GUIDELINE

Blood and Blood Products: Administration

Scope (Staff): Nursing and Medical Staff
Scope (Area): NICU KEMH, NICU PCH, NETS WA

Child Safe Organisation Statement of Commitment
CAHS commits to being a child safe organisation by applying the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. This is a commitment to a strong culture supported by robust policies and procedures to reduce the likelihood of harm to children and young people.

This document should be read in conjunction with this disclaimer

For NICU KEMH Refer to
- Blood Products (Neonates)

For NICU Ward 3B PCH Refer to
- Red Cells (RC) Prescribing, Ordering and Administration
- Blood and Blood Products: Checking and Administration

Consumer Information
- Blood transfusion for your baby

Key Points
- Signed consent must be obtained.
- Parent/carer to be notified prior to administration of any blood or blood products.
- Ensure Newborn Blood Spot screening that is required at 48-72 hours has been completed prior to the administration of any red blood cells.

Directed Donation
There is no evidence that blood from Directed Donors is any safer than blood from Anonymous Volunteer Donors attending the Australian Red Cross Blood Service (ARCBS). In fact, there is both anecdotal and published evidence to the contrary.
- Directed donation is not available at KEMH or PCH