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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?

We use the information that the units already collect about children who are admitted to paediatric critical care (PCC) to find out the best ways to treat and care for children who are very ill. This will enable us 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 in order 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 details about your child's condition or illness from information in their medical notes during their Level 2 critical care stay. This information is then entered onto a computer, and securely sent to and stored by the University of Leeds.

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 PCC services in your area.

Will the information be safe?

We send and receive all information in a very safe way and 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?

Collecting this data helps the hospitals and the people who plan health services to know what to expect and to be better prepared, particularly when it comes to peaks in demand for Level 2 services such as during 'winter flu season'.

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?

If you do not want information, which would identify your child included in PICANet, please tell the nurse or doctor caring for your child.

Or contact PICANet by email (details provided overleaf) and we will ensure that your child's personal identifiers are removed from the database.

You are free to withdraw at any time and any decision to withdraw 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 national clinical audit database for non-research purposes. For more information please see the PICANet clinical audit and research database opt out policy on our website.

The National Data Opt-Out is not applied to data received from English paediatric critical care services. This is because the absence of even one child's data can change the findings and have implications in identifying varying levels of quality of care across England.