



East Cheshire
Hospice

Blood Tranfusion Service at East Cheshire Hospice

Information for Patients



Our Blood Transfusion Service

Your GP (or other healthcare professional) has referred you to East Cheshire Hospice's blood transfusion service. This means that you will be able to receive your blood transfusions here at the Hospice, in a comfortable and relaxing environment.

You will be contacted soon by one of the Advanced Nurse Practitioners to discuss your needs and make arrangements for you to attend for blood sampling and transfusion.

Am I eligible?

For your safety, we have strict criteria for our service:

- You need to be able to walk and be able to attend to own hygiene needs, with minimal assistance
- You must be able to sit in a chair comfortably, as your blood transfusion appointment may take up to 9 hours
- You need to be able to attend the Hospice on two separate occasions – for blood sampling and transfusion
- You need to be able to arrange your own transport to and from the Hospice
- If you have had a blood transfusion in the past, you must have no history of a blood transfusion reaction
- You will have had recent blood tests – though these may need repeating during the visit to ensure we have accurate and up to date information about your condition
- You need to have someone with you for 24 hours following the transfusion in case you become unwell. If you live alone, you will need to organise someone to stay with you on return home.

Your medical history is very important, and will be considered when deciding if you are suitable for transfusion at the Hospice, and whether it can be carried out during a day appointment.

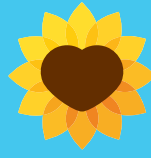
Your safety is our priority, so if your condition or ability to care for yourself warrants, or you do not have anyone to stay with you following transfusion, we may need to consider admitting you to our in-patient unit for an overnight stay.

The Advanced Nurse Practitioner will discuss these points with you – if you have any queries or concerns, please let us know.

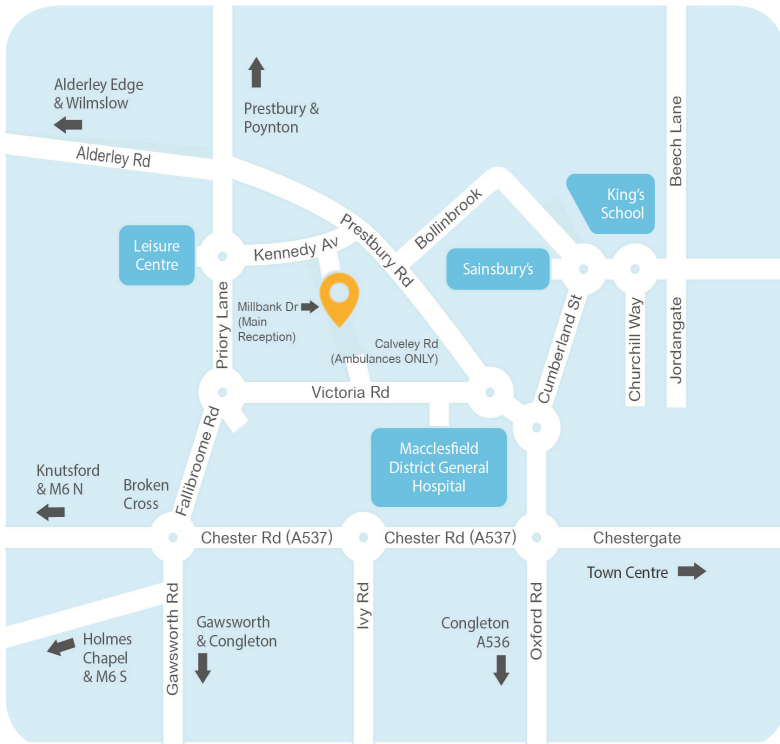


Blood transfusions take place Tuesdays – Thursdays between 9am and 5pm at the Hospice and appointments are subject to availability. Appointments for blood sampling and transfusion will be made directly with you, and your GP/referring professional will be advised.

We will keep your GP informed about your attendance and progress. When discharged following transfusion, your care will be taken over again by your GP, who may request further blood tests to assess your response to the transfusion.



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