



Blood and Transplant

TO: Transfusion Laboratory Managers and Transfusion Practitioners

Situation Update - Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

We have a good stock of blood and blood components, active and committed donors and are seeking to maintain these to ensure certainty of supply for patient needs. We are doing all we can to keep to this stock level but need the support of hospital staff.

To help keep our stock level in the best position we need hospitals to moderate orders for long dated red blood cells, transfuse O D negative red blood cells only when O D negative is the most appropriate and reduce requests for red blood cell units to be K negative unless clinically required.

As an organization we are monitoring the coronavirus situation and working with the Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England to ensure we respond proportionally, if need be, to an evolving situation. We will alert you should our current positive position change.

The PHE advice for [coronavirus and health professionals](#) is regularly updated and is a good source of further information on the wider perspective of the virus.

Kind regards

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