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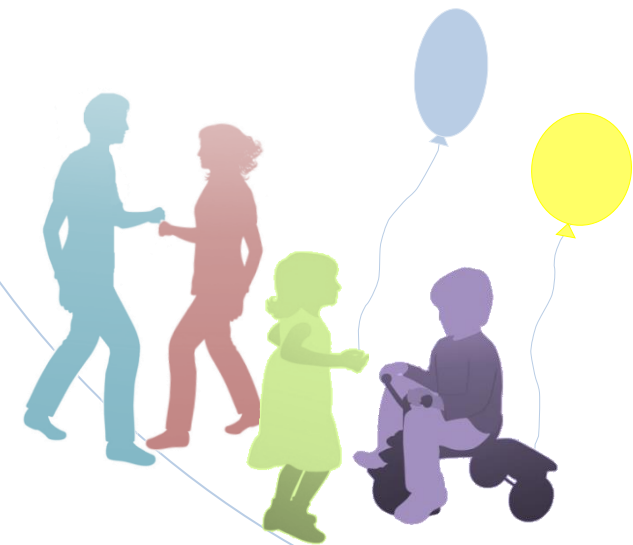
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## Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network



Information leaflet for children  
admitted to paediatric intensive care.

## What is a paediatric intensive care unit?

This is a children's hospital ward where very poorly children are looked after by lots of special doctors and nurses who work together to help every child. It can also be called a children's intensive care unit.

## What is PICANet?

PICANet is a project, paid for by the Government and hospitals, run by the Universities of Leeds and Leicester.

## What does PICANet do?

PICANet collects lots of information about how children are looked after in children's intensive care units in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. We also collect information if you are moved to a different children's intensive care unit.

## Why is PICANet important?

We need this information, so that we can try and help to improve the care of all children who are looked after in children's intensive care.

## What information is needed?

Information about you, such as your name, your birthday and your hospital number, helps us to follow your progress whilst you are being looked after in children's intensive care. We also collect information about why you are in hospital and how you are looked after.

## How is information collected?

Doctors and nurses put information from your hospital notes onto a computer in the hospital and send it to the University of Leeds, where it is kept on a main computer. PICANet collects the same information on all children who are looked after in children's intensive care. We get information on a lot of children, over 19,000 each year. This means that we can look at what is happening across the whole country and not just in your hospital.

## What happens to my information?

The information is used to write reports which help doctors and nurses to decide the best way to look after children who need intensive care. No-one will be able to tell that your details are in

the report, because we do not use any names or details that could identify you.

## Will the information be safe?

All information is kept in a safe room on a computer. No-one can see the information, unless it is their job to look. Please see the [PICANet Privacy and Fair Processing statement](#) available on our Policies page of the PICANet website- [www.picanet.org.uk](http://www.picanet.org.uk)

## Do I have to be included?

If you do not want information that would identify you included in PICANet, please tell the nurse or doctor caring for you. If you want, you can contact PICANet by telephone or email (details provided below) and we will ensure that your personal data is taken off the database. You are free to withdraw at any time and any decision to withdraw will not alter the care you receive in this or any other hospital.

