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This change applies to the Whole Blood and Component Donor Selection Guidelines for England, Scotland and Wales. For Northern Ireland see separate entry.

Syphilis

Section 1. Affected Individual is unchanged.

Please replace the current section 2 with the text below.

2. Current or Former Sexual Partner of Affected Individual

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

- a) The potential donor required treatment.
- b) The potential donor did not require treatment and it is less than 12 months since the infected partner has completed treatment.

Discretionary

- a) If the potential donor did not require treatment and it is more than ~~three~~¹² months from the last sexual contact with the infected partner, accept.
- b) If the potential donor did not require treatment and it is more than 12 months since the infected partner has completed treatment, accept.

See if Relevant

Blood Safety Entry

Additional Information

~~Certain sexually transmitted infections, such as syphilis and gonorrhoea, are more likely to be associated with other sexually transmitted infections that can be passed on through donation than others. For these, a 12 month deferral is required so that there is less risk of infections being missed by the Blood Services and then being passed on to a recipient of donated material.~~

Information

This entry is compliant with the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005.

Update information

[The entry was last updated in DSG-WB Edition xxx, Release XX](#)

Reason for change

[This entry was updated in line with the recommendations of the SaBTO Donor Selection Criteria Review Report published on 23rd July 2017. Further discretionary advice has been added to allow acceptance of donors whose partners have completed treatment over 12 months ago for syphilis.](#)

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