

Statement regarding PICANet National Reports 2019

During 2019 the Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network (PICANet) reviewed its reporting processes and the value of some of the annual reports produced. Each year PICANet produces a full summary report document and a more detailed tables and figures document covering the whole of the UK and Republic of Ireland. This focuses on reporting on care provided by the unit patients are admitted to or the critical transport service managing the referral and transport of the patient.

From this extensive, granular information national commissioners can easily identify the units / transport teams within their country to evaluate the service and the care quality provided within their region. To assist with this a number of data items are also aggregated and presented by country of admission. The full report also details a number of metrics based on the usual country of residence for the patient to allow national commissioners to understand some of the epidemiology of the patients resident within their country.

In addition to the above; PICANet have in previous years reproduced a number of other tables based on children resident in the devolved nations and Republic of Ireland as part of separate National Reports. However, the figures were generally broadly similar to the main summary report, there was no benchmarking with units outside of each nation and, for residents treated outside of their country, this often resulted in relatively small numbers which brought into question how meaningful this data was. Furthermore, the small numbers involved required small number suppression prior to publication in order to render the report anonymous, further reducing the value of some of the tables.

PICANet therefore agreed with all national funders and clinical leads that they would continue to produce the wealth of data relating to care provided in each country and the epidemiological data relating to residents of each nation within the main report (published in autumn each year) but that **production of separate National Reports would cease with effect from 2019** *. This will allow PICANet to focus its efforts on continuous improvements to the main report and real-time reporting to the benefit of all parties.

* With the exception of Republic of Ireland with whom this agreement was reached with effect from the 2018 Annual Report