

# Blood Response to Major Incidents in England

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#### **NHS Blood and Transplant**

- NHSBT is regarded as "The Blood Service", but also provides tissues in emergencies (esp. Skin)
- Blood and blood components are provided from stock (we do not normally need emergency donors)
- NHSBT will move stock to ensure that a centre is reprovided
- Assumption that most emergency stock is required within the first 8 hours of an incident.
- NHSBT does recognise some ongoing requirements for returns to theatre



### **Challenges**

- Hospitals over-order
- The public response to give blood
- The tendency to use O Negative blood (even when there is time to provide group compatible) – not just a numbers issue
- Logistics crowds, lock-downs and cordons disrupt travel routes and access into hospitals (assistance required for blood services please)



#### **Incidents**

- Westminster Bridge 22 March 2017
- WannaCry ransomware 12 May 2017
- Manchester Arena 22 May 2017
- London Bridge 3 June 2017
- Grenfell Tower 14 June 2017
- Finsbury Park Mosque 19 June 2017
- Parson's Green Underground 15 September 2017



	Westminster		Manchester		London Bridge		Grenfell Tower		Finsbury Park		Parson's Green	
Casualties	29		116		48		70		8		30	
Transfused	?		23		?		?		0		?	
	Ordered	Nsed	Ordered	Used	Ordered	Nsed	Ordered	Used	Ordered	Used	Ordered	Nsed
O Neg RBC	20	?	163	31	90	?	0	?	0	0	0	?
O Pos RBC	50	?	80	21	46	?	0	?	0	0	0	?
Total RBC	70	?	334	89	136	?	0	?	0	0	0	?
Total Plt	16	?	18	?	17	?	0	?	0	0	0	?
Total Frozen	12	?	70	?	60	?	0	?	0	0	0	?



#### Israeli Experience

- A past Israeli survey of 1645 attacks involving 7497 casualties (Shinar et al, 2006) suggested:
  - 13% death at scene
  - 8% severe (p1) and
  - 12% (p2) moderate casualties
- A total of 20% who may need blood.

Shinar E et al. (2006) Meeting blood requirements following terrorist attacks: the Israeli experience. Current Opinion in Haematology. 13(6): 452-456.







#### **Our Assumptions**

- For casualty numbers we use Government Planning assumptions
- We assume P1:P2:P3 ratio of 10:20:70
- 10 units RBC for P1 haemostatic support in accordance with transfusion guidelines
- 4 units RBC for P2 no haemostatic support
- Nothing for P3
- 3-fold over-ordering of red cells



#### **Specific Issues**

- Cordon going into St. Thomas' (Westminster Bridge) and cordon in Manchester
- Platelet stock points
- Not routine for hospitals to report usage
- Hospital over-ordering (especially O Neg red cells and A Neg platelets)
- Transport boxes



## Thank You

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