

# Blood and Transplant

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## Situation Update - Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear colleague,

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping to ensure that blood components are available for patients who need them across the NHS. Our stock levels for all components remain in a good position.

We are now publishing our platelet stock levels on the Hospitals and Science website. Our [coronavirus-covid-19 page](#) also provides information and regular updates to help clinical and laboratory staff manage the impact of the virus.

The National Blood Transfusion Committee have issued a revised [red cell shortage plan](#). Please review the plan alongside your hospital Emergency Blood Management Plan.

We appreciate the significant challenges in the NHS at the moment and again thank you for working with us to ensure continuity of supply of our products and services.

Kind regards,

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