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Dear Justine, 7.4.10

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS 323794, 323795 & 323796 REGARDING  
DONATED BLOOD IN LONDON**

You recently asked:

"how much donated blood was used in each London (a) hospital and (b) borough in each year since 2000. [323794].

how much donated blood each London (a) hospital and (b) borough had in reserve in each year since 2000. [323795].

how much donated blood each London (a) hospital and (b) borough could not be used for each reason in each year since 2000. [323796]."

Further to my reply on 25 March (Official Report, Column 486W), I now enclose a copy of the available information. Full data are not collected centrally on the usage, wastage and stocks held of donated blood in each London hospital and borough. However, some data for the London area for 2005/06 to 2008/09 are available via the NHS Blood Stocks Management Scheme (BSMS) and this is set out below.

The majority of hospitals in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland submit stock and wastage data to the BSMS for two of the most frequently transfused blood components, red cells for transfusion to adults (adult red cells) and platelets for transfusion to adults. However, the scheme is voluntary, not all hospitals are members, and there is no requirement for the data which hospitals submit to be validated. Data on stocks held and wastage of frozen and more specialised blood components are not submitted to the BSMS.

The following table for 2005/06 – 2008/09 shows data on: the number of units of adult red cells issued; wastage figures for units of adult red cells (broken down by reason); and days of stock of blood groups A, B and O; held for hospitals which are current members of the London Regional Transfusion Committee and also submit data to the BSMS. It is important to note that figures given for wastage and days of stock are aggregated from data entered by individual hospitals to the BSMS, and are therefore not guaranteed to represent a complete data set.

Financial Year	Units of adult red cells issued to hospitals in the London area	Wastage figures for units of adult red cells issued to hospitals in the London area (by reason) <sup>1</sup>		Adult red cell stocks held by hospitals in the London area (in days) <sup>2</sup>
2005 - 06	375,166	Time Expired	6,917	6.5
		OTCOL	1,480	
		MISC	402	
		FF	371	
2006 - 07	366,932	Time Expired	5,807	6.7
		OTCOL	1,242	
		MISC	320	
		FF	83	
2007 - 08	368,851	Time Expired	5,353	6.8
		OTCOL	1,499	
		MISC	308	
		FF	169	
2008 - 09	378,887	Time Expired	6,514	6.7
		OTCOL	2,391	
		MISC	401	
		FF	162	

Source: NHS Blood Stocks Management Scheme.

<sup>1</sup> Wastage Reasons:

Time Expired - Time Expired Unit (unit older than thirty-five days, starting from the date of donation)

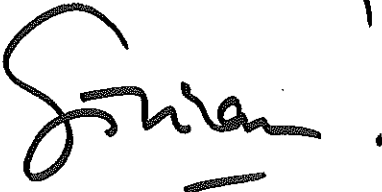
OTCOL - Out of Temperature Control Outside Laboratory (unit held at a temperature greater than 2-6°C for longer than thirty minutes, without transfusion commencing)

MISC - Miscellaneous (any other reason)

FF - Fridge Failure (physical failure of blood bank)

<sup>2</sup> Aggregated data for days of stock relates to blood groups A, B and O only.

I have placed a copy of this letter in the Library.

Yours sincerely,  


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