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Northern Ireland - donor selection changes 2020

These changes apply to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines (WBDSG) and the Document Library

The Northern Ireland Health Minister has announced a relaxation of the deferrals for MSM and other high-risk activities which will reduce from 12 months to three months. This is due to be implemented on 1st June 2020. The changes are in line with the other UK transfusion services and the recommendations of the SaBTO Donor Selection Criteria Review Report (2017).

1. Please delete the following entries from the WBDSG and Document Library:

WBDSG:

- a) Bleeding Disorder – N.I.
- b) Blood Safety Entry – N.I.
- c) Hepatitis B – N.I.
- d) Hepatitis C – N.I.
- e) HIV – N.I.
- f) Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals – N.I.
- g) HTLV – N.I.
- h) Non-Consented Exposure to Human Body Fluids – N.I.
- i) Sex Worker – N.I.
- j) Syphilis – N.I.

Document Library: Blood Safety Leaflet Information:

- k) Content of the Blood Safety leaflet – N.I.
- l) Why we ask some people not to give blood – N.I.

2. Please amend the following entries in the WBDSG and Document Library by removing the text referring to a N.I. version (“Applies to England, Scotland.....”) of the same entry:

WBDSG:

- a) Bleeding Disorder

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- b) Blood Safety Entry
- c) Hepatitis B
- d) Hepatitis C
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- f) Homosexual and Bisexual Individuals
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- i) Sex Worker
- j) Syphilis

Document Library – Blood Safety Information Leaflet

- k) Content of the Blood Safety leaflet
- l) Why we ask some people not to give blood

Reason for Change

This entry was updated to remove the reference to a separate entry for Northern Ireland. This is to reflect changes in donor selection criteria for donors in Northern Ireland (1st June 2020) which are in line with the other UK Blood Services and the SaBTO Donor Selection Criteria Review Report (2017).

3. Please amend the following pages within the Document library:

a) Blood Safety Leaflet Information:

The pages in this area provide Donors with Explanatory Information on the Blood Safety Leaflet.

- Introduction
- Why we ask some people not to give blood
- Contacts
- Content of the Blood Safety leaflet
- ~~JPAC Position Statement (2017) – Blood donor selection to minimise risk of transfusion transmissible infectious agents entering the blood supply (England, Scotland and Wales. Please see separate position statement below for Northern Ireland)~~
- ~~JPAC Position Statement (2014) – Blood donor selection to minimise risk of transfusion transmissible infectious agents entering the blood supply (Northern Ireland only)~~

b) Blood Safety Leaflet Information – Introduction:

Explanation sheets for the Blood Safety leaflet...

(First six paragraphs unchanged)

...Text of the available explanatory information:

- Why we ask some people not to give blood

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- JPAC Position Statement (2017) Blood donor selection to minimise risk of transfusion transmitted infectious agents entering the blood supply (~~England, Scotland and Wales. Please see separate position statement below for Northern Ireland~~)
- ~~JPAC Position Statement (2014)—Blood donor selection to minimise risk of transfusion transmissible infectious agents entering the blood supply (Northern Ireland only)~~

c) Position Statements

The latest versions of all JPAC (*) Position Statements can be viewed and searched on this site. Each position statement is available as Portable Document File (pdf) for download.

- Current Position Statements available:
- Blood donor selection to minimise risk of transfusion transmissible infectious agents entering the blood supply (2017) (~~England, Scotland and Wales. Please see separate position statement below for Northern Ireland~~)
- ~~Blood donor selection to minimise risk of transfusion transmissible infectious agents entering the blood supply (2014) (Northern Ireland only)~~
- Calcium Abnormalities and Apheresis Donation (2017)....(*remainder of page unchanged*)

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