

**The Update
December 2018**

For Action

There are no items for action

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Conserving the supply of A D Negative platelets

The Platelet Action Group have developed an [educational resource](#) for transfusion laboratory colleagues to support appropriate use of A D Negative platelets.

Jayne Addison, PBM Practitioner

Red blood cells from the Welsh Blood Service

In October we informed you that we were receiving red blood cells from the Welsh Blood Service to help build our stock of selected blood groups to an optimum level. Although stocks have improved, we have decided to continue this practice into 2019.

Tracey Scholes, Customer Service Development Manager

Use of fax machines

The government has recently announced that the NHS is to phase out the use of fax machines by 31 March 2020. We are considering the impact of this announcement and will update you with our plans in the coming months.

Tracey Scholes, Customer Service Development Manager

For Training

Our [training events](#) are open to Hospitals and your attendance is welcomed. We look forward to meeting you.

Ruth Evans, OD Manager - Scientific and Clinical Training

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