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Applies to the Cell and Tissue Donor Selection Guidelines for Deceased Tissue Donors Live Tissue Donors, Cord Blood Donors and Bone Marrow & Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Donors

HIV

Please merge the 'current' and 'former' sexual partner or confirmed case sections and make the changes to the 'obligatory', 'additional information' and 'reason for change' sections as shown below in red text. **Please add a new section to cover 'Person currently of formerly sharing a home with affected individual'.**

Including Aids

Infection

Obligatory

Must not donate

See if Relevant

Tissue Safety Entry

Current or Former Sexual Partners of Confirmed Case

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

Less than **3** months from last sexual contact.

See if Relevant

[Tissues Safety Entry](#)

Additional Information:

HIV infection can be spread through sexual activity, including oral and anal sex. Despite regular sexual contact transmission of infection may not happen. It may however not be transmitted for a long time into a relationship. This could be because the infection becomes more active in the infected partner, the uninfected partner acquires another infection or injury to a mucous membrane, or there is a change in the use of, or

failure of, barrier contraceptives (condoms etc.). In the early stages of infection the testing used by the Blood Services may not detect the virus allowing it to be passed on by transfusion or transplantation.

Waiting 3 months from the last sexual contact will ensure that any infection is picked up by the tests used by the Blood Services. This guidance presumes that a validated NAT test for HIV is negative, if this test is stopped for any reason the guidance will change.

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. The current and former sexual partner entries have been combined. Additional information section added

Person Currently or Formerly Sharing a Home with an Affected Individual

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| <i>Discretionary</i> | Accept. |
| <i>See if Relevant</i> | Current or Former Sexual Partner of Affected Individual above. |
| <i>Additional Information</i> | HIV is neither contagious nor spread by the faecal-oral route. It is usually only spread through a direct blood to blood or sexual route. For these reasons household contacts do not need to be deferred. |
| <i>Reason for change</i> | This is an additional entry. |

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