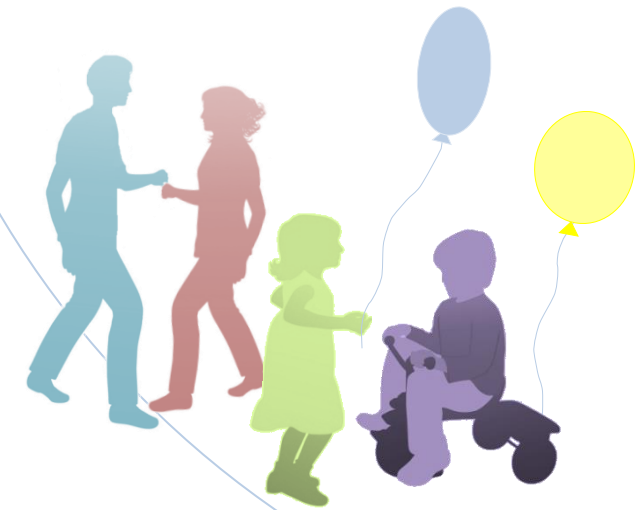




Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network



Information leaflet for children
admitted to paediatric intensive care

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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, run by the Universities of Leeds and Leicester. In Ireland funding is provided by the National Office of Clinical Audit Ireland (NOCA).

What does PICANet do?

PICANet collects lots of information about how children are looked after in children's intensive care units in Ireland and the United Kingdom. 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. Personal information like your name and address are not sent outside the hospital. 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 Ireland and the United Kingdom 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.

Do I have to be included?

No, if you do not want your information to be included in the project, please tell your doctor or nurse. They will then make sure that no personal details are sent to PICANet.

Your decision will not change how you are looked after in this or any other hospital.

