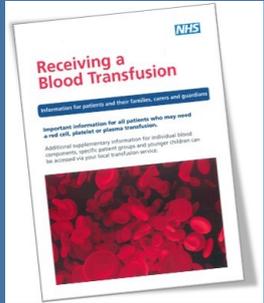


This newsletter is produced for the Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals by the Hospital Transfusion Team (HTT) with the support of the Hospital Transfusion Committee (HTC) to promote new information concerning blood transfusion, highlight any recurring errors/incidents and to advertise relevant training opportunities.

Patient Information Leaflet Update

The patient information leaflets for blood transfusion have changed and are available now



The old leaflets will be phased out over the next few months so please continue to use up your current stock. If any areas have vast stocks of the old leaflets (>2-3 months worth) excess should be discarded and replaced with the new leaflets in the new year.

Orders for the new leaflets can be placed via the Transfusion Practitioner Team
nuth.hospitaltransfusionteam@nhs.net

Platelet Wastage

In Quarter 1 of the 2021 financial year 36 pools of platelets were discarded having been reserved for patients and then not used by their expiry date.

This is a cost of £8,082!!

The laboratory will keep requested platelets until the next day so if your patient no longer requires the ordered platelets then please let the laboratory know as soon as you can. The platelets can then be released for use on another patient and hopefully reduce this wastage.



Spotlight on the Lab



This issues spotlight is on our new transfusion practitioner Lucy who joined the team in September.

I started my career as a Biomedical Scientist way back in 2000 where I worked in the Haematology and Transfusion Laboratories for my sandwich placement year from University. After graduating with my degree and moving home from Liverpool I was lucky enough to get a job as a Trainee Biomedical Scientist back at the Freeman in 2002. After working in the haematology and transfusion labs for 18 years I decided that I needed a new challenge, I had always had a big interest in transfusion and the opportunity to move into a transfusion practitioner role was an exciting challenge and one that I am looking forward to. It also meant that I got to stay working in the department and trust that I have always been proud to work for.

Please send any feedback /suggestions/non-urgent enquiries to:
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HAEMONETICS[®]

BLOOD TRACK[®] SYSTEM

Phase 1 of the fully electronic blood transfusion system is one step closer!

We will be taking delivery of our new Haemobanks and Kiosks at both RVI and Freeman sites at the end of October and are still on schedule to “go live” from mid January 2022. Look out for training opportunities towards the end of the year on these new and exciting changes coming to Transfusion.

Work has started on the installation so keep an eye out for changes in your areas and we will keep you updated.

