

FOR ACTION

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

Dear Colleague

Intoduction of 100% screening for HEV

The project to implement 100% HEV screening for blood donors is progressing well. NHSBT expects to reach 100% screening of all blood donations from 10 April 2017. We will however still hold a mixed stock of tested and untested components at this point which we will continue to issue to minimise wastage.

NHSBT will not apply the increase in red cell price until universal screening for HEV is in place and all red cell and platelets issued are 100% HEV screened. This is anticipated to be from 1 May 2017. Therefore from 1 April 2017, the red cell price will be £122.35 and this will rise to £124.46 from 1 May 2017. In the period between 1 April and the 1 May where HEV screened stock is requested, the existing premium of £9.37 will be charged. From 1 May a small number of frozen components that have not been screened for HEV may still be in stock and we will continue to issue these components after this date, although the ad hoc premium for testing will no longer apply. Hospitals will therefore need to continue to order frozen components specifying HEV negative only where it is required.

We will inform you once the remaining untested components have been issued and this is no longer a requirement. To facilitate these changes the HEV negative tick box on OBOS will be greyed out by component type as it will no longer be required.

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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