



Blood and Transplant

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Dear Casey Bond

Re: Information request

Thank you for your request dated 5th October 2017 for information from NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) regarding blood donation.

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is a Special Health Authority. Its remit includes the provision of a reliable, efficient supply of blood and associated services to the NHS in England. It is also the organ donor organisation for the whole of the UK and is responsible for matching and allocating donated organs.

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

**For the last year (October 2016 to September 2017) can you please supply figures of the number of blood units donated in the UK? Do you also have information on the number of blood units that that were required - i.e. was there a shortfall in blood supply?
Would it be possible to break the information down into months to identify if a particular month had a shortfall?
Are there any areas in the UK that have suffered a shortfall of blood supplies in the last year?**

Blood is a precious gift from our donors which should not be wasted, so it is important we only collect the blood that patients need when they need it. Our donation programme is carefully planned and regularly reviewed to ensure that we are always able to meet hospital demand and that the blood supply is effectively matched to patient need.

You will find attached to this letter a spreadsheet containing the information you require with regards to England. For this particular information request you will also need to contact the Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish blood services direct.

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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 the letters.

Wayne Lawley
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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an review of our decision, you should write to: Customer Services Operations Manager, NHS Blood and Transplant, Oak House, Reeds Crescent, Watford, WD24 4QN (Email: customer.services@nhsbt.nhs.uk).

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT). The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.