

We are delighted to announce that the **2016 PICANet Annual Meeting** will be taking place in central **Birmingham** at The Studio on **Wednesday 2nd November 2016 from 10-4pm.** Please make sure to add this date to your diaries!

Please register your attendance at: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/picanet-annual-meeting-2016-tickets-25234156040
Further information on the 2016 PICANet Annual Meeting can be found on the PICANet website at http://www.picanet.org.uk/Annual-Meeting/.

ANNUAL DATASET FREEZE 2016

The PICANet dataset was frozen on March 31st 2016 for the next PICANet Annual Report which is under way.

If you have any questions regarding the database please contact **Lee Norman** on **0113 343 8125** or email Lee at l.j.norman@leeds.ac.uk.

STAFF AT PICANET

We welcome Sophie Butler as Interim Project Officer based at the University of Leeds. Sophie is working three days a week to cover part of Jodie's role.

We say farewell to Sarah Fleming who has moved to a new post within the University of Leeds. We wish her all the best for the future.

In February the Leicester team relocated to the new Centre for Medicine at the University of Leicester and will be joined by Tracy Harris, Research Assistant, in June 2016.

'Your Experience Counts' —PIC Families Questionnaire

The 'Survey of Parental Experience during admission of your child to the paediatric intensive care unit (PICU)'; was again distributed during February 2016 in units across the UK and Ireland. The second phase of distribution will take place in July 2016.

The questionnaire was given to parents and carers by unit staff when the child's discharge from PICU was anticipated. Thank you to unit staff for distributing the questionnaires.

Analysis of the information returned in 2015 is ongoing and we will send the unit reports to you as soon as possible. If you have any queries please contact Caroline Lamming, PICANet Research Nurse on 0116 252 5414 or by email on crl4@leicester.ac.uk





We are offering PIC staff the opportunity to **write an abstract** for the Annual Meeting in November 2016. We would like submissions in the following categories:

- 1. PIC Families
- 2. Analysis of PICANet Data for audit or research
- 3. PIC Nursing

Abstracts should be 300 words or less.

From the submissions, three winning abstract authors judged on scientific merit/interest will be chosen to **speak at the Annual Meeting and we will pay travel costs.** We will also be inviting poster submissions to be displayed at the Annual Meeting venue. Deadline for submissions is 1stAugust 2016.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LAY REPRESENTATIVES

Do you know a parent or carer who would like to help the PIC Families Group improve paediatric intensive care for families?

PICANet are **seeking lay representatives** to join the **Paediatric Intensive Care Families Group**; the representatives are parents or carers, with experience of involvement with a child on the paediatric intensive care unit. Membership of the PIC Families Group includes representatives from PICANet, PICU Nursing and Medical staff and parent/carer representatives. Further information about the PIC Families Group can be found on the PICANet website - www.picanet.org.uk.

Meetings are held 2-3 times per year for approximately 3hrs commencing at midday, usually at the University of Leicester. No specialist knowledge is needed but experience of paediatric intensive care as a parent or carer within the last 10 years is requested. All travel expenses and additional expenses reasonably incurred (i.e. child care) by attending meetings may be reimbursed.

If you know a parent or carer who may be interested please contact **Caroline Lamming**, PICANet Research Nurse: Tel: **0116 2525414** or by email: crl4@leicester.ac.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- The 2016 PICANet Annual Meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 2nd November 2016 in Birmingham. The deadline to book your place on the Annual Meeting is the 9th September 2016, please visit www.picanet.org.uk/Annual-Meeting/ for more details. Book your place at EventBrite http://www.eventbrite.com/e/picanet-annual-meeting-2016-tickets-25234156040
- The 30th Paediatric Intensive Care Society (PICS) Annual Conference is **3-5**th October **2016** in Southampton. For information visit http://www.picsmeeting.com/
- The next PICANet Steering Group meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th July at Friends Meeting House, London.
- The PICANet Clinical Advisory Group (CAG) meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21st September at The Studio in Birmingham

The PICANet Audit is commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) as part of the National Clinical Audit Programme (NCA). HQIP is led by a consortium of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, the Royal College of Nursing and National Voices. Its aim is to promote quality improvement, and in particular to increase the impact that clinical audit has on healthcare quality in England and Wales. HQIP holds the contract to manage and develop the NCA Programme, comprising more than 30 clinical audits that cover care provided to people with a wide range of medical, surgical and mental health conditions. The PICANet Audit is funded by NHS England, NHS Wales, NHS Lothian/National Service Division NHS Scotland, and the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, The National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA), Republic of Ireland and HCA Healthcare.