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Launch of the **NAPICU CAMHS PICU/Low Secure Clinical Network**

Over the years, professional colleagues working within the CAMHS arena have approached NAPICU for support, guidance and information. This led to our collaborative work in developing and publishing the National Minimum Standards for CAMHS PICUs in 2014 and hosting a number of Quarterly Meetings focusing on the unique challenges encountered within CAMHS inpatient services. Further requests have led us to develop and launch a National Clinical Network aimed at supporting CAMHS PICU and Low Secure services.

The NAPICU CAMHS PICU Clinical Network will provide a forum for those associated with or working within CAMHS PICU and Low Secure environments to discuss, share and advance good practice under the auspices of the National Association of Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (NAPICU). The Clinical Network will provide clinical leadership and advice to support an integrated approach to achieve quality and safety improvements in practice and improved outcomes of care for children and young people and their parents /carers.

The Clinical Network will facilitate the bringing together of clinicians, professionals, organisations and the patient's voice, to deliver; case discussions, learning opportunities and practice sharing aimed at continuous quality improvements encompassing a drive to contribute to national debate and the published literature. It will promote the development and delivery of best practice in CAMHS PICU/Low Secure service, evidenced based care, with an emphasis on equitable, consistent high-quality service provision and a seamless transition in care across the whole patient pathway.

The Clinical Network will also;

- ✓ Provide support, advice and recommendations to the NAPICU Executive Committee, including information from horizon scanning, to support the development, delivery and assurance of safe clinically and cost-effective whole pathways of care.
- ✓ Endorse relevant clinical guidelines, policies and procedures for recommended use within CAMHS PICU/Low Secure.
- ✓ Ensure a coordinated approach to stakeholder engagement in the improvement agenda for CAMHS PICU/Low Secure.
- ✓ Ensure clinical engagement, influence and the patient's voice is at the heart of the group's activities through meaningful participation.

The Clinical Network will meet 4 times a year, hosted by a member organization and members will have access to an online resource for discussion and exchanges of information, via the NAPICU website.

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