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**MOTION SUBMITTED TO AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2023
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BLOOD DONORS IN WALES

Conference notes:

- A. Only 1 person in 38 in the UK donates blood whereas in some EU countries the figure is much higher (eg 1 in 19 in Greece, 1 in 20 in Italy and 1 in 24 in France). (source: European Blood Alliance)**
- B. Between October and November 2022, the UK's NHS Blood and Transplant service issued an "amber alert", asking hospitals to put in place management plans to protect blood stocks, including pushing back some non-urgent procedures.**
- C. There is an increasing demographic of elderly patients who survive from cancers. At present, these patients are excluded from ever donating blood without supporting evidence.**
- D. The only cancers which might be spread through blood donation are leukemias. For all other cancers, it should be safe for patients to donate blood after 5 years of being cancer free.**

Conference believes we need to dramatically increase the percentage of blood donors in Wales.

Conference Calls for:

- 1. The Welsh Government to investigate how it can increase the number of blood donors in Wales.**
- 2. This investigation to ask the Welsh Blood Service to evaluate the risks of enabling cancer survivors who are free from cancer to donate blood.**

AMENDMENT 1

PROPOSED BY THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

In clause C of Conference notes, delete “elderly”

AMENDMENT 2

PROPOSED BY THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Reformat existing “Conference believes” section to read:

“Conference believes:

- I. We need to dramatically increase the percentage of blood donors in Wales”**

Then add a new clause at the end of Conference believes:

“Individuals should not be prevented from donating blood except when there is a legitimate medical reason”.