Patient Blood Management (PBM)
review and establishment
for very preterm neonates in a
large teaching hospital

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Background

- Transfusions in neonatal units are frequent, particularly in very preterm infants (<32 weeks of gestational age. National Comparative Audit, 2010) and convey both benefits and risks.
- There are several reasons for anaemia in preterm babies, but iatrogenic causes related to blood sampling and blood loss is the commonest.

The beginning...

Audit in neonatal transfusions in preterm infants born <32 weeks of gestation:

- Investigate blood product transfusion practice in the NICU
- Investigate phlebotomy practice

Standards and BCSH Guideline

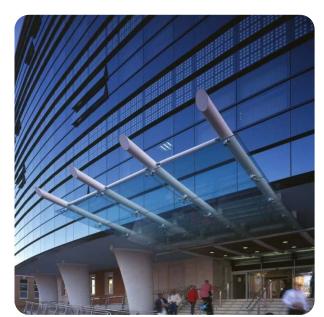
Guidelines	
1.	KCH NICU Guidelines 2010
2.	BCSH "Guidelines on transfusions for fetuses, neonates and older children". April 2016

- Hospitals should develop policies that help to minimise exposure of infants to multiple donors
 - Babies <32 weeks of gestation should have 6 paediatric packs of red cells allocated from one donor
 - Subsequent allocations between 3 and 6 units according to likely future blood requirements
- Minimise phlebotomy where possible:
 - Agree a local policy on the frequency and types of regular blood tests required
 - Collect small samples
 - Use small-volume laboratory analysers and near-patient testing.

Results

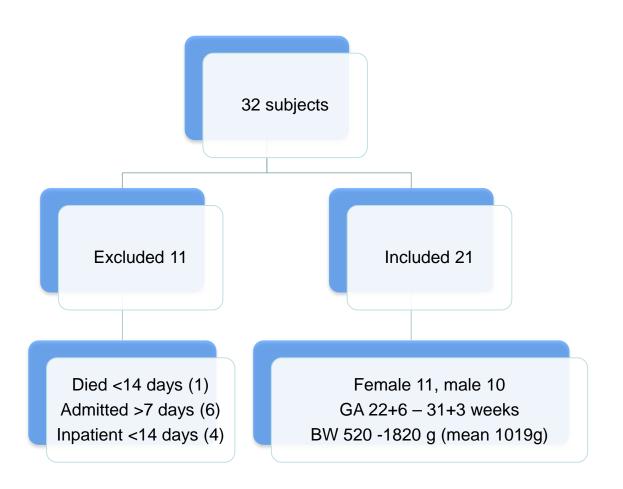


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Results – demographic data

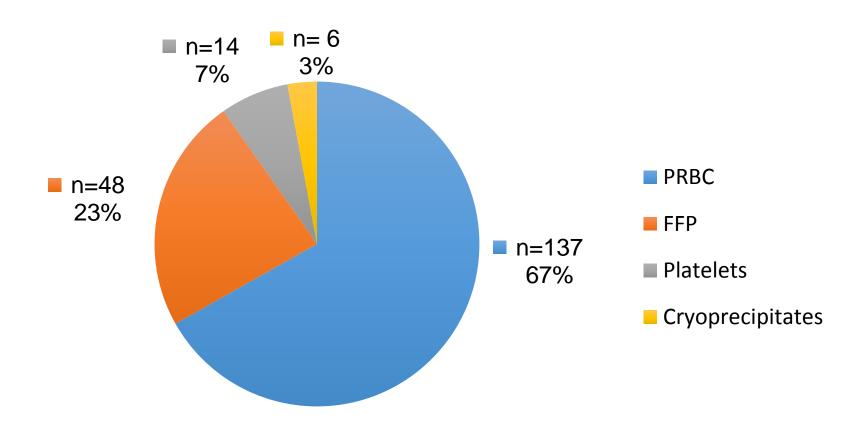


- Inclusion criteria: All babies born at less than 32 weeks of gestation between 01/01/2016 and 31/03/2016, admitted to NICU (born at KCH or transferred from other trusts within the first week of life) and remained as inpatients for at least two weeks
- Sample identification: BadgerNet database and the ward admission book
- Audit period: first quarter of 2016

