**Referral pathway /flow chart for day transfusions in**

For all transfusions in Community Hospitals referrer (eg GP/RD&E) should either:

* Email the completed booking form to [rde-tr.communitytransfusions@nhs.net](mailto:rde-tr.communitytransfusions@nhs.net)
* Fax Sidmouth Community Hospital on 01395 519956 with completed booking form
* Phone Sidmouth Community Hospital on 01395 519957 (between the hours of 9-3pm Monday to Friday) to give patient details, location for transfusion (Sidmouth or Tiverton) and date preference.

**East/Mid Community Hospitals**

Patient admitted as day case and transfusion/infusion given.

E-discharge form completed and requests for any follow up bloods advised via system 1.

**Other infusions:**

* Intravenous iron – Referring GPs need to provide recent Hb and ferritin level, weight, height and target Hb. Community Hospital F2/GP completes prescription and orders drug
* For Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) patient’s GP to fax a copy of prescription to Community Hospital so that drug can be ordered and gives prescription to patient to bring on day of infusion

**Blood Transfusions**

* Referring GP ensures up to date Hb and cross match/group and save samples are taken and sent to the lab within the required 72 hour timeframe.
* Transfusion team reviews transfusion request.
* Community Hospital liaises with transfusion lab regarding transportation of blood from the RDE.
* Community Hospital GP/F2 completes prescription
* For regularly transfused patients, GPs to liaise with Sidmouth Hospital to avoid duplication of paperwork

Referring GP to fax patient summary to Community Hospital with rationale for transfusion/infusion, obtain consent and update information onto system1. (Minimum of 48hrs before transfusion/treatment date)

Referring GP to complete prescription chart if patient requires regular medication or a single administration (eg diuretics) and provide an up to date TEP as appropriate and give to patient to bring in on day of transfusion.

RDE notes ordered by Transfusion Team Admin to relevant community Hospital

Booking form checked and referral accepted

Information added to database

Availability checked and inputted onto booking diary and confirmed with location (if not Sidmouth)

Date and location confirmed with referrer either by email or faxing completed form back to referrer or by telephone.

Patient contacted by referrer confirming date and location

If no availability at Tiverton or Sidmouth patients who require treatment that week or if because of locality they would prefer their transfusion at the RDE they can be referred to Wynard Ambulatory Unit 01392 408609).