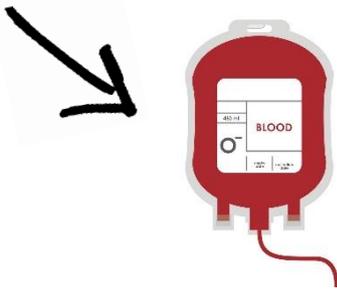




## Why are we doing this research?

You are being given this information because you recently had a bad injury and lost lots of your blood. Before you got to the hospital, you needed to be given blood.



A research study is a way that doctors use to try to find out answers to questions, so that we can help people get better.

This study is being done to find out which treatment is best for people who are bleeding. When people are bleeding a lot, the doctors might need to start giving them blood before they are taken into hospital.

The doctors who were looking after you decided that you could take part in this research study, to find out which is the best type of blood to give to patients. We couldn't ask you earlier because you were too sick.

There are 3 main parts in the blood:

-  Red blood cells
-  Plasma
-  Platelets

Now that you're better, we'd like to check whether or not you'd like to continue in the study.

This study will test whether it is best to give the parts separately (in different bags), or all as one (whole blood).

If something doesn't make sense or you have any questions - ask your family, doctor or nurse. They will be able to help you.

Doctors don't know the answer to this question yet, and the only way to find out is by doing this research study.

## Do I have to take part?

**No, it is up to you if you want to take part.** You can change your mind at any time.

## What will happen to me if I take part?

You have already been given the blood treatment (that happened before you got to the hospital).

We will collect some information from your hospital notes for the study. You will not need to have any extra blood samples or tests.

If you are happy to continue in the study, you and your parents/carers will be asked to sign a form.



We will send your parents/carers some questions in 3 months' time to see how you are doing.

If we can't contact your parents/carers, we might send it to the doctor who looks after you in your doctors surgery at home.

## Will taking part help me?

The study may not help you right now, but it will help doctors to know which treatment to use for people who are bleeding.

## What if something goes wrong?

If there is a problem, you can talk to your parents/carers and doctors at any time.

## What if I don't want to take part anymore?

Just tell your parents/carers and doctors carrying out the study that you don't want to take part anymore. You don't have to give any reason. It is your choice.

## Did anyone check that this research is OK to do?

Yes. A group of people have checked to make sure this research study is fair.

## What will happen at the end of the study?

The results of the study will be written up so that people can read about it but they won't know you were in the study.

We will also contact you and your parents/carers to let you know what the results of the study are.



**Thank you for reading this!**