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

1.	Paper for the JPAC meeting on:	12 th November 2009
2.	Date submitted:	30 th October 2009
3.	Title (including version no.):	HbS testing neonatal red cell components
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5.	Brief summary:	Currently the Red Book requires HbS testing, in areas where this is deemed appropriate, for exchange transfusion and IUT components but not other neonatal components. Following discussion at SACBC it is proposed that testing, when carried out should be extended to all neonatal red cell components
6.	Action required by JPAC: (What do you want JPAC to do in response to this paper?) e.g. • 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	"Unless the Blood Centre recommends screening is unnecessary, the component should be Haemoglobin S screen negative." to sections of the Red book: 8.22 Red Cells for Neonates and Infants, Leucocyte Depleted 8.23 Red Cells in Additive Solution for Neonates and Infants, Leucocyte Depleted (already stated at 8.19 Red Cells for Intrauterine Transfusion (IUT), Leucocyte Depleted 8.20 Whole Blood for Exchange Transfusion, Leucocyte Depleted 8.21 Red Cells for Exchange Transfusion, Leucocyte Depleted)
7. Any other relevant information:		