Results – No. transfusions

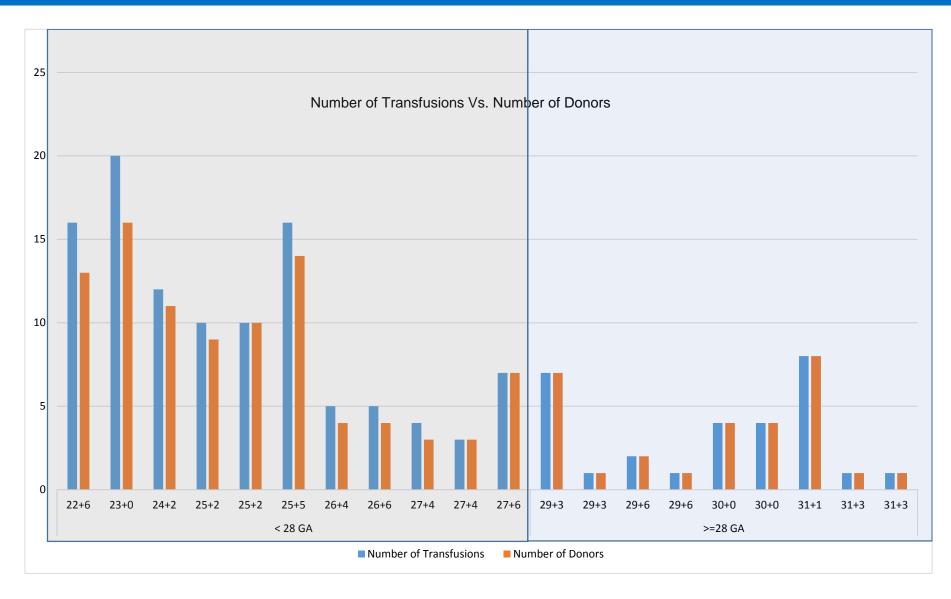
21 babies, 205 transfusions

No. of transfusions



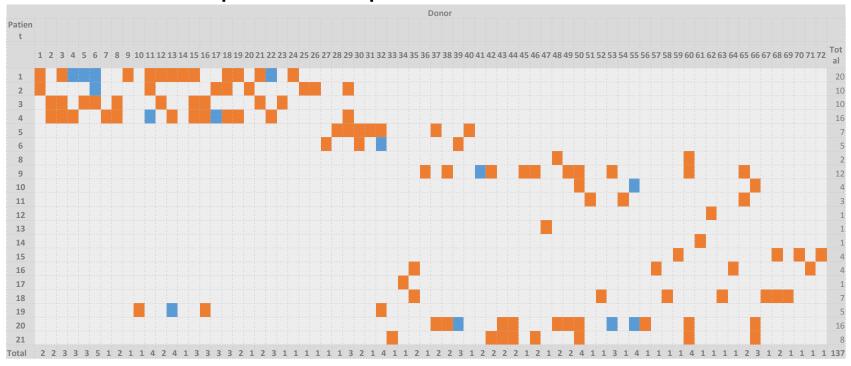


Results – Donor exposure



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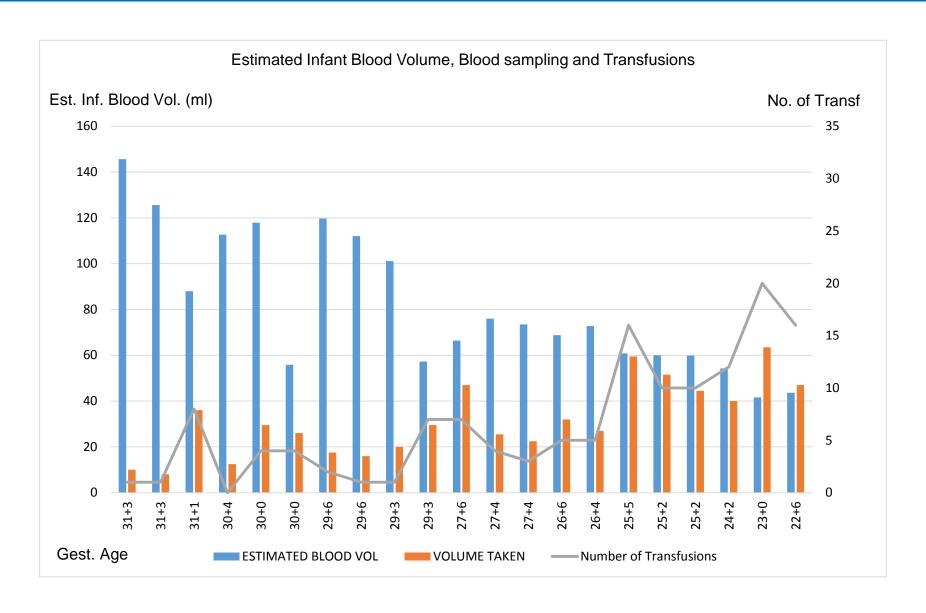
Distribution of paediatric packs from each donor



- Orange: one paediatric pack from one donor to one baby
- Blue: two paediatric packs from one donor to one baby
- No baby received more than three paediatric packs from the same donor



Results-Infant blood volume, sampling and transfusions





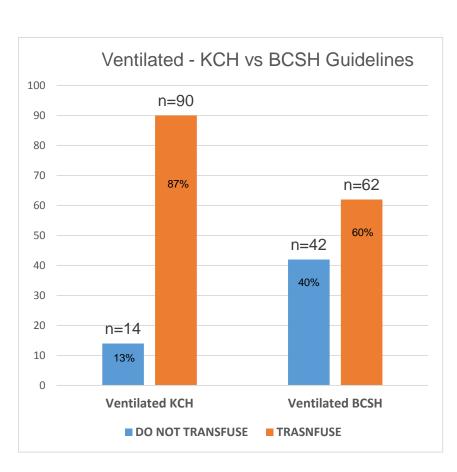
Results –PRBC current practice against guidelines

