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Implementation: To be determined by each Service

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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

HTLV

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'.

Infection

Obligatory **Must not donate.**

See if Relevant [Tissues Safety Entry](#)

Current and 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 There is no defined infectious window period for HTLV. The risk of missing recent infection with individual sample testing is low after 3 months.

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

Person Currently or Formerly Sharing a Home with an Affected Individual

Discretionary **Accept.**

See if Relevant **Current or Former Sexual Partner of Affected Individual above.**

Additional Information

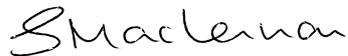
HTLV is neither contagious nor spread by the faecal-oral route. It is usually only spread through a direct blood to blood or sexual route. For these reasons household contacts do not need to be deferred.

Reason for change

This is an additional entry.

Update Information

This entry was last updated in **TBC**



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