

**Friday 23 October 2020 – 11am**

**Update on the Roche situation**

There continues to be no significant change in the position at the moment. We remain confident we have sufficient supplies in place based on our current usage, however we have experienced increased demand due to additional patient activity which has meant a reduction in our stocks. Our system will continue to manage urgent clinical blood requests, but we are not in a stable situation yet.

It's 17 days since the incident began, and although small deliveries are arriving, we still do not yet have assurance of regular deliveries to change our position. So we are again regretfully asking clinicians to continue with the current control measures and present arrangements.

We are constantly reviewing these controls and will provide further advice to you. Be assured our system continues to have the right discussions and will also explore any new options that arise. We will move to a recovery phase as soon as we have assurance of supplies which we expect to last the weekend. Please carry on as you are until we advise otherwise.

Thank you for your continued support.

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