KCH – NICU guideline 2010

Ventilated: Hb <13.3 g/dl

•nCPAP or supplemental O2: Hb < 10.0 g/dl

•None: Hb < 8.0 g/dl

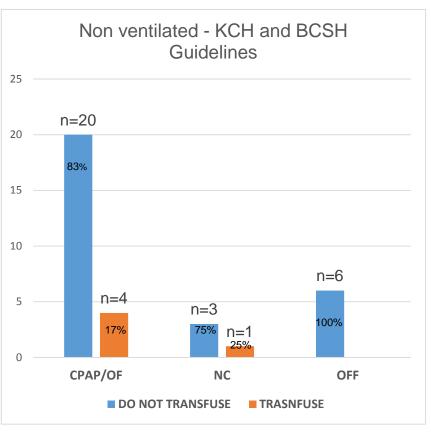


BCSH – guideline 2016

Ventilated: Hb <12.0 g/dl

•nCPAP or supplemental O2: Hb < 10.0 g/dl

•None: Hb < 7.5-8.5 g/dl



Actions taken







Establishment of PBM

Patient Blood Management (PBM): "multidisciplinary, evidence-based approach to optimising the care of patients who might need a blood transfusion. PBM puts the patient at the heart of decisions made about blood transfusion to ensure they receive the best treatment"

Objectives of PBM in very low birth weight infants:

