

## 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**

**15 January 2025**

**Platelet Stock Update – Remove requirement to use A D negative platelets for named patients only. All platelet groups remain at PRE-AMBER.**

**Red cell Stock Update – Remain in AMBER ALERT for O red cells and PRE-AMBER ALERT for B D negative red cells.**

Dear Colleagues

We are pleased to confirm that we are now able to remove the requirement to use A D negative platelets for named patients only. This move has been made possible thanks to the support you have provided and the reduced ordering. This change will come into effect on the **17 January 2025**.

Whilst our platelet stock levels have improved we remain at Pre-Amber and need you to maintain the shortage plan actions for this [alert status](#). Please ensure you maintain effective stock management and all patient blood management initiatives for appropriate use, to support stocks.

Please keep all your Emergency Blood Management Arrangements for O red cells in place.

If you need any support or guidance, please contact your Hospital Customer Service Manager. Alternatively phone our Response Desk on 0208 201 3107, 09:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday; we'll be pleased to help.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Please cascade to laboratory and clinical staff as appropriate.**

Yours Sincerely

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