

16 DIRECTED DONATION POLICY

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- The parent/legal guardian/patient over 18 years old will be provided with Form Providing the donor with information '**Directed Donation – Information for Parents/Donors** (Link below) http://cahs.hdwa.health.wa.gov.au/_data/assets/word_doc/0018/96201/PKTMF2180.doc and will be required to sign the ARCBS Directed Donation Request Form to acknowledge:
 - That there is no medical evidence that Directed Donation is safer than Anonymous Volunteer Donation. Many international Transfusion Medicine Organisations do not recommend Directed Donation on the grounds that it may be less safe.
 - That there are risks associated with receiving blood from family members. Some of these risks are known, but some are currently not well understood and cannot be anticipated.
 - That WNHS will follow all standard procedures in handling Directed Donations but cannot guarantee that these will be available for transfusion.
 - That if the blood products are required in addition to those provided by the Directed Donor, these will be provided from the Anonymous Volunteer Homologous blood supply at the request of the treating clinician.

Further information may be obtained on the Australian Blood Service Website – Requirements for Directed Donation at - HTTP://WWW.TRANSFUSION.COM.AU/BLOOD_BASIC/COLLECTION/DIRECTED_DONATION/REQUIREMENTS