- Minimise donor exposure
- Reduce the number of blood transfusions
- Reduce uncomfortable procedures
- Optimise blood sampling
- Reduce costs



Actions taken – Blood bank

Minimise donor exposure

- Team work between NICU, blood bank and EPR to create a "NICU group and save" request
- Allocate paediatric packs from the same donor
 - 6 paedipacks for <28 weeks
 - 3 paedipacks for 28-32 weeks or multiple transfusions expected
- Weekly communication between blood bank and NICU
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Actions taken – NICU and Labour ward

Minimise phlebotomy losses and blood sampling

- Delay cord clamping when possible
- Obtain admission bloods from the umbilical cord
- Use umbilical lines for at least one week (UAC and double lumen UVC)
- Use "near patient testing" for daily monitoring and prescribing PN
- Once or twice weekly "PN bloods" instead of daily bloods
- Optimise volume for transfusion when possible (10-15 ml/Kg)
- Update "Guideline for blood products transfusion" and "Guideline for parenteral nutrition prescription"

Actions taken – Transformation team

Reduce costs

- Cost improvement project
- Approximately red blood cell usage/year for preterm babies <32 weeks of gestational age: 780 units at £62.65 = £49,000
- Estimated cost saving: £10.000

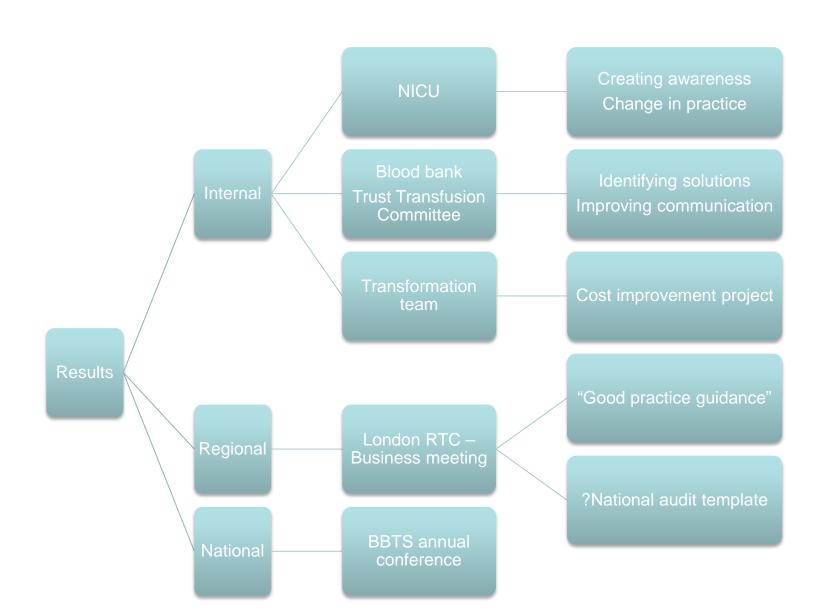


King's College Hospital POD Template

POD Name/Ref	NICU diagnostics / NWC028	Division / Specialty	Networked / VCH		
Work Stream		_			
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Non Recurrent/	Recurrent	Type of Scheme	Non-Pay		
Recurrent					
Work Stream	Non Pay - Clinical Supplies and	Monitor Reports	Clinical Supplier		
Report	Services				
POD Executive	Describe what the POD is aiming to achi	eve; state the 'from' and 'to'	state; the financial savings that		
Summary	will be delivered; and any key changes.				
	By reducing the frequency of blood tests in admissions to the neonatal unit and following national guidelines (British committee of the standards in haematology) within NICU we aim to reduce the use of blood products and thus save in the region of £10,000. 1. Reduce frequency of blood tests in all infants 2. Reduce blood loss via phlebotomy and thus need for transfusions in preterm infants 3. Follow national guidelines for transfusion thresholds with resultant reduction in transfusions				



Actions taken – Dissemination of results



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