



Blood and Transplant

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Our ref: MOC/ 413047

Dear Benjamin Well

Re: Information request

Thank you for your request dated 5th February 2021 for information from NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) regarding blood product usage.

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

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is a Special Health Authority reporting to the Department of Health and Social Care. 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.

If you require information from the Welsh, Scottish or Northern Irish Blood Services you will need to contact them direct.

I was wondering if it would be possible to receive a breakdown of how donated blood products are used in the UK annually (for as recent a calendar year as possible)?

I would like to know, in particular, what % of donated blood is used:

- 1. To treat medical conditions**
- 2. For planned surgery**
- 3. For *emergency* surgery**

NHSBT issues blood and blood products to hospitals for use in patient care. The hospitals decide which patients need the products and NHSBT is not informed of who has received them.

All products that we supply are traceable via a barcode to ensure the safety of the blood supply chain but tracing the transfusion back from patient to donor would only be required if the patient experienced any adverse effects that needed investigating.

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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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Customer Services Operations Manager, NHS Blood and Transplant, Charcot Road, Colindale, NW9 5BG (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.