



# Blood and Transplant

## The Update for February 2023

### **New Haemochromatosis and blood donation information leaflet for donors available to order or download**

Most people with haemochromatosis are eligible to donate blood as an alternative to hospital venesection.

[Order the leaflet](#) or [download the leaflet \(PDF 217KB\)](#)

Dr Penny Wimbleton - Associate Education Lead in Transfusion

### **Revised sickle cell disease patient information leaflet available 8 February 2023**

Download the latest version of 'Information for patients with sickle cell disease who may need a blood transfusion' free from our [patient information leaflets web page](#).

Anwen Davies - Patient Blood Management Practitioner

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**Sending fetal RHD screening samples over the April bank holiday  
For your action to ensure your samples are processed and not rejected**

- [Please read our information \(PDF 99KB\)](#) about sending samples and overnight transport times
- [Schedule \(PDF 62KB\)](#) of laboratory working times, transport times to and from our centres and overnight deliveries

For future reference this information is available on this page in the [IBGRL website](#), in the 'Documents' drop-down.

Erika Rutherford - Business Development Manager, International Blood Group Reference Laboratory

**Transfusion laboratory managers - have you completed your BSMS Inventory Practice Survey for frozen components?  
The closing date is 3 March**

A reminder please, to complete our survey if you've not already done so. You will find the link to the survey in your email (sent 13 February) or alternatively get in touch at [BSMS@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:BSMS@nhsbt.nhs.uk).

Thank you for your co-operation: the findings of the survey will help us manage our planning, and to supply to your needs.

Jill Caulfield - Lead Specialist, Blood Stocks Management Scheme

**You must telephone your RCI laboratory to request urgent testing, if results are required within 5 working days or if a cross match is required**

It is important you telephone the laboratory (both during and outside of routine [working hours](#)) to advise:

- immediate requirement and urgency
- patient's condition
- patient's current haemoglobin level
- patient's transfusion and/or obstetric history
- patient's drug history (if relevant)
- transfusion requirement (special requirements etc)
- serological findings

We ask you to telephone (telephoning the lab is stated on the [1A test request form](#), and included in the [RCI user guide](#)) so we can prioritise urgent work: if you don't telephone, your request may be delayed.

Tracey Tomlinson - RCI

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