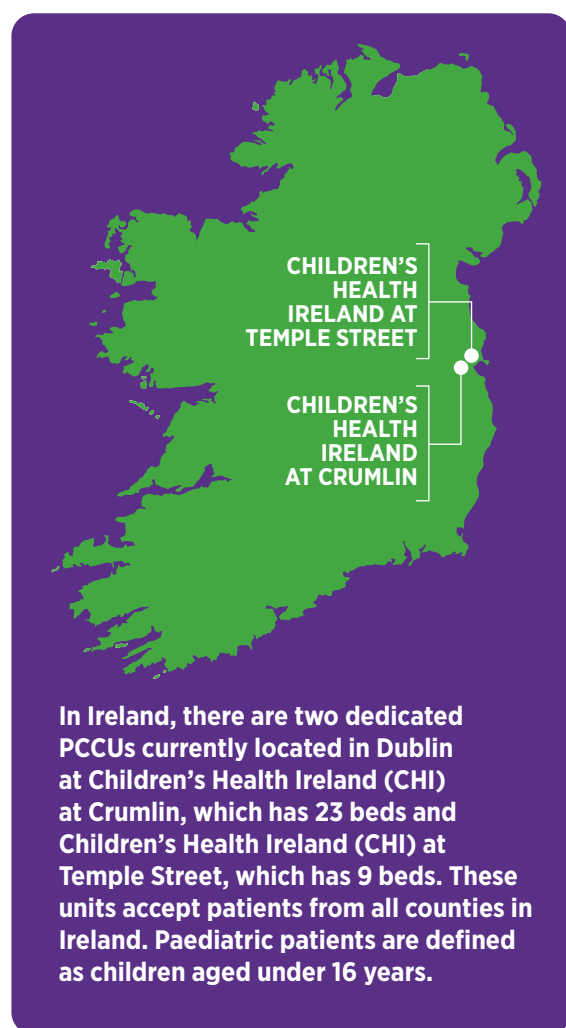


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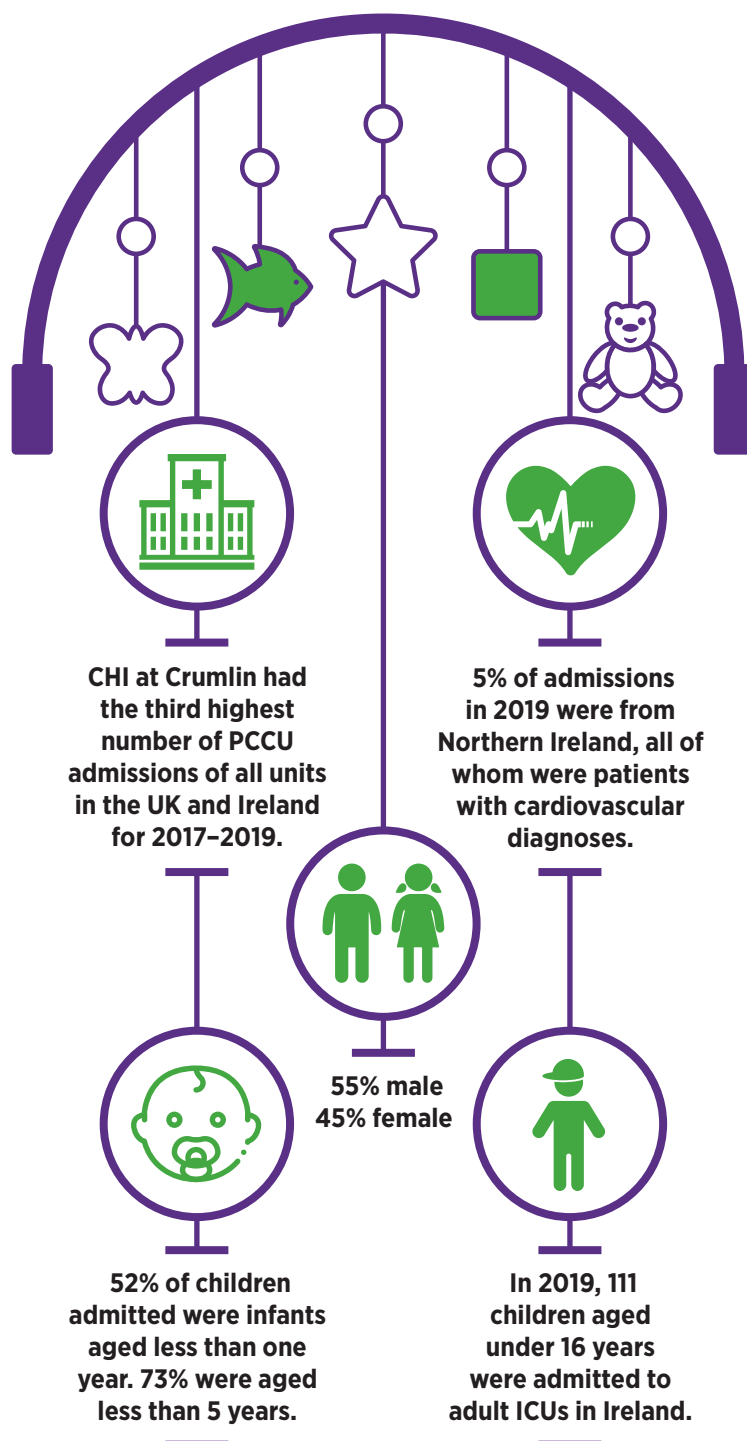
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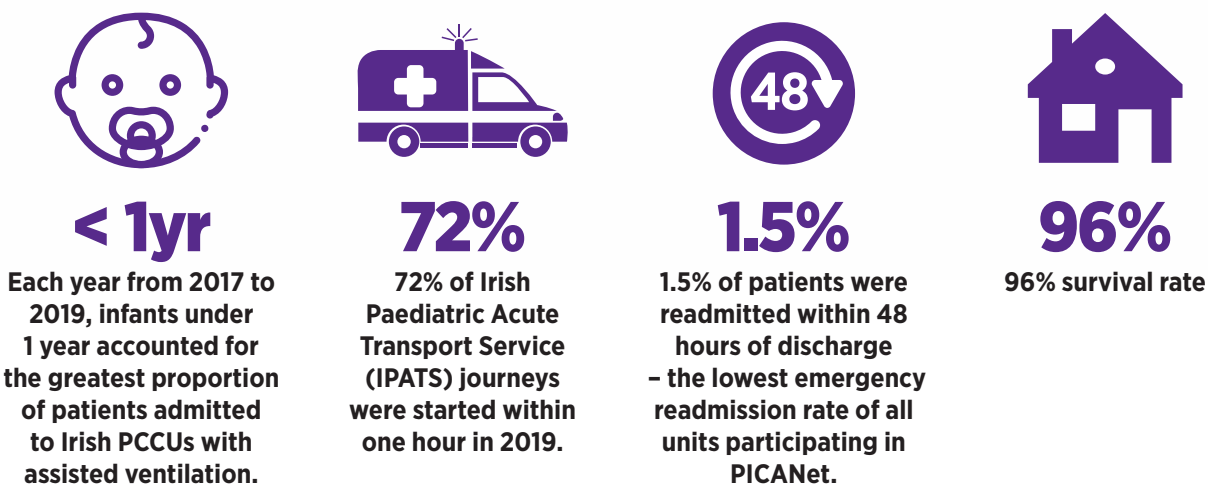
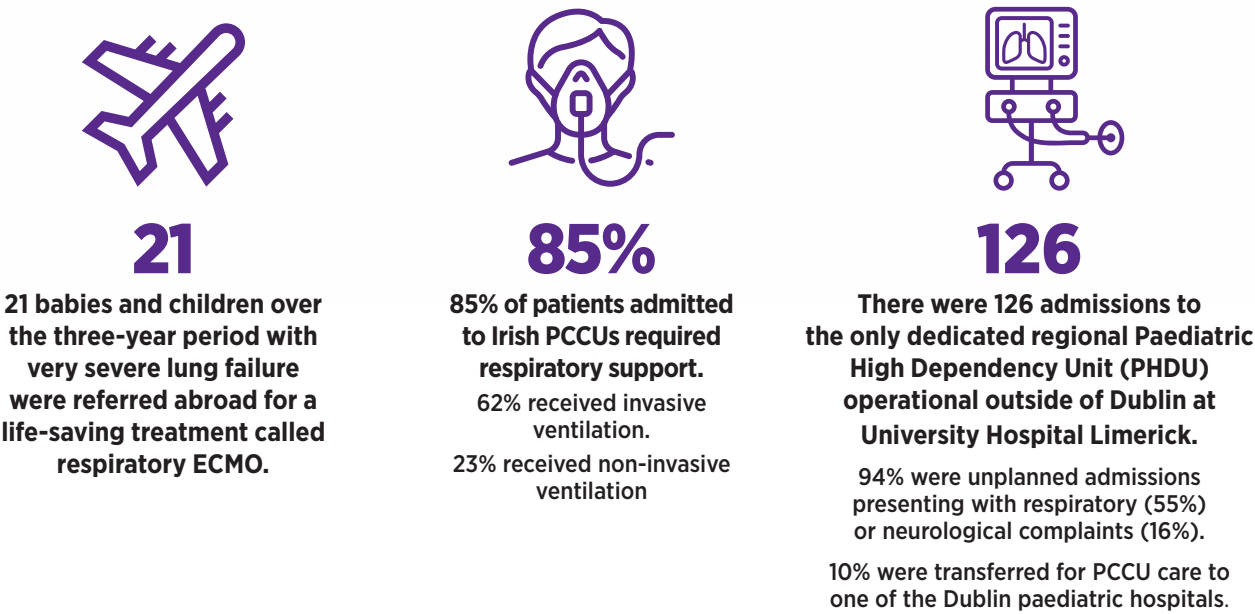
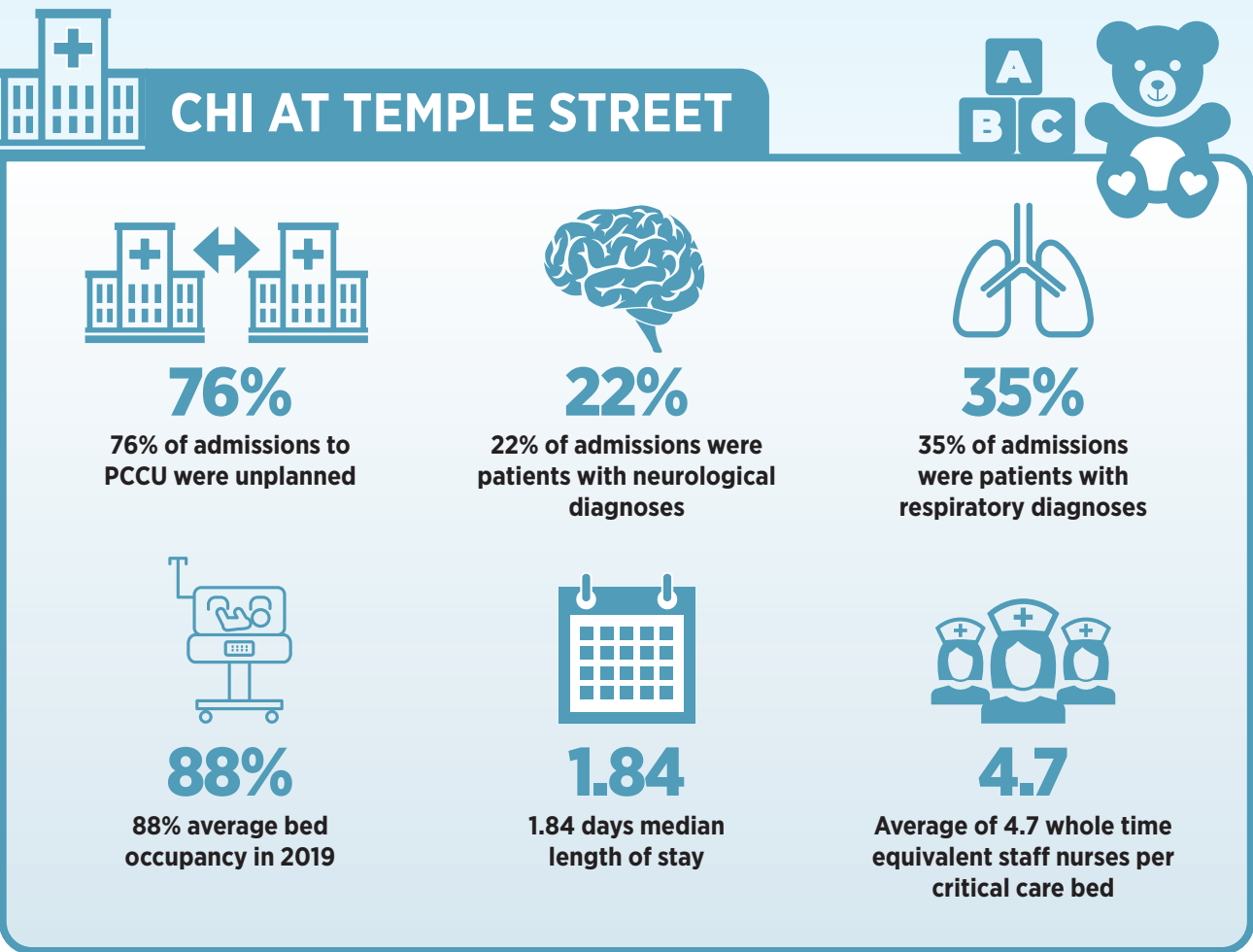
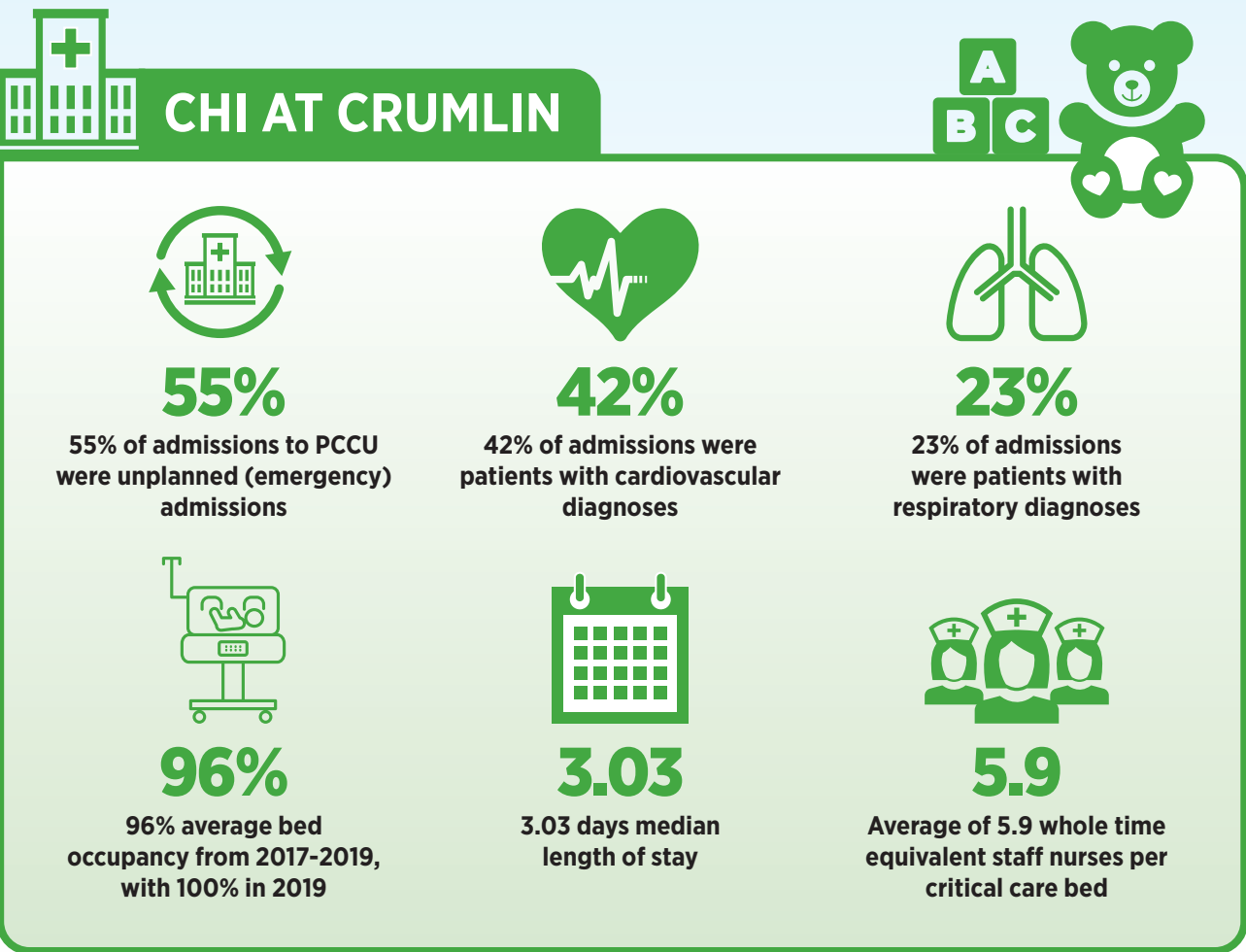
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* Patients aged 16 years or over comprised 83 additional admissions to paediatric intensive care units in Ireland during 2017-2019.









KEY FINDINGS

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KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

