

## St James's Hospital

### Blood Transfusions as Day Patients Additional Information\*

You have been transfused with a blood transfusion here today as prescribed by your doctor.

Occasionally during or after a blood transfusion you may feel unwell; this is referred to as a transfusion reaction. Transfusion reactions usually occur within 4 hours of a transfusion but can occur up to 24 hours afterwards. The symptoms of a transfusion reaction may include:

Apprehension/Faintness/Weakness  
Nausea/Vomiting  
Breathlessness/Chest pain/Back pain  
Hives/Rash/Itch/Flushing  
Fever/Rigors/Chills  
Jaundice/ Dark or Red Urine

A transfusion reaction may not always be a cause for concern but it is important to inform your nurse or doctor immediately if you experience any unexplained worsening of your symptoms. The number to contact if you have left the hospital are listed below.

**Haematology patients:**

During Clinic/Day Ward hours contact 4162168

Out of hours contact 4162271

**Oncology patients:**

During Clinic/Day Ward hours contact 4162168

Out of hours contact 4103606

**GUIDE patients:**

During Clinic/Day Ward hours contact 4103525

Out of hours call the main hospital number 4103000 and ask to speak to the doctor on call for GUIDE Services.

**Robert Mayne Day Hospital patients:**

8am-5pm Mon-Fri contact 4162602.

Out of hours call the main hospital number 4103000 and ask to speak to the doctor on call for Medicine for the Elderly.

\*Issue all patients with the hospitals 'Blood Transfusion: Information for Patients' leaflet.