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Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network
Level 2 Critical Care

Information Leaflet for families and carers of children admitted to Level 2 Paediatric Critical Care

What does PICANet do?

PICANet is a project helping to continually improve how we treat and care for very sick children.

You don't need to do anything for your child to be included.

Why is PICANet important?

Paediatric critical care units collect information during your child's admission. We use this information to identify the best treatment and care for children. This will enable the NHS to plan and continue to provide high quality services in the future.

How is PICANet funded?

NHS England funds the PICANet Level 2 critical care audit to collect data from participating Level 2 critical care units (also sometimes called High Dependency Units) in England.

How is this information collected?

A member of staff records information about your child's condition or illness from their medical notes. This information is then entered onto the PICANet database.

What information is collected?

Personal details, like name and date of birth, help us to follow your child's progress if they are moved to another unit. Information about your child's care, treatment and condition is also collected. We can use your postcode to help plan future paediatric critical care services in your area.

Will the information be safe?

We send and receive all information in a very safe way and the University of Leeds keep it stored confidentially in a secure electronic environment. No one can see the information, unless it is their job to do so.

Please see the 'PICANet Privacy and Fair Processing Statement' available on our Policies page of the PICANet website www.picanet.org.uk

What are the benefits of collecting this data?

This data helps the NHS to know what to expect and to be better prepared. For example, during busy periods for Level 2 services.

PICANet's national data collection means that we can look at what is happening all over the country and not just in this hospital.

Does my child have to be included?

The National Data Opt-Out is not applied to PICANet data received from English paediatric critical care services. This is because the absence of even one child's data can lead to inaccurate conclusions.

However, if you do not want information included which would identify your child, please tell the nurse or doctor caring for your child or contact PICANet (details provided overleaf). We will ensure that information that identifies your child is removed from the database.

You are free to withdraw any information that identifies your child at any time. The decision to withhold this information will not alter the care your child receives in this or any other hospital.

Please note that your child's anonymised information will remain in the PICANet clinical audit database to enable the NHS to plan and continue to provide high quality services. For more information, please see the PICANet clinical audit and research database opt out policy on our website.