

## Right Patient Right Blood Guidance

In November 2006 the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) released the safer practice notice *Right Patient Right Blood*. In June 2007 the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in Northern Ireland endorsed the principles outlined in the *Right Patient Right Blood* notice. There is now an **absolute requirement** for all HSC Trusts in Northern Ireland to ensure that those staff involved in any stage of the blood transfusion process have received training in respect of the safety and quality standards of *Right Patient Right Blood* and have been deemed competent in respect of same where appropriate.

It is **your responsibility** to ensure that you have received the **theory and practical competency assessment** of the *Right Patient Right Blood* requirements relevant to your role.

Medical staff should also have read the SHSCT Blood Transfusion policy prior to completing the following.

### **TRAINING**

All staff involved in the blood transfusion process, including staff involved in authorising (providing written instruction) Blood Components, must have completed Haemovigilance training every three years.

Medical staff should access the e-learning program (LearnProNHS) on [learnPro NHS - Login \(learnprouk.com\)](https://learnpro.nhs.uk/) and complete the following Learn Blood Transfusion (LBT) modules:

- **LBT: Safe Transfusion Practice** (*LBT: Safe Transfusion Practice for Paediatrics also available if working in Paediatrics*)
- **LBT: Blood Components and Indications for Use**
- **LBT: Consent for Transfusion**

### **COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT**

There are four competencies relating to the blood transfusion process and **staff involved in these activities** must have competency assessments completed every three years:-

- Competency 1: Obtaining a pre-transfusion sample.
- Competency 2: Organising delivery / receipt of a Blood Component.
- Competency 3: Collecting a Blood Component for transfusion. Portering staff only to complete.
- Competency 4: Administration of a Blood Component.

Competency assessments are a practical assessment undertaken by a trained 'Assessor'. All Wards/Departments have trained Assessors who are able to undertake competency assessments or alternatively medical staff can book an assessment with Sara Martin or Bronagh O'Neill, Haemovigilance Practitioners via email [sara.martin@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:sara.martin@southerntrust.hscni.net) or [bronaghc.oneill@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:bronaghc.oneill@southerntrust.hscni.net).

The e-learning modules and the practical competency assessments are transferable between Trusts.

Please note that it is your individual responsibility to ensure that these competencies do not lapse.

We are sure you will appreciate the responsibility we each carry to ensure that our practice in respect of blood transfusion is of the highest standard. We would therefore appreciate your immediate attention to ensure that you have completed this mandatory training.