



East Cheshire
Hospice

A comfortable and relaxing experience for patients requiring a blood transfusion

Information for Healthcare Professionals



Since 2014 East Cheshire Hospice has been working in collaboration with the East Cheshire Trust haematology and blood transfusion teams to introduce an outpatient transfusion service at ECH for patients diagnosed with a life limiting illness. The aim of the service is to facilitate a safe blood transfusion for patients either as a day case or short inpatient stay (dependant on medical history), providing them with a quick and reactive service, in a relaxing environment.

Easy referral process

Blood transfusions take place Tuesdays – Thursdays between 9am and 5pm at the Hospice and appointments are subject to availability.

Referral to the service is easy; simply complete a referral form which can be downloaded from the East Cheshire Hospice website at: <https://www.eastcheshirehospice.org.uk/professionals/blood-transfusion-service/>

Completed referral forms should be emailed to ecchcg.echospicetransfusion@nhs.net (preferred method) or faxed to 01625 665697 and one of our Advanced Nurse Practitioners will call to confirm receipt and book your patient into a convenient appointment.

Further information for patients

It is helpful to provide the patient with an information leaflet about the risks and benefits of transfusion. This can be downloaded from the website: <https://my.dchs.nhs.uk/Portals/0/Do%20I%20need%20a%20Blood%20Transfusion.pdf>

We can provide patient information leaflets relating specifically to the service we provide.

Referral Criteria

For day case blood transfusion at East Cheshire Hospice:

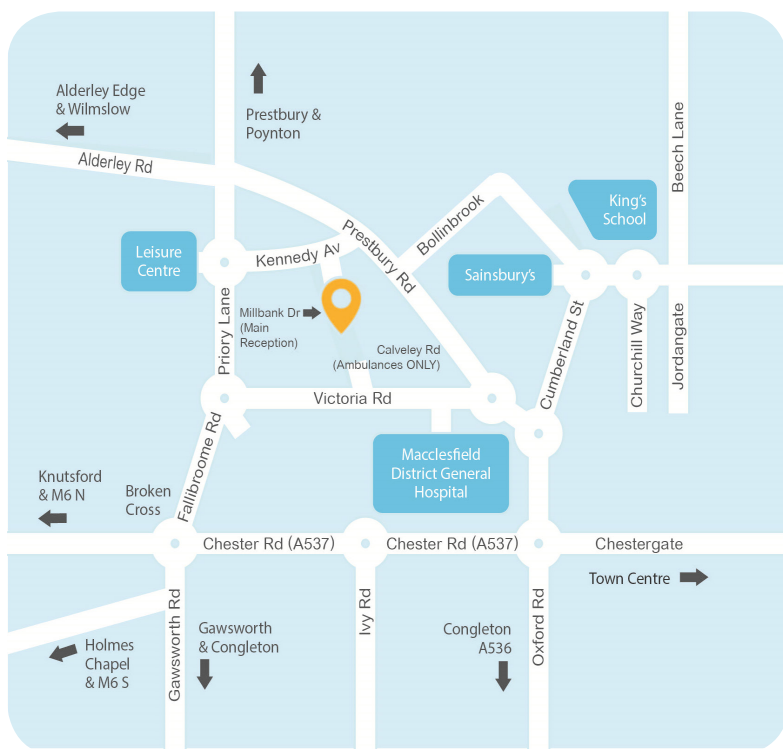
- Patient needs to be ambulant and able to attend to own hygiene needs with minimal assistance.
- Patient needs to attend the hospice for 2 pre-arranged visits.
- Patient needs to be able to sit in a chair for the day comfortably.
- Patient needs to have family member or a friend stay with them overnight following transfusion.
- Patient must have no history of previous blood transfusion reactions.
- Please document on the referral form if irradiated blood is required.

Medical History will be seriously considered to make sure that the blood transfusion can be facilitated as safely as possible within the hospice environment. An overnight stay at the Hospice could be facilitated on a planned basis dependant on bed availability, and on assessment for safety, for patients with a cardiac and renal history or those needing more than 2 units.

- A recent blood test for U+E, LFTS and Hb should be documented on the referral form and within 5 days of transfusion (incl albumin and eGFR).
- Patient should be symptomatic with Hb less than 80.



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