

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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Red Cell Update

Amber Alert continues for Group O Red Cells

Pre-Amber continues for B negative Red Cells

Dear Colleagues

The situation regarding group O and group B negative is showing some signs of improvement. However, we need to remain at the current status levels until we have sufficient confidence in stability of supply and demand. Your action is very much appreciated in supporting this improvement.

We are now able to offer B D negative red cells as a substitute for B Ro where required. Please use B D negative red cells as a substitute for B Ro if no B Ro available.

Please maintain the actions required in an amber alert, particularly best transfusion and inventory management practice to support stock recovery. We hope by continuing to work together, we will be able to exit Amber soon.

Thank you for your ongoing help. If you have any questions, please contact your Customer Service Manager. Alternatively, telephone 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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