During the pandemic, PICUs were repurposed to receive and care for adult patients

- 52% accepted adult patients
- 61% exceeded funded capacity
- 55% redeployed medical and nursing personnel
- 6% relocated children to other areas

The fall in paediatric admissions was seen across nearly all diagnostic groups, most notably respiratory admissions, down by 43%

The only rise was in endocrine/metabolic admissions, up by 19%

The proportion of children admitted to non-cardiac PICUs in England with diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) more than doubled in 2020 compared with the average from the previous decade

Characteristics of children admitted to PICU with COVID-19 and/or PIMS-TS

COVID-19 and PIMS-TS patients had a higher median age compared with all admissions

Compared with all admissions there was a higher proportion of COVID-19 patients from Asian and Black communities