

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/23/312**  
**Bloodless Surgery**

**Information Requested:**

**I'd be grateful if you could provide me with details of which hospital(s) within your trust area:**

**1. Have medical staff/surgical team trained to carry out bloodless surgery.**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) aim not to transfuse unless necessary, and never transfuse adult patients if permission has been refused.

**2. Have autologous blood transfusion and patient's own cell salvage equipment available.**

Yes, the UHB has cell salvage equipment.

**3. Keep stocks of synthetic blood transfusion substitutes.**

The UHB has crystalloids and colloids that we use when appropriate. Neither are true blood substitutes, but expand the circulation. We also use EPO.