Table 2 Sample characteristics

 n */*median % /IQR

Parents (n=107a)

 Male gender 39 (36%)

 Age group (years)

 18-29 19 (18%)

30-34 37 (34%)

 35-39 23 (21%)

 40-44 13 (12%)

 >=45 16 (15%)

Ethnicity

 White British 91 (85%)

Relationship status(n=104)

 Single parent 9 (8%)

Home owner 63 (59%)

Educated beyond age of 16y(n=93) 78 (84%)

Previous PICU experience 34 (32%)

Pre-existing stressors 56 (52%)

Previous mental health problems(n=105) 54 (51%)

Children (n=75a)

 Male gender 40 (53%)

 Age (years) 1.3 (0.3-8.4)

 Length of stay (days) 6.1 (4.9-10.9)

 Days ventilated(n=74) 4.6 (3.4-7.6)

Emergency admission 67 (89%)

Illness severity (PIM-2) 3.2 (1.1-5.5)

Type of admission

 Respiratory 25 (33%)

 Neurology 19 (25%)

 Surgical 13 (17%)

 Oncology 3 (4%)

 Sepsis 2 (3%)

 Trauma 1 (1%)

IQR=interquartile range; PIM-2=Paediatric Index of Mortality-2; aunless otherwise stated