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Applies to the Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines for Live Donors

1. Please add the following new entries:

Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals – Live Donors N.I.

Applies to Northern Ireland only. Donors and staff in England, Scotland and Wales see Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals

1. Female

Discretionary Accept.

Additional Information There is no evidence that there is an increased risk of sexually transmitted infections in homosexual or bisexual females compared to heterosexual females.

Reason for change This is a new entry.

2. Male

Obligatory **Must not donate if:**
Has ever had oral or anal sex with another man, even if a condom or other protective was used.

See if Relevant Tissues Safety Entry - N.I.
Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals

Additional Information Men who have sex with other men have a higher chance of having an undiagnosed infection which could be passed to anyone receiving their donated material from them.

Reason for change This is a new entry.

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3. Female Sexual Partners of Men who have Sex with Men

<i>Obligatory</i>	Must not donate if: Male partner has had oral or anal sex with another man, even if a condom or other protective was used.
<i>Discretionary</i>	If 12 months or more from the last sexual contact, accept.
<i>See if Relevant</i>	Tissues Safety Entry - N.I. Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals
<i>Additional Information</i>	Men who have sex with other men have a higher chance of having an undiagnosed infection which could be passed to their female partner. Waiting twelve months from the last sexual contact helps to ensure that the infections tested for by the Blood Services will be picked up.
<i>Reason for change</i>	This is a new entry.

Tissue Safety Entry – Live Donors N.I.

Applies to Northern Ireland only. Donors and staff in England, Scotland and Wales see Tissue Safety Entry

<i>Obligatory</i>	Information must be provided so that individuals at risk do not donate. The reasons for donor self-exclusion must be understood. 1. You must not donate if: You think you need a test for HIV/AIDS, HTLV or hepatitis. 2. You must never donate if: a) You are HIV positive. b) You are HTLV positive. c) You are a hepatitis B carrier. d) You are a hepatitis C carrier. e) You are a man who has ever had oral or anal sex with another man, even if you used a condom or other protective. f) You have ever received money or drugs for sex. g) You have ever injected, or been injected with, drugs; even a long time ago or only once. This includes bodybuilding drugs. You may be able to give if a doctor prescribed the drugs. Please ask. 3. You must not donate for at least 12 months after sex (even if you used a condom or other protective) with: A partner who is, or you think may be: a) HIV or HTLV positive. b) A hepatitis B carrier. c) A hepatitis C carrier.
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- d) (If you are a woman): A man who has ever had oral or anal sex with another man, even if they used a condom or other protective.
- e) A partner who has ever received money or drugs for sex.
- f) A partner who has ever injected, or been injected with, drugs: even a long time ago or only once. This includes bodybuilding drugs. You may be able to give if a doctor prescribed the drugs. Please ask.
- g) A partner who has, or you think may have been, sexually active in parts of the world where HIV/AIDS is very common. This includes most countries in Africa. There are exceptions, so please ask.

4. For donors of haematopoietic progenitor cells

There are no specific restrictions regarding donation after male-sex-with-male sexual contact, instead a documented individual risk/benefit donor assessment is required.

See if Relevant Addiction and Drug Abuse
Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals-N.I.
Hepatitis of Viral Origin
HIV
HTLV
Infection - General

Reason for change This is a new entry.

Sex Change – Live Donors N.I.

Applies to Northern Ireland only. Donors and staff in England, Scotland and Wales see Sex Change Entry

Discretionary Accept

See if Relevant Tissue Safety Entry – N.I.
Surgery

Additional Information A careful and sympathetic consideration of sexual risk factors needs to be undertaken. A man who has had his gender reassigned as a woman who, as a man, had not had high risk sexual activity, can be accepted if, as a woman, they have a sexual relationship with a man.

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2. Please amend the following entries:

Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals

Applies to England, Scotland and Wales only. Donors and staff in Northern Ireland see Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals – Live Donors N.I.

1. Female

Discretionary Accept

Additional Information There is no evidence that there is an increased risk of sexually transmitted infections in homosexual or bisexual females compared to heterosexual females.

Reason for Change This is a new entry

2. Male

Obligatory **Must not donate if:**
Has had oral or anal sex with another man, even if a condom or other protective was used.

Discretionary If 12 months or more from the last oral or anal sexual contact with another man, accept

See if Relevant Tissue Safety Entry
Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals – Live Donors N.I.

Additional Information The guidance has been changed in line with recommendations from the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO). The recommendations have been noted by the English Department of Health and the devolved authorities in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Men who have sex with other men have a higher chance of having an undiagnosed infection which could be passed to anyone receiving their blood, tissues or cells. During 2012 and 2013, SaBTO commissioned a subgroup to review the donor selection criteria and risks associated with the donation of tissues and cells by men who have had sex with men.

