

Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services

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Increased and rapid travel of the population may lead to asymptomatic people donating infectious blood. A clear and detailed travel history must be obtained from all donors to minimise the risk of transmission of malaria, *Trypanosoma cruzi* and emerging diseases such as West Nile Virus, Dengue Virus, Zika Virus and Chikungunya virus.

The latest JPAC *Donor Selection Guidelines*¹ should be consulted for any donor with a relevant travel history.

Horizon scanning is performed by UK Blood Services to identify new and emerging pathogens which may threaten the safety of donated products.⁴