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## **Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 21 - 2015**

# **Leucocyte depletion of blood components - Concessionary release**

### **Applies to the Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services in the United Kingdom – 8<sup>th</sup> Edition 2013**

The concessionary release limit for leucocyte depletion of components has been amended to improve clarity. Therefore the text of section 7.1 Leucocyte depletion must be amended as follows:

#### **7.1 Leucocyte depletion**

##### **Please change:**

‘Where statistical process monitoring methodology is not judged appropriate due to an inability to control the process or the production of small numbers of components, all components routinely issued to stock must have been shown to contain less than  $1 \times 10^6$  leucocytes.

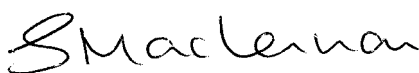
Issue (to stock) of components, which do not meet the leucocyte depletion specified limit, must follow a concessionary release procedure (see Section 6.10).

**to:**

‘Where statistical process monitoring methodology is not judged appropriate due to an inability to control the process or the production of small numbers of components, all components routinely issued to stock must have been shown to contain less than  $5 \times 10^6$  leucocytes.

Issue (to stock) of components, which do not meet the leucocyte depletion specified limit of  $5 \times 10^6$ /unit, must follow a concessionary release procedure (see Section 6.10).

The supporting paper, JPAC 14-38 - Concessionary Release Limits for Leucocyte Depletion, leading to this Change Notification, can be found in the Document Library/Supporting Papers of the JPAC website: <http://www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk/document-library/supporting-papers>



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