

### ***Annual Report***

Thanks to everyone for your hard work getting data in on time for the first PICANet Annual Report. If you haven't yet received your copy or would like any additional copies please contact

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Our next annual report will be based on data from January to December 2004 and will be published in April 2005.

### ***PICANet team news***

**Tim Chater** started working as the PICANet Database Manager at the end of 2003. He works with the data held on our server in Sheffield and is currently developing the new interim reports. He is also responsible for producing the validation reports sent to units every month.

Also welcome to **Krishnan Thiru** who has joined PICANet as the Pan Thames PICANet Coordinator. Krish is based at GOSH but will be travelling around all of the Pan Thames PICUs (St Mary's, St Georges', Lewisham, Royal Brompton, Guy's, Brighton, Addenbrookes, King's College, and Great Ormond Street) on a regular basis. He will be involved with facilitating data collection and data transmission.

Co-director, **Gareth Parry** has returned to Sheffield after a year working in the US as a Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Children's Hospital, Boston and Harvard School of Public Health. He was examining how patient safety can be improved in paediatric settings.

### ***PICANet Team - contact information***

Each unit has now been allocated their own PICANet lead contact (in the case of London units this will be Krish and one other team member). Your unit's contact will visit you twice a year to carry out data validation and should be the first point of contact for any questions or problems you may have. If you are not sure who your contact is, please email Gill Ryder at [g.ryder@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:g.ryder@sheffield.ac.uk). Alternatively the whole team can be contacted at [picanet@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:picanet@sheffield.ac.uk).

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### ***Information Leaflets and posters***

Please remember that, in order for PICANet to maintain our exemption provided under the Health and Social Care Act 2001, your unit should be displaying posters informing patients and parents/carers about the PICANet project. Our information leaflets should also be given out to every patient. We have leaflets for parents/carers and children. Translations are also available in Urdu, Punjabi, Gujarati, Bengali, Hindi and Welsh.

To order posters or leaflets please contact:

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### *Annual Meeting*

We hope all those who attended our first annual meeting at the Royal Statistical Society on 24 June enjoyed the day and found the presentations interesting.

We gave out evaluation questionnaires on the day and below are a few typical comments:

- People generally seemed happy with the venue and enjoyed the food, although some did ask for hot drinks in future.
- Many said that having the annual reports prior to the meeting would have been helpful.
- There was a feeling from audit staff that the second half of the day was less relevant to them.
- It would be interesting to have more information on how PICANet is being used by PICUs locally.

Another meeting will be arranged next year following the publication of the second report.

Hopefully, the problems which lead to delays in production and printing of our first report have now been resolved, so that the next report will be delivered in plenty of time.

We will be taking all your comments into consideration when planning the next meeting and would still welcome any further feedback, particularly on the format of the day or suggestions of possible speakers.

### *Validation Reports*

Units are now receiving monthly validation reports. Hopefully you are not finding them too much work, but here are some tips which may help reduce their size:

- If you cannot find a time of admission for a child to your unit, record the time the first observations were charted.
- 70% of errors are caused by missing values - if the information is genuinely 'not known' rather than missing enter "99" or "999" etc.
- Sending in your data to the server on a regular basis will result in shorter reports.

### *New Software*

We have been taking note of all your comments about the current version of the PICANet software and are in the process of finalising a new version together with new data collection forms.

### *Clinical Advisory Group and Steering Group*

The PICANet Clinical Advisory Group and Steering Group both meet twice a year. If you would like anything raised at either of these forums, please contact one of the representatives or a PICANet team member.

The Steering Group is next meeting on 2 November 2004 and the Clinical Advisory Group in spring 2005.