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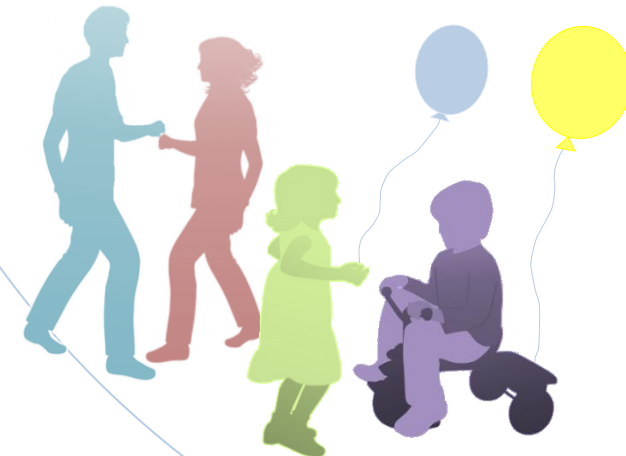
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# PICANet



## Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network



Information leaflet for children  
admitted to a Level 2 paediatric critical  
care unit

## What is a Level 2 paediatric critical 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 critical care unit.

## What is PICANet?

PICANet is a project that collects lots of information on children who are admitted to a paediatric (children's) critical care service.

## 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 critical care.

## 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, who keep it safe.

## What information is collected?

PICANet collects the same information on all children who are looked after in children's critical care. Information about you, such as your name, birthday and hospital number, helps us to follow your progress through children's critical care. We also collect information about why you are in hospital and how you are looked after.

## What will my information be used for?

The information is used to write reports which help doctors and nurses to decide the best way to look after children who need critical 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 my information be safe?

All information is kept in a very safe way on a secure 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?

The National Data Opt-Out allows you to stop the sharing of information from your medical notes. This does not apply to PICANet data because this information is used to find out the best way to look after very poorly children.

However, if you do not want information that would identify you included in PICANet, please tell the nurse or doctor caring for you or contact PICANet by email (details are on the other side of this leaflet). We will ensure that this information is taken off the database. You are free to do this at any time and it will not change the care you receive in any hospital.

