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Our ref: MOC/ 328250

Dear Mr Rose

Re: Information request

Thank you for your request dated 18th July 2017 for information from NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) regarding platelet donations.

I am writing to advise you that we are able to provide you with the following information in response to your request.

Please could you tell me how the number of active platelet donors there have been in the UK and how many platelet donations were made for the years 2010-2016. It would also be great if you had the information for 2017 as well giving that date the figures were taken.

Date	FY	Active_Donors	Donations
01/07/2010-30/06/2011	2010-2011	18,686	108,982
01/07/2011-30/06/2012	2011-2012	17,718	115,955
01/07/2012-30/06/2013	2012-2013	16,581	117,028
01/07/2013-30/06/2014	2013-2014	15,869	109,996
01/07/2014-30/06/2015	2014-2015	15,336	99,815
01/07/2015-30/06/2016	2015-2016	14,580	87,976
01/07/2016-30/06/2017	2016-2017	14,422	79,252
	Total	113,192	719,004

Please note that this data is correct as of 26/07/2017.

NHS Blood and Transplant has gradually reduced the amount of platelets it collects from platelet apheresis donations and increased the amount of platelets it collects by pooling whole blood donations from whole blood donors. This follows the 2013 recommendation made by the Department of Health's Independent Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO) to remove the requirement to provide 80% of platelets to hospitals by apheresis. We will continue to provide apheresis platelets for certain groups of patients who require them – namely, poorly newborn babies, children, and patients who have very complicated requirements for very specially selected blood because they are at risk of serious reactions to the transfusion.

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I hope this is helpful in addressing your questions. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wm', with a horizontal line underneath.

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