



## Blood and Transplant

### The Update for April 2022

#### **RCI will be ending concession to accept expired tubes from 6 June 2022**

In Autumn 2021 RCI labs received a large number of samples collected into expired tubes which coincided with restricted supply of tubes to the NHS.

We implemented a process deviation at that time to facilitate processing and reduce the costs of individual sample concessions. The number of expired sample tubes received has now returned to normal so we will remove the process deviation on 6 June 2022.

After that date, any samples we receive that have been collected into expired tubes will be managed under the normal concession process.

Should you have any questions concerning this please contact your Hospital Customer Service Manager.

Dr. Mark Williams - Head of Red Cell Immunohaematology

#### **NHSBT's pricing and service proposals for 2022/23**

The Department for Health and Social Care has confirmed NHSBT's pricing and service proposals for 2022/23 through the National Commissioning Group for Blood.

Following the agreement a revised four-year contract has now been issued to hospital trusts along with the formal outcome letter, annual impact statements and price lists. These documents were sent to trust finance directors. The [confirmation letter and blood component price lists](#) (in the Components section) are available on our website.

The pricing model in place for 2021/22 continues into 2022/23 as a fixed plus variable cost model to recover the cost of blood components from NHS hospitals and a full cost per item for independent hospitals.

If you have any questions about pricing or the contract, please do get in touch with your Customer Service Manager.

Chris Philips - Head of Hospital Customer Service

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## New 'Crossmatch Report' from 24 May 2022

Our new report improves the quality of the information provided with cross matched units and eliminates the need for manual free text entry of comments by RCI onto the delivery note. The report provides details available at the time the units are issued.

The report's format is consistent with the current RCI reference report and shows all patient demographics as provided by you on the referral form.

It also includes:

- Date the sample was taken
- Date the sample was received by NHSBT
- NHSBT number
- Hospital sample identification number
- Patient ABO and RHD group
- RhK - if performed on the current sample
- Antibody table - including identified antibodies confirmed at the point of crossmatch.
- Indication of the compatibility / suitability of the units for the patient
- Crossmatch table - this includes:
  - donation number
  - product code
  - product code description
  - confirmed negative (-) and historical negative (N) antigen types for the donations issued

There is a caveat above the table stating that the donation antigen types may exceed those required by the patient.

There is no transfusion advice line, this remains on the final, validated RCI reference report.

A banner in the middle of the report identifies it is a crossmatch report, and that a final report will follow:

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If you require further information, please email [donna.hodson@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:donna.hodson@nhsbt.nhs.uk) and I will respond as soon as possible.

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