

Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

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Updates in the Geographical Disease Risk Index

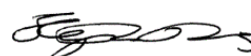
This notification includes the following changes:

	BM-DSG Bone Marrow & Peripheral Blood Stem Cell	CB-DSG Cord Blood	GDRI Geographical Disease Risk Index	TD-DSG Tissue – Deceased Donors	TL-DSG Tissue – Live Donors	WB-DSG Whole Blood & Components	Red Book Guidelines for the BTS in the UK
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Changes are indicated using the key below. This formatting will not appear in the final entry.

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1. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Costa Rica

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	Yes All year in whole country «All year in Limón Province but not in the city of Limón (Puerto Limón). The risk area is shaded red on the map.»
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	« B » A
« <i>Previous Malaria Risk</i> »	«Yes, all year in whole country until December 2011. All year in the Provinces of Alajuela and Limón between January 2012 and December 2024.»
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	Yes
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	No
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	Yes Chikungunya Virus, Dengue Virus and Zika Virus
« <i>Information</i> »	Map data ©MapTiler ©OpenStreetMap contributors»

The following map will be added to the entry:



2. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Rwanda

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	Yes All year in whole country
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	A
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	Yes
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	Yes Dengue Virus
<i>Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk</i>	Yes Marburg Fever outbreak in whole country: «September to December 2024.» ongoing from September 2024.

3. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Tanzania

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	Yes All year in whole country
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	A
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	Yes
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	Yes Chikungunya Virus and Dengue Virus
<i>Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk</i>	Yes Marburg Fever «outbreaks» outbreak in Kagera Region: February to June 2023 «and January 2025 onwards».