



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

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