Dear Colleague

Convalescent Plasma

We are now starting to produce convalescent plasma to support the care of COVID-19 patients. The plasma will initially be available to support two clinical trials. Whilst the trials progress, we are building capacity for large scale production. The plasma will be available to hospitals registered to those trials and if shown to be effective, will be made available to all. Both trials are open to new expressions of interest. We have produced Q&A’s, including links to the trials, which you can access on our website.

I am very pleased to have been invited by the National Blood Transfusion Committee (NBTC) to present a webinar next week on convalescent plasma. The webinar, to be presented on two separate dates, will last a total of 45 minutes. Please see below, details of the NBTC invitation and joining instructions.

I look forward to sharing details of this exciting development with you.

Yours sincerely

Dr Gail Miflin
Medical and Research Director

SENT ON BEHALF OF DR JON CORT, INTERIM CHAIR, NBTC and DR SHUBHA ALLARD, SECRETARY NBTC

FAO: NBTC, RTC Chairs and NBTC Transfusion Laboratory Managers Working Group

Dear colleagues

Please cascade widely to any colleagues that may be interested in joining.

RE: COVID-19 Convalescent plasma trials – Webinars from NHSBT Medical and Research Director

Dr Gail Miflin, Medical and Research Director NHSBT will be giving a Webinar talk on the current status of COVID-19 convalescent plasma trials. This talk, followed by Q&A will last a total of 45 minutes and will be given initially on:

Monday, 27 April 2020 @ 13:00

and then repeated on

Wednesday, 29 April 2020 @ 13.30

You have the option of joining either one of the dates above based on your availability. These initial talks will cover the following points:-

- Rationale for clinical trials using Convalescent Plasma for COVID-19
- Brief overview of planned UK trials and timelines
- How will donors be recruited
- Q&A
Instructions for joining the Webinars are as follows:

**There are two ways to join the Webinar live –**

**Option 1** – to join with Video and ask Questions you will need to Install the Zoom client on any device – including iPhone, iPad, Android, Mac and Windows.

Instructions are in the guide attached and can be followed in advance.

At the time click the link below for the Webinar that you would like to join.

**Option 2** - to join with Audio only, dial any of the following number and when prompted enter the Webinar ID for the Webinar that you would like to join.

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0330 088 5830
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Yours sincerely

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