

Blood and Transplant

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

09 April 2026

Platelet Stock Update – Remove requirement to use A D negative and AB platelets for named patients only

Dear Colleagues

We are pleased to confirm that we are now able to remove the requirement to use A D negative and AB platelets for named patients only. This move has been made possible thanks to your support and reduced ordering. This change will come into effect at 09.00 on the **10 April 2026**.

Whilst our platelet stock levels have improved, please ensure you maintain effective stock management and all patient blood management initiatives for appropriate use, to support stocks.

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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