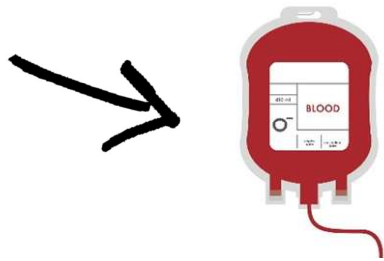


You've been given this information because of your recent, serious injury.

At the time of the injury, you lost a lot of blood. You received a **blood transfusion** before you arrived at hospital.

A **blood transfusion** is when you are given blood that has been donated by someone else.



This study wants to find out which type of blood transfusion is best and we want to know if you would like to take part in the study.

It wasn't possible to ask for your permission at the time. You were too ill.

Now that you are better, we want to know if you'd like to continue taking part in this study.

It is important that you understand:

- what the study is about
- why it is being done
- what it will involve for you.

Please read this leaflet and think about it carefully. You can also talk

about it with your family, doctor or nurse.

## Why are we doing this research?

In a research study, doctors ask questions and investigate information to work out the best way to treat people who are ill.

This research study is being done to find out the best way to treat people who've lost a lot of blood.

There are three main parts in the blood:

- red blood cells
- plasma
- platelets.

This study will test whether it is better to give people the blood with or without platelets.

Doctors don't know the answer to this question yet. The only way to find out is by doing this research study.

Half the people taking part in the study were given the blood with platelets. The other half of people in the trial were given the blood without platelets.

A computer randomly selected which treatment people received, as this got, a bit like tossing a coin. This is the best way to find out which treatment is better.

Now the research doctors will see how the different groups compare.

This is how the doctors will find out the best way to treat people who've lost a lot of blood.

### **Do I have to take part?**

**No, it is up to you if you want to continue to take part.** You can change your mind at any time.

### **What will I have to do if I take part?**

You have already been given the blood transfusion. That happened before you got to the hospital.

Now all we need is your permission to collect some information from your hospital notes.

You will not need to have any extra blood samples or tests.

If you are happy to continue, you and your parent or carer will be asked to sign a form.



### **Will taking part help me?**

The study won't help you now, but it might help doctors find out the best treatment to use for people who are bleeding in the future.

### **What if something goes wrong?**

If there is a problem, you can talk to your parent or carer, and doctors at any time.

### **What if I don't want to take part anymore?**

Just tell your parent or carer and the doctors carrying out the study that you don't want to take part anymore. You don't have to give any reason.

### **What will happen at the end of the study?**

The results of the study will be published, but people won't know you were in the study.

We will also contact you and your parent or carer with the results of the study are.

## What if new information becomes available?

Sometimes, a study will change because of new information that comes up. If this happens, your doctors will discuss it with you and your parent or carer. You can decide whether you want to continue in the study.

## Will my information be kept private?

All your information will be kept private. We will only inform people who have a need or right to know (like your parent or carer).

## Who is organising and funding this study?

This study is jointly run by New Zealand Blood Service and Northern Rescue Helicopter. The lead doctors are Dr Richard Charlewood and Dr Alana Harper.

## Who has reviewed and checked this study?

Before this research could go ahead, it was checked by a group of people called [a Research the Northern A Health and Disability Ethics Committee](#). They make sure it is fair.

A different group of people (including members of the public) also checked the information sheets for the study, like this one that you're reading.

## What should I do if I have any questions?

Please ask your parents/carers first. You can also speak to your doctor or nurse.

**Thank you for reading this!**