

Transfusion Complications in Patients with Haemoglobin Disorders - Previous Recommendations

Year first made	Action	Recommendation
2011	Manufacturers of hospital IT systems, Trusts/Health Boards/Hospitals, Hospital Transfusion Teams (HTTs)	Clinicians must ensure that a haemoglobinopathy diagnosis is transmitted to the transfusion laboratory every time a patient is admitted and from every speciality area. There should be a mandatory field on the transfusion request whether paper or electronic to ask about haemoglobin disorders
2011	CMO's National Blood Transfusion Committee (NBTC) with patient support groups	The warning card system for patients needs to be simplified so that people with haemoglobin disorders carry a single source of information about their diagnosis, red cell phenotype and any irregular antibodies. Patients need to be educated to present this information at every hospital contact
2011	Education subgroup of the NBTC	As people with haemoglobin disorders may attend any specialty, all core curricula for medical training should ensure that adequate education takes place about these disorders with particular attention to their transfusion needs