



Blood and Transplant

The Update for April 2020

Please tell us of your planned patient activity to help us maintain blood supply

We are aware some Trusts are starting to plan for a recovery phase and are considering introducing some patient activity, including some elective surgery.

We would appreciate it if you could keep us updated with planned changes to activity that might increase demand for blood components. This is important to help us maintain supply of blood components and to support our demand planning process.

Please email your intelligence to covid19bloodrecovery@nhsbt.nhs.uk or discuss with your PBM Practitioner or Hospital Customer Service Manager.

Thank you for your support with this.

Chris Philips, Head of Hospital Customer Services

Routine deliveries and sample collection

The first routine daily delivery to hospitals will take place even if there is no blood component order to deliver. This will allow us to collect diagnostic samples and empty boxes.

If you need a sample collected on subsequent deliveries, where there are no components ordered, please contact your Hospital Services department so we can help ensure drivers know to stop and collect the sample from your hospital.

Chris Philips, Head of Hospital Customer Services

New online application form to request use of demand printed labels for specialist service referred samples

Apply to use demand printed labels for specialist services (RCI, H&I and IBGRL) by completing an online application form. Please make one submission per hospital / Trust.

Details of the label requirements are specified on the form.

The form is published on the [RCI](#), and [H&I](#) pages on the Hospitals and Science website and on the IBGRL web site, in the documents and forms sections on the [fetal genotyping diagnostic](#) page, the [fetal screening page](#) and the [red cell genotyping](#) page.

If we have already approved your use of these labels there is no need to submit a new online application.

Please contact your Customer Service Manager if you have any questions.

Rhian Edwards - Customer Service Manager, Projects

Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT)

Symposium

Due to the challenges presented by the current COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 SHOT symposium is cancelled and will be deferred to 2021.

In line with government guidance on social distancing, and due to the unprecedented demands on the health service, we have taken the decision to defer the event.

All delegates who have paid will be refunded.

MHRA guidance

We fully support the MHRA guidance on the reporting of Serious Adverse Events and Serious Adverse Reactions during these challenging times: it is vital that learning is still gained from any errors reported to prevent further unnecessary harm occurring.

Annual report

Our 2019 annual report will be published and available on the SHOT website from 7 July 2020.

New app

We aim to have an app available later this year, to help make information easily available and to support on-going learning to improve transfusion safety.

We're here to help

The SHOT team are here to help with any queries and provide support to our transfusion community. We would like to recognise and thank our colleagues for their commitment during these difficult circumstances.

Simon Carter-Graham - SHOT Clinical Incident Specialist

We have updated our Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics user guide with information for sending samples

All diagnostic samples sent via post or NHSBT transport **must** be packed and labelled to meet current transport regulations. For details, please refer to section 3.10.1 of our user guide which is available to download from the Hospitals and Science website's [user guides page](#)

Dr Andrea Harmer - National Head, Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics

Progress of National Comparative Audit audit reports

The 2020 audit of the management of anaemia in children undergoing elective surgery has been postponed, in line with other NHS-funded National Comparative Audits.

The audit reports and data analysis for:

- 2018 FFP cryo audit
- 2018 major haemorrhage audit
- 2018 management of maternal anaemia audit
- 2019 re-audit of the medical use of blood

are proceeding as best we can during this time of extraordinary working patterns. Trusts will be contacted with any further developments.

John Grant-Casey - Programme Manager, National Comparative Audit

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