

Joint UKBTS / NIBSC Professional Advisory Committee ⁽¹⁾ Summary Sheet

1. Paper for the JPAC meeting on:	10/3/2011
2. Date submitted:	21/1/2011
3. Title (including version no.):	Recommendations on a change to the Donor Selection Guidance for Syphilis
4. Author(s):	SAC Care and Selection of Donors Dr Sue Barnes
5. Brief summary:	<p>With the implementation of the new DSG 203 it has been noted by NHST that technically the wording of the entry for: Current or Former Sexual Partner of Affected Individual would never allow them to donate. This was not intended. The wording has been discussed with Dr P Hewitt and new wording advised to allow a second discretion for treated partners.</p> <p>The SAC CSD on 9/12/10 recommended amending the DSG guidance on Syphilis as per attached draft change notification.</p>
6. Action required by the Joint Professional Advisory Committee: (What do you want JPAC to do in response to this paper?) e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorse a specific recommendation • advise where there is a choice of possible actions • advise on priorities within the work plan • provide a steer on policy 	Endorse recommendations
7. Any other relevant information:	

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Applies to all Whole Blood and Component Donor Selection Guidelines.

Syphilis

1. Affected Individual

Obligatory
Must not donate.

See if Relevant

Blood and Tissues Safety Entry

Additional Information

Many donors with treated syphilis will persistently test positive to the screening tests used by the Blood Services, even if treated many years ago. This will mean they will not be able to donate.

Information

Part of this entry is a requirement of the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005.

Update Information

This entry was last updated in:
DSG-WB Edition 203, Release 01.

Reason for Change

Additional Information¹ has been added.

2. Current or Former Sexual Partner of Affected Individual

Obligatory

Must not donate if:

- a) The potential donor required treatment.
- b) The potential donor did not require treatment and it is *less* than 12 months since the infected partner has completed treatment.

Discretionary

- a) If the potential donor did not require treatment and it is more than 12 months from the last sexual contact with the infected partner, accept.*
- b) If the potential donor did not require treatment and it is more than 12 months since the infected partner has completed treatment, accept.*

See if Relevant

Blood and Tissues Safety Entry

Additional Information

Certain sexually transmitted infections, such as syphilis and gonorrhoea, are more likely to be associated with other sexually transmitted infections that can be passed on through donation than others. For these, a 12 month deferral is required so that there is less risk of infections being missed by the Blood Services and then being passed on to a recipient of donated material.

Information

This entry is compliant with the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005.

Update Information

This entry was last updated in:
DSG-WB Edition 203, Release ????

Reason for Change

Further discretionary advice has been added to allow acceptance of donors whose partners have completed treatment over 12 months ago for syphilis.

Donor Information

If you wish to obtain more information regarding a personal medical issue please contact your National Help Line.

Please do not contact this web site for personal medical queries, as we are not in a position to provide individual answers.