

Child or young person is Jehova's Witness or the child of a Jehova's Witnesses or any other patient refusing blood

Consider if blood products are really necessary or if alternative are available. Obtain advice at consultant level

Is the child or young person competent to consent?

Yes

No

Engage discussion with the child

Engage discussion with the parents

Does the child consent to use of blood products?

Does the parents consent to use of blood products?

No

Yes

Yes

No

Treat patient as planned

Is the situation life threatening or is there a risk of long-term damage and or rapid deterioration ?

Is there a sufficient time to obtain a court order?

Yes

Consider obtaining advice from the Ethics Advisory Group

No

If the treatment is elective or non-urgent, options should be discussed with the parents and/or with the child or young person

Yes

No

If blood products are deemed essential an application to the High Court should be sought

If blood product deemed essential then treatment should proceed when the judgment of the lead clinician is that it is in the patient's best interest

All discussions should be documented clearly and precisely in the medical records