



Blood and Transplant

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

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New component - Neonatal apheresis platelets in platelet additive solution & plasma

Dear Colleague,

Following the launch of apheresis platelets in platelet additive solution (PAS) and plasma we are pleased to announce that we are launching a neonatal version in June 2026.

The exact launch date is to be confirmed but we need you to ensure that you have the [component bar codes](#) in your LIMS system in readiness. Please also ensure the relevant clinical areas in your hospital are aware of this new component.

We will confirm the launch date as soon as we are able.

We will start issuing the new neonatal component in June, alongside the current apheresis neonatal platelets in plasma. Our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) provides more information on the component.

If you have any questions please email michelle.ray@nhsbt.nhs.uk. Michelle is the Projects and Operational Support Lead in the Technical and Scientific Development team.

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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