

FOR ACTION

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To: All Transfusion Laboratory Managers, Transfusion Practitioners and HTC Chairs in hospitals served by NHSBT

Dear Colleague

Introduction of 100% screening for HEV

NHSBT is pleased to inform you that from 1 May 2017 all red cell and platelet components routinely issued to hospitals will be HEV negative. The boxes on OBOS that allow the selection of HEV negative red cells and platelets have now been greyed out.

NHSBT still have approximately 20 days of unscreened frozen components in stock and will continue to issue these for orders where HEV negative components are not requested. It is not our intention to discard any frozen components as part of this implementation as they are still suitable for a large proportion of patients. The number of days stock varies by component type and blood group so for some groups the move to 100% HEV screened components will be quicker than for others.

To ensure that the final stages of this introduction are as swift as possible NHSBT expects hospitals to continue to order frozen components specifying HEV negative only where it is required. NHSBT will ensure that the unscreened components are evenly distributed. Once the unscreened stock has all been issued we will inform you and grey out the box on OBOS.

If you have any queries, please contact your local Customer Service Manager or Hospital Services Manager. Alternatively please contact the Customer Service Response Desk on - 0208 201 3107 between 08:00 and 16:30, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.

Yours sincerely



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