

National Report

This year's PICANet National Report covers the two year period January 2003 - December 2004. Data is presented nationally and by NHS Trust (as before Trusts are anonymised but each Trust will be able to identify themselves).

There are new sections on epidemiology and children receiving care in adult intensive care units. The consent study (see below) is also included.

The report will be ready for distribution early May 2005 and all recipients of this newsletter will automatically be sent a copy.

Annual Meeting

The PICANet annual meeting is being held on 24 May at the Royal Statistical Society in London.

Prior to lunch there will be a session covering analysis and comment on PICANet data. After lunch there will be two general presentations which will be followed by a choice of two sessions:

- Research policy developments
- Data collection and entry issues

These two sessions will have a question and answer format.

You should have received your invitation to this meeting. If you have not yet replied, could you please let us know as soon as possible whether you are able to attend.

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Consent Study

PICANet's study on the feasibility of obtaining consent to collect patient-identifiable information has been published in the BMJ.

BMJ, doi:101136/bmj.38404.650208.AE (published 18 March 2005).

Validation Visits

A new round of validation visits will take place this summer. Units will shortly receive notification of our proposed visit date.

New Data Collection Forms and Software

The new data collection forms, which include PIM 2 variables, are now available and many of you will have already received your first batch.

Units will receive packs including new forms, software and manual over the next few weeks. Everyone should be using the new forms by 1 May 2005.

PICANet Website

The PICANet website, www.picanet.org.uk, is once again up and running and all password protected areas are accessible.

If you need a password please contact:

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Information/ Data Requests

If you have any research that you feel PICANet may be able to help with, please contact us for the appropriate forms. A variety of information requests have already been received and will be listed in the National Report.

Clinical Advisory Group and Steering Group

The dates for the next meetings are:

Steering Group: 28 April in Sheffield

Clinical Advisory Group: 27 September in Sheffield

If you would like anything to be raised at either of these forums, please contact one of the representatives or a PICANet team member.

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