

There's No Place Like Home - A novel children's critical care service

Gold Coast HHS

Problem: Increasing numbers of sick children requiring high dependency and intensive care. Outgrowing previous solutions: HAU Children's ward, Adult ICU, Recovery post theatre, Emergency Department

Solution: The solution involved a three pronged approach that focussed on:

- Organisational factors planning & Implementation: Collaboration between clinicians, executives and all key stake holders involved caring for sick children
- Education: Simulation, Culture shared knowledge skill sets-TEAM, Accredited 6/12 training foundation/core ICU and PICU training
- Processes: Right Child, Right Place, Right time, Illness trajectories, Early identification in ED

Results:

- Safe and keeps families together
- Confirmed by ANZPICS data outcomes benchmarking to other ICU's
- High patient and family satisfaction
- Able to establish care of first long-term home vent patient outside Brisbane



