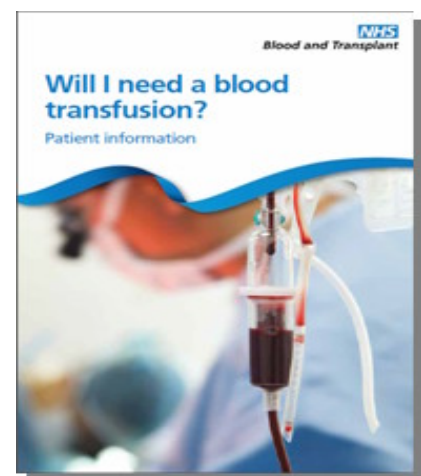



Implementation of a 'sticker system' to document consent for blood transfusion

Following guidelines set out by the Department of Health's Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO, 2011), South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is keen to introduce a system that allows clinicians to easily and effectively document when they have spoken with the patient about the risks and benefits of transfusion, gained the patient's consent and, where appropriate, provided the patient with an information leaflet.



All patients receiving elective (non-emergency) transfusions should have a sticker placed in their medical records to demonstrate they have given their consent to receive the transfusion, have had the risks and benefits of the transfusion explained to them and, where appropriate, have been provided with an information booklet.

The stickers are to be placed in the patient's clinical records (clinical history sheet) on completion.

NB. Stickers must NEVER be placed on the front cover of clinical records.

Please remember, this project is designed to ensure we are following **recommended best practice**. It is hoped to be as **user friendly** as possible for busy clinicians and, above all, to ensure that **patients benefit** from receiving timely information about the risks and benefits of transfusion before giving their consent.

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For further details on the SaBTO recommendations please see
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