



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

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UPDATE:

Platelets - A D and AB D negative stock status to return to Green

Red cells - O D and B D negative remain in Pre-Amber

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your support whilst we experienced low stock levels of A D and AB D negative platelets. With your considered approach to ordering and flexibility in accepting substitutions, we have together ensured continued supply for all hospitals. We will return to Green status, and no longer require named patient orders, on **8 July at 14.00**.

Your support has been greatly appreciated, and 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 to Green Phase, we still require your support to help maintain these stock positions.

We ask for your support with the following:

A D and AB D Negative Platelets

- Avoid over-specification and only order CMV negative, apheresis and HT negative to meet clinical requirements
- Only use AB D negative platelets for patients who are AB D negative or for patients with an ABO mismatched transplant and AB D negative is the first choice as per [EBMT guidelines](#)
- Review the appropriateness of requests for platelets, especially any requests for double dose platelets to ensure that wastage is kept to a minimum
- If you reduced your stock holding, please review the need to increase stock to previous levels or gradually increase stocks where required

O D and B D Negative Red Cells

We remain at pre-amber for these groups, and our stocks remain fragile to changes in donation and supply especially at periods of high temperatures. Please maintain all best practice in inventory management and Patient Blood Management.

Once again, thank you all for your help over the last few days 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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