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REQUEST

Recently, you were contacted via email requesting that you participate in a survey regarding the current staffing situation across European Children's Hospitals. We would highly value your response and would like to kindly remind you to fill out the following online questionnaire.

You also find attached the online questionnaire in the form of a Word and PDF document which you can fill out and send back via email in case you prefer one of these formats rather than the online questionnaire.

Please see the information below regarding the objectives of our survey.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

We are a working group at the Tübingen Children's Hospital, Germany and are investigating the current staffing situation in European children's hospitals. With the increasing lack of qualified nurses and doctors in neonatal and paediatric intensive care units, providing adequate, child-orientated care whilst still fulfilling legal requirements is an ever-growing challenge for children's hospitals.

We believe recording current staffing levels in neonatal and paediatric intensive care units, and consequently making a Europe-wide comparison, to be essential in identifying existing difficulties. Through this, structural changes can be demanded from expert associations and governments.

Therefore, we have developed an online questionnaire. We would be extremely grateful if you or one of your colleagues could fill out the questionnaire below which will take approximately 10 minutes.

RESPONSE

We do not have an Intensive Care Unit on our Paediatric unit; only two High Dependency Beds.

Our Level 2 neonatal unit only undertakes short term Level 1 intensive care where necessary in order to stabilise and manage the baby and to support the transfer out to a regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Therefore the majority of the questions posed in this survey are not applicable to this Trust.