



## 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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**UPDATE: A D negative platelet stock levels have returned to Green. All platelet stock levels are now at Green status.**

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

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your support whilst we experienced low stock levels of A D negative platelets. With your considered approach to ordering and flexibility in accepting substitutions, we have together ensured continued supply for all hospitals.

Your support with this has been greatly appreciated. Your actions resulted in a reduction in demand enabling us to return to normal stock levels quicker than anticipated.

Although we are now moving from Pre-Amber phase to Green Phase, we still require your support to help maintain these stock positions.

We ask for your support with the following:

### **A D negative Platelets**

1. Review your stock holding and reduce where safe to do so.
2. Avoid over-specification and only order CMV negative, apheresis and HT negative to meet clinical requirements.
3. Review the appropriateness of requests for platelets, especially any requests for double dose platelets to ensure that wastage is kept to a minimum.
4. If you reduced your stock holding of A D negative platelets, please review the need to increase stock to previous levels or gradually increase stocks where required.

Once again, thank you all for your help over the past week and your ongoing support.

If you have any questions, please contact your Customer Service Manager or Hospital Services 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.**

Kind regards

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