

Improving transparency of processes for accessing ICNARC data for research purposes

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The Intensive Care National Audit & Research Centre (ICNARC) is an independent, not-for-profit, scientific organisation working to improve the quality of critical care through audit, research and education.

As part of a wider website upgrade, we introduced a dedicated data services section of the website to help address the following **transparency standards**:

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Open application form and guidance

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Transparent application process and criteria

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Consider target audience

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Transparency of data use and auditing

Primary objective: To improve ICNARC’s data application processes and data use register using our new website.

Methods: To do this we:

held **patient and public** focus groups to get their input on the content for our **data use register**

used the **transparency standards** and the **Five Safes Framework** to further develop our data use register

worked with patients and the public to design an **infographic** to clearly communicate how **ICNARC data** are used

Results: The new data services area of our website meets HDR UK’s transparency standards and has allowed us to communicate how ICNARC data are used more clearly and efficiently.

examples of how our data are used

infographic developed with patient & public involvement

scan this QR code to access our new website:

Conclusion: With input from patients and the public, we updated our data access documents and processes to ensure transparency for those applying to use ICNARC data for research.