		<p>Children's Health Ireland should use the data in the national report to work with the Health Service Executive (HSE) to inform the planning and implementation of adequate measures for optimising bed capacity in the Paediatric Critical Care Units in the Republic of Ireland (ROI) This will help to prevent the cancellation of planned procedures.</p>
		<p>Children's Health Ireland and the National Ambulance Service - Critical Care & Retrieval Services should operationally enable the extension and development of the Irish Paediatric Acute Transport Service to a 24-hour 7-day-per-week centralised transport service (CTS). This will help to ensure that a specialised paediatric retrieval team transfers all critically ill children.</p>
		<p>Future development of the Irish Paediatric Critical Care Audit should be guided by a review of the scope and governance of the national clinical audit. This should incorporate a review of procedures for collection and recording of data and including additional detailed data which will greatly add to the national overview of paediatric critical care.</p>

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PATIENT AND PUBLIC INTEREST REPRESENTATIVE

In 2021 I became a Patient and Public Interest Representative for NOCA, working in particular on the Irish Paediatric Critical Care Audit. My experience of ICU for paediatrics is as a parent of a child who has had a number of stays in ICU at Children's Health Ireland (CHI), Crumlin. I am the proud mother of a 10 year old son with a serious congenital heart defect and due to his condition, we have experienced the ICU journey and all the emotions, trauma, highs and lows that go with it.

I am an active member of Heart Children Ireland, a charity that supports children and their families in Ireland who are coping with heart disease. Through my involvement with Heart Children Ireland, I was asked to be a patient representative on this audit. It is my privilege to be an advocate for families in Ireland of children who are exposed to ICU. As parents, we are the voice for our children. I am eager to enhance the clinical information gathered by sharing the experience, emotional effects and the needs of parents and children in ICU in Ireland. I believe that by marrying statistical data with this experiential narrative we can make ICU a less scary and more comfortable place for our children and their families.

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