

Joint UKBTS / NIBSC Professional Advisory Committee ⁽¹⁾ Summary Sheet

1. Paper for the JPAC meeting:	12 th March 2009
2. Date submitted:	13 th February 2009
3. Title (including version no.):	Revised Wording to Red Book – Responsibility for Blood Collection
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5. Brief summary:	<p>Applies to the Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services in the United Kingdom 7th Edition</p> <p>The current guidelines are proscriptive about the responsibility for a blood collection session, the working arrangements of a blood donation session and the role of the registered nurse or doctor on session (Chapter 4 Section 4.2 1st Paragraph):</p> <p>The ultimate responsibility for the correct safe procedure for the collection of blood is that of the medical consultant with responsibility for donors; the immediate responsibility for the operation of the blood collection session is that of the medical practitioner or senior nurse in attendance.</p> <p>As roles develop the responsibility for the operation of a blood collection session may move from the Health Care Professional to that of the Session Manager (a non-clinical role) with the Health Care Professional concentrating on the clinical aspects of the session rather than the more global operational aspects. This change in working arrangements needs to be reflected in a change to the guidelines, suggested revised wording:</p> <p>The ultimate responsibility for the correct safe procedure for the collection of blood rests with the designated medical or biomedical scientist responsible for the blood establishment; the advocacy and guardianship of high quality care for donors is the responsibility of the designated clinical lead in attendance and that may be a registered nurse or medical practitioner.</p> <p>The following revised text was agreed by the Medical Directors of the 4 UK Blood Services on 18-05-09.</p> <p>The ultimate responsibility for ensuring that every unit of blood and blood components has been collected in accordance with the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations (2005) rests with the "Responsible Person" for the Blood Establishment. The advocacy and guardianship of high quality care for donors is the responsibility of the designated clinical lead in attendance and that must be a registered nurse or medical practitioner.</p>
<p>6. Action required by JPAC: (What do you want JPAC to do in response to this paper?) e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorse a specific recommendation • advise where there is a choice of possible actions • advise on priorities within the work plan • provide a steer on policy 	<p>Endorse the recommendation to change the wording in the Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services in the United Kingdom 7th Edition, Chapter 4 Section 4.2 1st Paragraph</p>

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