



Collaboration to Develop a Transferable Blood Component Transfusion Training Standard

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Why?

- To standardize minimum blood transfusion training requirements in the UK.
- ▶ To champion the Transfusion Practitioners (TP) in their role as educators.
- To advocate and promote safe transfusion practice by raising the profile of blood transfusion nationally.
- To reduce training duplication & time.
- To establish a "Transfusion Passport" allowing staff transfusion training records to be transferred between Trusts.

How?

- We set up a London region TP working group to explore the concept following a local educational survey and TP meeting discussion.
- We promoted the idea within the London Regional Transfusion Committee and gained their support.
- We consulted with subject matter experts from England, Scotland, Wales & N Ireland.
- We reviewed blood transfusion training practice and relevant documentation from our fellow TPs in England.
- We utilised the relevant transfusion guidelines.
- We collaborated with Skills for Health (SFH) and applied their recommendations and adopted their document format.

What we have achieved?

- Blood Transfusion Training has been recognised as having equal status with the subjects included in the Core skills framework.
- A Blood Component Transfusion Training Standard has been developed for the UK which will be included in an extended SFH Core Skills Framework.
- Statements of support have been received from recognised Transfusion agencies.
- Reference to the standard from NBTC SPN 14 working group for BT competency assessment

SFH progress so far

- BT Standard document on SFH website from end Sept 2014. Available at <u>www.skillsforhealth.org.uk</u>
- SFH are developing a register of those staff who have completed training aligned with the Core Skills framework including the blood transfusion standard.
- Aim is for the Register to be open and available by end of October 2014.
- Staff registration will be accessible to all organisations who declare alignment with the Core Skills framework including Blood Transfusion.
- E-learning courses being developed based on BT
 Standard available early 2015

Next Steps

- Organisations to sign up to Core Skills framework to gain automatic update information on subjects available.
- Organisations to review the Blood Component Transfusion Training Standard and ensure that they comply with the core requirements.
- Organisations to register staff who have completed the training to allow for the sharing of data to reduce training duplication.

Future?

- An electronically transferable Skills Passport system within the SFH Framework may be an area for future development.
- All Healthcare organisations and Healthcare training facilities to provide standardised & recognised Core Skills training and education.
- Improvement in care & patient outcomes through a collaborative approach to workforce education.

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Thank You

Any Questions?

