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Parental Experiences of Medical Education: An Education Research Project

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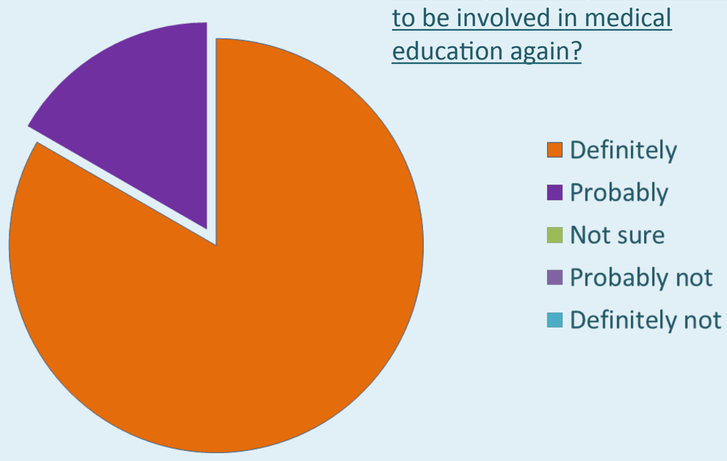
Aims and Study Design

•This study aimed to explore parental experiences and perceptions of their children being involved in medical education while admitted to PICU.
•Parents whose children had been involved in an educational video project on PICU from March –September 2017 were asked to complete a mixed qualitative and quantitative questionnaire about their experiences, and their perceptions of their children being involved in education.

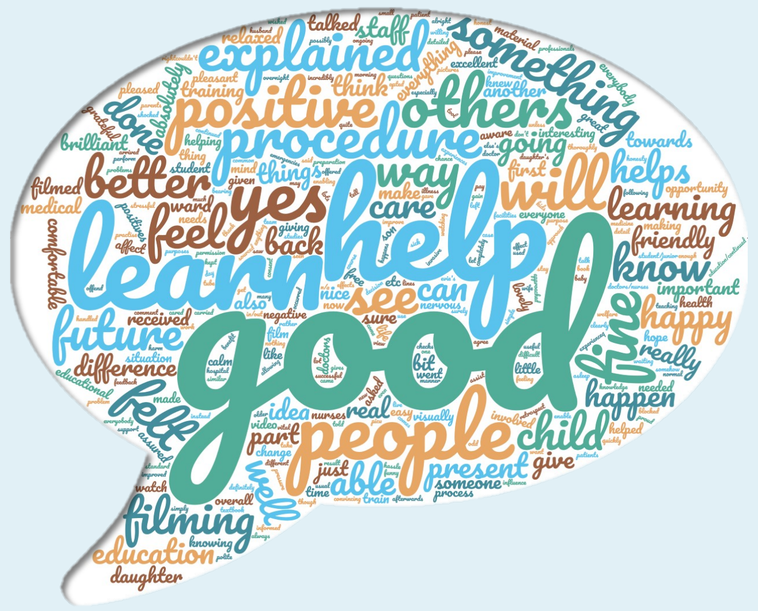
Results

- 30 parental questionnaires returned
- Very positive responses – no parent felt there were any negative effects of being involved in having their child filmed
- Main perceived benefit was in training future junior doctors/staff
- All parents said they would 'definitely' or 'probably' be happy to be involved again in future

In theory, would you ever allow your child to be involved in medical education again?



Parental Feedback



- 'I always feel it is good for people to learn and if we can help, it's like we're give something back after all the care my daughter has received'
- 'Education/continued learning is a vital part of medicine - everyone needs to learn!'

Conclusions

- Involving parents in a project to aid medical education was deemed positive by all the parents questioned
- Parents found the experience and opportunity to become involved in medical education a 'rewarding' experience, even at a time of immense stress.
- All parents would be happy to be involved in medical education in the future
- Despite the challenging situation parents find themselves in when they have a child in PICU, there was a strongly positive response to helping aid medical education.

Future Research

- Does parental involvement in projects on PICU improve their overall experience whilst their child is on the unit?
- How could we involve parents in further teaching projects?

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