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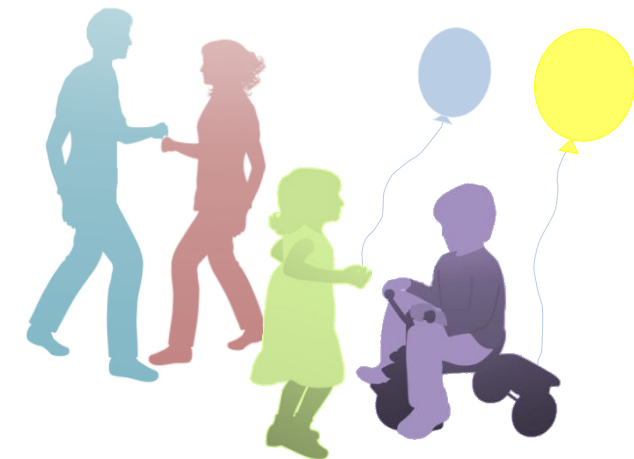


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## Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network



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 which 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, your birthday and your hospital number, helps us to follow your progress whilst you are being looked after in 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?

If you do not want information that would identify you included in PICANet, please tell the nurse or doctor caring for you. Or you can contact PICANet by email (details provided on the other side of this leaflet) and we will ensure that your personal identifiers are taken off the database.

You are free to withdraw at any time and any decision to withdraw will not alter the care you receive in this or any other hospital.

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

