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12TH JUNE PICS ANP MEETING ROYAL BROMPTON HOSPITAL

Present:

- Chair: Matthew Smith (RBH PICU)
 - Claire Fraser (GOSH PICU)
 - Matt Gasson (PICU Oxford)
 - Helena Sampaio (RBH PICU)
 - Jennifer Armstrong (RBH PICU)
 - Michaela Dixon (WATCH Bristol)
 - Colin Veal (WATCH Bristol)
 - Grace Banks (GOSH CICU)
 - Charlotte T-J (GOSH CICU)
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- Last meeting minutes reviewed, no changes suggested.
 - Update on PICS ANP website and if suggested changes send them to Cathy.
 - Since the last meeting in October 2016, has there been any update on the job description development and feedback from PICS.
 - Is there a research group/lead for research in our group? There are many research opportunities that could be considered. Please send forward suggestions or current research projects to the group.

Discussion on role of PICS ANP group

- Need for a supportive framework in the group
- Advocate for the importance for non-clinical time to be provided for education and professional development.
- Discuss on the challenges of the ANP role in clinical practice, the difficulty in training and maintaining clinical competencies. The group can contribute with training and development programs for ANPs. The JD is also crucial to standardize the role
- The competencies should be defined for Paediatric Critical Care and should contemplate hospital based ANP and RNP (or mixed roles) as the level of expertise required should be similar.
- The group discussed the need for a definition as to the source of funding for training and professionals, as well as corresponding Band payment.
- The PICS ANP group should have a strong voice in defending the role and training conditions and career development for ANP, advocating it forward to the RCN and NMC. It is crucial to have a defined scope to ensure legal cover in clinical practice.

Database for ANP/RNP

- We are an official sub-group on PICS. We should have an updated database for current ANPs and their contexts of practice in the UK.
- As a sub-group of PICS, could there be legal protection for our role.