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## **Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 36 2016**

On 2 June 2016 the Minister of Health for Northern Ireland, Michelle O'Neill, lifted the lifetime deferral on blood donation by men who have had sex with men to move to a twelve-month blood donation deferral policy. Because of this decision we have made the following changes on the JPAC website.

### **Blood Safety Leaflet Information**

The Blood Safety Leaflet Information for Northern Ireland only, in the Document Library, has been removed.

### **Donor Selections Guidelines**

The separate Northern Ireland sections, see below, in the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines and the Live Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines have been removed.

**Blood Safety Entry - NI - WBDSG**

**Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals - NI – WBDSG and Live TDSG**

**Tissue Safety Entry - NI – Live TDSG**

**Sex Change – NI – Live TDSG**

The change will be implemented on 01 September 2016 and this means that all 4 UK countries will again have the same deferral policy.



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