

Blood and Transplant

To: Transfusion Laboratory Managers, Transfusion Practitioners, Chair of HTC, Chair of RTC, Consultant Haematologist with responsibility for Blood Transfusion, England EPRR, Chief Nurses

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Stock Update - B D negative and O D negative red cells

Dear Colleague,

We would like to thank you for your support in accepting O D negative red cells for B R₀ orders. This action has enabled us to stabilise group B D negative stock whilst we have also steadied our stock of group O red cells. We understand how these asks of you are inconvenient but by working together we have been able to maintain supply.

From Monday 14 July we will return to normal substitution practice.

We remain at Amber Alert status for group O red cells and pre-Amber for B D negative red cells. We will exit when stocks are sufficiently certain and stable.

Please maintain all PBM and stock management best practice alongside the actions required in the [Stock Shortage Plan](#).

We continue to deliver an extensive media campaign and are opening new donor centres to secure new and returning donors to help us build and stabilise stocks.

Please forward this letter to your consultant lead for transfusion and cascade to laboratory and clinical staff as appropriate.

Kind regards

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