

What does PICANet do?

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

Why is PICANet important?

Paediatric intensive care units, Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) treatment teams and transport organisations collect information during your child's admission, referral or transport to paediatric critical care. We use this information to identify the best treatment and care for children.

Will the information be safe?

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

This Paediatric Critical Care Transport Service collects data for



Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network

An international database of paediatric critical care in the United Kingdom and Ireland run by the Universities of Leeds & Leicester

How can I find out more information?

Talk to the doctors and nurses during the transport or on admission to the PICU who can provide you with an information leaflet. Or speak to PICANet staff directly on 0113 3438125, email picanet@leeds.ac.uk, or visit our website: www.picanet.org.uk

Does my child have to be included in the clinical audit database?

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

Does my child have to be included in the research database?

No. PICANet applies the National Data Opt-Out to the research database for data received from English hospitals in line with national guidance. Therefore, you do not need to contact PICANet if you have set a National Data Opt-Out. This will mean that your child's data will not be included in any approved research projects.

If you have NOT set a National Data Opt-Out but do not want any of the data about your child to be used for approved research purposes please contact PICANet.

Can I opt out of my child's personally identifiable information being included in PICANet?

Yes. 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. Your child's anonymised information will remain in the PICANet database. Any decision will not alter the care your child receives in any hospital.

