

Information for patients who may need a blood transfusion

Information is available both digitally and as a leaflet.

The leaflet '**Receiving a Blood Transfusion**' is available in clinical areas, please ask your clinical team for a copy. It outlines the reasons why a transfusion may be required, the alternatives that may be available, the rare risks that exist and how transfusions are given.

All patient information leaflets can be found at the following link, including printer friendly versions if you have the option to print at home. There are leaflets explaining anaemia, cell salvage and information for children and their families or carers.



Receiving a Blood Transfusion

Information for patients and their families, carers and guardians

Important information for all patients who may need a red cell, platelet or plasma transfusion.

Additional supplementary information for individual blood components, specific patient groups and younger children can be accessed via your local transfusion service.

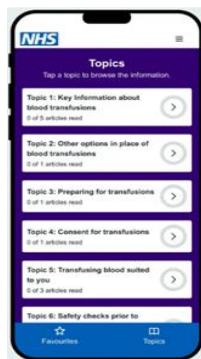


<https://hospital.blood.co.uk/transfusionleaflets/>

The 'receiving a blood transfusion' leaflet is also available digitally (not in hard copy) in 25 languages, [Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Bulgarian](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hungarian](#), [Irish](#), [Italian](#), [Kurdish](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Mandarin](#), [Panjabi](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Russian](#), [Scottish Gaelic](#), [Spanish](#), [Slovak](#), [Tetum](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Ulster Scots](#), [Urdu](#), [Welsh](#)

An app is also available, '**My Transfusion**' which was developed with patients and gives a comprehensive guide to all aspects of receiving a transfusion.

The information is organised into 11 topics and clearly outlines what information is available in each topic, it is designed to allow you to access the information that you may find useful when considering being transfused. You can access as little or as much information as you require to answer any questions you may have; after reading the information you can still discuss any aspects of your requirements for a transfusion with the clinical team.



The information is also available as a webpage

<https://www.mytransfusion.co.uk/>