This review considered advances in the sensitivity of testing procedures currently in use in the UK, the prevalence of transfusion transmissible infections in men who have had sex with men, the current level of compliance with the donor selection guidelines and, where applicable, the additional processes used to reduce the risk of transmission of viral infection. This review recommended that the deferral period for men who have had sex with men should be reduced to 12 months after last sexual contact.

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Reason for Change To clarify that this entry does not apply to live tissue donors in Northern Ireland and to add a link to the Northern Ireland specific entry

3. Female sexual partners of men who have sex with men

<i>Obligatory</i>	Must not donate if: Male partner has had oral or anal sex with another man, even if a condom or other protective was used.
<i>Discretionary</i>	If 12 months or more from the last sexual contact with a man who has ever had sex with another man, accept. There are exceptions so please ask.
<i>See if Relevant</i>	Tissue Safety Entry Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals – Live Donors N.I.
<i>Additional Information</i>	Men who have sex with other men have a higher chance of having an undiagnosed infection which could be passed to their female partner. Waiting twelve months from the last sexual contact helps to ensure that the infections tested for by the Blood Services will be picked up. There may be exceptions for female partners of men who have had sex with men. They may be allowed to donate on the basis of an individual risk assessment.
<i>Reason for Change</i>	To clarify that this entry does not apply to live tissue donors in Northern Ireland and to add a link to the Northern Ireland specific entry.

Tissue Safety Entry

Applies to England, Scotland and Wales only. Donors and staff in Northern Ireland see Tissue Safety Entry – Live Donors N.I.

<i>Obligatory</i>	Information must be provided so that those at risk do not donate. 1. You must not donate if: You think you need a test for HIV/AIDS, HTLV or hepatitis. 2. You must never donate if: a) You are HIV positive b) You are HTLV positive c) You are a hepatitis B carrier d) You are a hepatitis C carrier e) You have ever received money or drugs for sex f) You have ever injected, or been injected with, drugs; even a long time ago or only once. This includes bodybuilding drugs. You may be able to give if a doctor prescribed the drugs. Please ask.
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3. You must not donate for at least 12 months after sex (even if you used a condom or other protective) with:

A partner who is, or you think may be:

- a) HIV or HTLV positive
- b) A hepatitis B carrier
- c) A hepatitis C carrier
- d) A partner who has ever received money or drugs for sex
- e) A partner who has ever injected, or been injected with, drugs: even a long time ago or only once. This includes bodybuilding drugs. You may be able to give if a doctor prescribed the drugs, please ask.
- f) A partner who has been, or you think may have been, sexually active in parts of the world where HIV/AIDS is very common. This includes most countries in Africa. There are exceptions, so please ask.

4a. For donors of haematopoietic progenitor cells, pancreatic islet cells or hepatocytes:

There are no specific restrictions regarding donation after male-sex-with-male sexual contact, instead a documented individual risk/benefit donor assessment is required.

4b. For donors of tissues/cells other than haematopoietic progenitor cells, pancreatic islet cells or hepatocytes:

You must not donate for at least 12 months after sex (even if you used a condom or other protective) with:

- a) (If you are a man): another man.
- b) (If you are a woman): A man who has ever had oral or anal sex with another man, even if they used a condom or other protective.

See if Relevant

Addiction and Drug Abuse
Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals
Hepatitis of Viral Origin
HIV
HTLV
Infection – General
Tissues Safety Entry – Live Donors N.I.

Additional Information

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Reason for Change

To clarify that this entry does not apply to live tissue donors in Northern Ireland and to add a link to the Northern Ireland specific entry.

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Sex Change

Applies to England, Scotland and Wales only. Donors and staff in Northern Ireland see Sex Change – Live Donors N.I.

Discretionary

- a) A woman who has had her gender reassigned as a man, accept.
- b) A man who has had his gender reassigned as a woman who, as a man, had not had high risk sexual activity in the last 12 months, can be accepted if, as a woman, they have a sexual relationship with a man.

See if Relevant

Homosexual and bisexual individuals
Surgery
Sex Change – Live Donors N.I.

Additional Information

The guidance has been changed in line with recommendations from the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO). The recommendations have been noted by the English Department of Health and the devolved authorities in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

A careful and sympathetic consideration of sexual risk factors needs to be undertaken. Men who have sex with other men have a higher chance of having an undiagnosed infection which could be passed to anyone receiving their blood, tissues or cells.

Waiting twelve months from the last sexual contact helps to ensure that the infections tested for by the Blood & Tissues Services will be picked up.


Reason for Change


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