



## 3 URGENT AND EMERGENCY BLOOD TRANSFUSION REQUESTS

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### 3.1 URGENT BLOOD TRANSFUSION REQUESTS

The requesting clinician or designee **must** telephone the Blood Bank for ALL urgent requests.

If an in-date G&H is already available crossmatched blood can be issued within 5 minutes. If not, the provision of compatible blood will take a minimum of 30-35 minutes.

In an emergency O Rh D Negative Uncrossmatched blood and Group Specific Uncrossmatched blood are available from the Blood Bank.

Urgent FFP and Cryoprecipitate may be thawed for immediate use once the patient's blood group is determined.

Urgent Platelets will normally need to be ordered from ARCBS as stocks of platelets are not held on site. This will incur a small delay whilst urgent delivery is organised.

In these cases a pre-transfusion sample and request form are still essential.

The Blood Bank Scientist **MUST** be contacted prior to collection with the patient's name and UMRN.

See **Section 3.2** Emergency Uncrossmatched Blood - for further details.