Comments on the ACD Received from the Public through the NICE Website

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Location	England
Conflict	no
Notes	NHS Blood and Transplant
Comments on individual sections of the ACD:	
Section 1 (Appraisal Committee's preliminary recommendations)	No comment these are very reasonable recommendations.
Section 2 (Clinical need and practice)	There have been no red cell shortages for over a decade, demand for red cells is falling as a result of patient blood management initiatives including the appropriate use of erythropoietin. Donor blood is precious and requires volunteer and NHS resources to maintain stocks but in the UK meeting demand remains achieveable. Transmission of bacterial or viral infection by red blood cells is very rare. Whilst NHSBT supports the appropriate use of alternatives to transfusion it is important to maintain confidence in the blood supply by accurately expressing risk. NHSBT can provide references and figures if required.
Section 3 (The technologies)	No comment this section is very clear and concise
Section 4 (Evidence and interpretation)	No comment. Excellently presented.
Section 5 (Implementation)	No comment to add
Section 6 (Related NICE guidance)	No comment
Section 7 (Proposed date for review of guidance)	No comment