

Blood and Transplant

To: Medical Director, Chief Executive Officer, Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Transfusion Practitioner, Chair of RTC, Chair of HTC, Consultant Haematologist with Responsibility for Blood Transfusion and England EPRR and Chief Nurses

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Platelet Stock Update – A D negative remains at Pre-Amber, all other groups move to Green

Red cell Stock Update – O red cells remain in AMBER, B D negative continues in Pre-Amber

Dear Colleagues

Due to improved collection and sustained support from hospitals our platelet stocks have improved considerably. Whilst A D negative platelets remain at pre-Amber, we are now able to move all other groups to Green status. Thank you for your support.

We ask that you continue to transfuse patients appropriately using patient blood management guidance and good inventory management practice.

Hospital Action:

1. Maintain stock reductions where possible
If it is necessary to increase your stockholding, please consider a gradual increase to avoid spikes in demand or excess wastage
2. Please continue to accept suitable substitutions

We would like to thank you again for your support and apologise for the extra work and inconvenience the restrictions have caused.

If you have any questions, please contact your Customer Service Manager. Alternatively phone our Response Desk on 0208 201 3107, 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday; we'll be pleased to help.

Please cascade to laboratory and clinical staff as appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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