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Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network



Information leaflet for children
admitted to paediatric critical care

What is a 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 intensive or critical care unit.

What is PICANet?

PICANet is a project which collects lots of information about how children are looked after in children's critical care units in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland. We also collect information if you are moved to another children's critical care unit or receive a treatment called Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO).

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.

PICANet can also support approved research projects into 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 journey 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?

PICANet collects information from all the children's critical care units. We get information on a lot of children, over 19,000 each year. This means that we can look at what is happening across the whole country and not just in this hospital.

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 reports, 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 website www.picanet.org.uk for more information.

Do I have to be included?

Yes, and you don't need to do anything to be included in the clinical audit because your 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 removed from the database.

If you do not want any of your data to be used for approved research projects, you can speak to the nurse or doctor caring for you or contact PICANet.

You are free to do this at any time and it will not change the care you receive in any hospital.

