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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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