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Implementation: To be determined by each Service

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This change applies to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines for England, Scotland and Wales. For Northern Ireland see separate entry.

Sex Worker

Please replace the current entry with the text below.

Obligatory Must not donate if donor has received money or drugs for sex.

Discretionary If three or more months have elapsed since the donor last received money or drugs for sex, accept

See if Relevant Blood Safety Entry

Additional Information In this context sex is defined as vaginal, oral or anal sex with or without a condom/protective. People who have received payment for sex are at high risk of acquiring sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection.

Following the publication of the SaBTO Donor Selection Criteria report 2017 the deferral period for men who have sex with men, sex with a person who has received money or drugs for sex, someone who has received money or drugs for sex, sex with a partner resident and sexually active in a high risk area, sex with a partner who was previously resident and sexually active in a high risk area for HIV/AIDS and who has not been screened by the blood service, sex with a high risk partner (i.e. with HIV, HBC, HCV, syphilis, HTLV, person who has injected or been injected with non-medically prescribed drugs) has been reduced to 3 months. This review considered advances in the sensitivity of testing procedures currently

~~in use in the UK, the prevalence of transfusion transmissible infections and the current level of compliance with the permanent or 12 month exclusion for those donors deemed at higher risk of blood borne infections. The recommendations were approved by SaBTO and by the English Department of Health and the devolved authorities in Scotland, and Wales~~

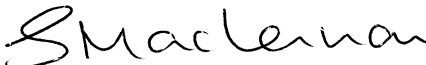
~~They also represent one of the groups of individuals within whom emerging infections spread before they are recognized. This was the case with HIV infection. Because of this, the law requires that they are permanently excluded from becoming donors.~~

Information This is a requirement of the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005.

Reason for change ~~This is a new entry, replacing and extending the previous entry for 'Prostitutes'.~~
This entry was updated in line with the recommendations of the SaBTO Donor Selection Criteria Review Report published on 23rd July 2017.

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.



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