



Blood and Transplant

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Low Stock – pre-Amber alert UPDATE – to remain at pre-Amber status for red cells and group A platelets for this week

Dear Colleagues,

We will provide regular updates to confirm the alert status and our current stock position.

Stock levels are sufficient to supply to orders, though they remain fragile to changes in donation and demand. We will remain at pre-Amber alert for the coming week.

We need your continued support while we take all possible action to avoid a move to an Amber alert. We ask that you remain ready to implement your Emergency Blood Management Arrangements. We are **NOT** asking you to implement your Emergency Blood Management Arrangements at this stage.

We would like to thank you for accepting substitutions, especially of A D negative for A D positive red cells. With your support we have improved the A D positive stock level and are now able to reduce the target for substitutions from 50% to 10%. Please continue to support us in maximizing the stock we have available.

This week the Blood Stocks Management Scheme will issue new stock level guidance data tailored to each hospital. The guide is designed to advise hospitals of red cell stock levels based on their current red cell provision. The recommendations are evidence based to establish optimised stock levels from all hospitals within the same user group cluster. Please use the data to consider your stock holding and revise as necessary. Optimised stock holding across all hospitals will support recovery and maintenance of our stocks.

Supporting Blood Donation

We urgently need people to donate blood. We have capacity in some of our donor sessions now. You can check local appointment availability on our [Blood donor appeal](#) page or via the [NHSGiveBlood app](#).

If you need any support or guidance, please contact your Hospital Customer Service Manager or Patient Blood Management Practitioner. Thank you for your ongoing support

Please cascade to laboratory and clinical staff as appropriate.

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