving us a Clinicians perspective on 10 years of PICANet followed by Shelley Marsh, parent and lay representative of the PIC Families Group giving us her insight from a parent's perspective. After lunch the fantastic programme continues with Julia Grace, CRG Accountable Commissioner for Neonatal Critical Care, Paediatric Critical Care, Congenital Heart Disease and Dr Jacqueline Cornish OBE, National Clinical Director Children, Young People and Transition to Adulthood for NHS England. The afternoon is then rounded off with Eithne Polke, PICU Transport Coordinator for Children's Acute Transport Service (CATS) and Professor Danny Keenan, Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon and part-time Medical Director of the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP). We hope to hear from lots of you as there will be plenty of time for questions throughout the day! Register online for FREE at www.picanet.org.uk

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) has approved this activity for **4 CPD credits**, in accordance with the current RCPCH CPD Guidelines.

Travel Bursaries are available and open to all data clerks, audit and nursing staff grade 6 or below with a limit of 2 per unit/transport organisation. Please complete the **Travel Bursary Application Form** available on the website and return to j.a.singh@leeds.ac.uk.

If you have any questions please contact the PICANet Project Officer, **Jodie Singh** on j.a.singh@leeds.ac.uk or call on 0113 343 8125.



ANNUAL MEETING



RESEARCH ASSISTANT/NURSE - OCTOBER 2014

An exciting opportunity has arisen to work as a research assistant/nurse with PICANet.

Based in Leicester the appointee will join the PICANet team to provide research skills through personal expertise and clinical/nursing knowledge; supporting this highly regarded international clinical audit programme and associated research projects with the paediatric intensive care community.

Main duties will include the provision of regular liaison and visits as necessary to paediatric intensive care units throughout the UK and Ireland. The post holder will also work closely with members of the PICANet team to maintain a secure and confidential high quality database of paediatric intensive care activity, case-mix, structure and utilization.

The ability to travel is essential. The closing date for this post is midnight on the 22nd October 2014.

For further details or to apply for this post please see:-http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/jobs/opportunities/jobsearch and http://www.le.ac.uk/jobs/external/MBP01173 Job_Summary.pdf

To discuss this opportunity further please contact Professor Elizabeth Draper: 0116 252 3200 or Caroline Lamming, PICANet Research Nurse: 0116 2525414 or crit@leicester.ac.uk

PICU STAFFING STUDY 2014

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 17th 2014. 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**

ANNUAL REPORT 2014 PUBLISHED

On Monday 29th September 2014 PICANet were delighted to publish the 11th annual report, with data presented on 58,951 paediatric intensive care admissions (aged under 16 years) and 1,392 admissions (aged 16 years and over), in the three year period January 2011 to December 2013.

This year also saw the publication of our **special summary report - A Decade of Data**, with a series of chapters in which we examined trends for the 10 years of data submitted between 2004 and 2013.

Make sure to download your free copy from www.picanet.org.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The **2014 PICANet Annual Meeting** is on **Wednesday 5th November 2014** at the Mercure Piccadilly Hotel in central Manchester. For more details and to register for your free place visit www.picanet.org.uk.

The next **PICANet Steering Group Meeting** will be held in London on **Thursday 15th January 2015.** If you would like anything raised at this meeting please contact the PICANet team.

The next **PICANet Clinical Advisory Group Meeting** will be held in Birmingham on **Wednesday 4th March 2015.** If you would like anything raised at this meeting please contact the PICANet team.

The **26th Annual Meeting of the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care** (ESPNIC 2015) is being held on June 10th - 13th 2015 in Vilnius, Lithuania. For more information please visit: http://espnic.kenes.com/