

Paediatric Intensive Care Society 'Endorsement' Policy

Context:

PICS is frequently asked to 'endorse' projects that generally fall into 3 categories:

- Digital and print publications, guidelines, policies, position statements, consultation responses, and mobile applications by other organisations
- Educational courses or content by other organisations
- Meetings by other organisations

This policy outlines 3 levels of 'support' (joint venture, endorsement, support); the criteria required to meet these; and the process for both application and decision-making.

Levels of support:

Joint venture

A joint venture is defined as one in which PICS is involved from the start of the project and is represented throughout all stages of the project. A service level agreement e.g. joint working party agreement or memorandum of understanding, might be required in such a venture. The final product will always be submitted to PICS Council for final approval.

In such projects a joint venture implies the following:

- The title of the product will make it clear that it is a joint venture with PICS
- The project will bear the logo of PICS alongside those of other organisations involved in the project.
- PICS may choose to issue publicity in promotion of product
- The project may be promoted through the PICS website or other platforms (e.g. twitter)

PICS Endorsement

PICS may endorse any project that meets the core aims of the society (to promote training, education, and research; to provide a forum for discussion; to provide specialist advice; and to provide a focus for paediatric intensive care in the UK). PICS might expect to be involved in the development of such projects where involvement implies an ability to influence content. Those responsible for endorsing the final product would be expected to scrutinise content line by line.

In such projects endorsement implies the following:

- A statement may be included in the final output that the project has been endorsed by PICS

- The project will bear the logo of PICS alongside those of other organisations involved in the project
- The project may be promoted through the PICS website or other platforms (e.g. twitter)

PICS Support

PICS may support any project that has wider relevance to the aims of the society and/or child health in general. PICS might not expect to have any involvement in such projects where involvement implies an ability to influence content but it is accepted that the content of such projects will not have been 'checked' line by line by council members.

In such projects support implies the following:

- A statement may be included in the final output that the project has been supported by PICS
- The project may be promoted through the PICS website

In situations when Council is asked to support relevant educational material the following approach and principles should apply:

- A medical and nurse/AHP member of Council will be nominated and asked to review and approve the material
- Such a review should ensure that the essential WHO and national safety standards are adhered to: [NHS Improvement National Safety Standards](#) . Such 'screening' will likely include mention of consent, ANTT good practice, safety briefs, sign-in/out checks but will need to pragmatically reflect the content of the educational material presented
- All such material will carry the following disclaimer:

"All educational material contained on this website is provided for information purposes only. Whilst PICS council has taken great care to check that the content of the material is accurate, up to date, and adheres to national standards, ultimately the user is responsible for the procedures performed. The Society will not be liable for any errors or injury arising from educational material made available on its website"

Process for application and decision-making

All requests for PICS 'endorsement' should be sent via email FAO Honorary Secretary to picsadmin@picsociety.uk with an explanation of the project and/or an electronic copy of the publication or other relevant material. Except for joint ventures the Hon Secretary will forward the communication to the officers with a recommendation requesting a decision within 20 working days. If unanimity not achieved by officers, a decision by consensus will be sought from Council. All requests that fall into the category of a joint venture will be automatically discussed at Council. Whilst agreement on endorsed and supported products may be made in the above manner, the final ratification of all decisions will be made at Council.