

Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

Date of Issue: 13 December 2022

Implementation: to be determined by each Service

Donor Selection Guidelines:

Infectious Diseases – Contact with

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Changes are indicated using the key below. This formatting will not appear in the final entry.

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The following changes apply to:

BM-DSG Bone Marrow & Peripheral Blood Stem Cell	CB-DSG Cord Blood	GDRI Geographical Disease Risk Index	TD-DSG Tissue - Deceased Donors	TL-DSG Tissue - Live Donors	WB-DSG Whole Blood & Components
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<i>Obligatory</i>	<p>See:</p> <p>Is there a specific entry for the disease with which there has been contact?</p> <p>Must not donate if:</p> <p>«a)» Within the incubation period for the condition or, if this is not known, less than four weeks from last contact.</p> <p>«b) Skin only – Contact with skin conditions that may be transmissible by the donated material, (such as scabies, ringworm, tinea)»</p>
<i>Discretionary</i>	<p>If there is a definite history of past infection with the disease with which contact has occurred, accept.</p> <p>«a) If the infection is known to lead to permanent immunity (e.g. chickenpox, measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough) and there is a definite history of past infection with the disease with which contact has occurred, accept.</p> <p>b) Contact with common upper respiratory tract infections (e.g. colds, sore throats, influenza, SARS CoV-2), accept.</p> <p>c) Contact with norovirus and other causes of diarrhoea and vomiting, provided the donor is symptom free, accept.</p> <p>d) All tissues except skin - Contact with skin conditions which are not transmissible by donated material (e.g. scabies, ringworm, tinea) if no signs of infection, accept.</p> <p>e) Skin only - Contact with skin conditions which may be transmissible by donated material (e.g. scabies, ringworm, tinea). If the donated tissue is to be sterilised prior to transplant, accept.</p>

	f) Individuals who have been prescribed prophylactic antibiotics after contact with meningitis, anthrax or chlamydia, provided they are symptom free, accept.»
<i>See if Relevant</i>	<p>«Coronavirus infection»</p> <p>Hepatitis</p> <p>«Hepatitis A»</p> <p>«Hepatitis B»</p> <p>«Hepatitis C»</p> <p>«Hepatitis E»</p> <p>«HIV»</p> <p>«HTLV»</p> <p>Meningitis</p> <p>«Monkeypox»</p> <p>Sexually Transmitted Disease</p> <p>«Smallpox Immunization»</p> <p>«Syphilis»</p> <p>Tuberculosis</p>
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