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Data Transparency Update

During the last few years the BSMS has begun the process of moving from data confidentiality to transparency, both between hospitals and with the blood services.

Phase 1 2009 All hospitals in England and North Wales are able to view the data of all other hospitals within their RTC in VANESA, and in the case of Wales all hospitals served by the Welsh Blood Service. Hospitals in Northern Ireland, Scotland and the Irish Republic are already transparent in their regions.

Phase 2 2010 A new version of VANESA (v3.1) enables NHSBT and WBS hospitals to compare their data with that of other hospitals served by NHSBT and WBS/North Wales on a national level. This update allows hospital participants from all blood services to easily create tables comparing issues and wastage with other hospitals.

Phase 3 In progress Increase visibility of data between hospitals and blood services, a practice that is already in place in Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. A consultation will take place with NHSBT served hospitals in the coming months. We will keep you informed of progress.



2011 BSMS Regional Roadshows

A number of regional roadshows will be held in May with the aim of sharing good practice and providing tools and ideas to improve blood inventory management.

These events are open to all hospital and blood service staff involved in the management of the blood supply chain, and will explore various topics including blood drivers and stock sharing relationships and the challenges and limitations of stocking platelets in hospitals. The delegate rate is £35; lunch and refreshments are included. The dates and venues are shown in the table below.

To register for a roadshow or to see an overview of the programme, please check the website for up to date information
www.bloodstocks.co.uk/openmeetings

Date	Venue
06 May 2011	NHSBT Birmingham New Street, B2 4DU
12 May 2011	NHSBT Filton Centre, Bristol, BS34 7QH
18 May 2011	The Source at Meadowhall, Sheffield, S9 1EA
25 May 2011	Methodist International Centre, Euston St, London, NW1 2EZ

BSMS Strategy Questionnaire

The BSMS Strategy Questionnaire will focus on the benefits resulting from participation in the BSMS and the services that might be provided in the future by the BSMS that would contribute to improved stock management and/or support the appropriate use of blood in hospitals.

A short questionnaire is currently being developed by the BSMS Steering Group which will require completion by the Hospital Transfusion Team. The outcomes from the questionnaire will enable the BSMS to understand current use of the BSMS as well as informing future strategy. Further information will be available shortly.

VANESA version 3.1 - update

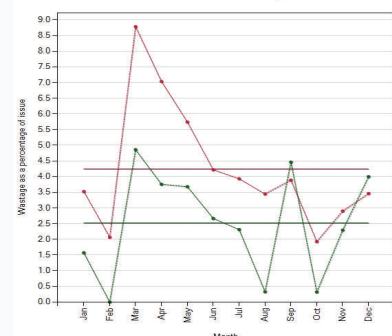
VANESA is the BSMS data management system and version 3.1 has been developed following requests from BSMS Participants.

What's in 3.1 ?

Yearly Hospital Graph - comparison over a number of years of your hospital's performance. Categories include issues of red cells and wastage of red cells and platelets.

Inventory Summary Report - collates 7 graphs into a report suitable for presentation at hospital meetings.

National Data Transparency - Transparency of hospital issue and wastage data throughout hospitals served by NHSBT. All Wales transparency - WBS served hospitals and NHSBT served hospitals in North Wales



Where can you find further information ?

Information sheets for each of the above reports are available from the website www.bloodstocks.co.uk and look in **About the Scheme**.

Spotlight on Data Transparency available from the website www.bloodstocks.co.uk and look in **Publications**.

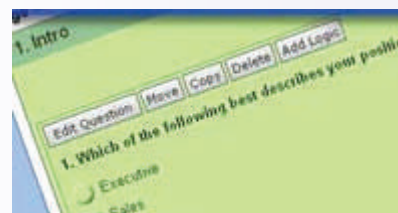
Inventory Practice Survey 2010

The 2010/11 Inventory Practice Survey focussed on stock sharing relationships between hospitals.

This project is being carried out in conjunction with Sebastian Stanger, a PhD student in Logistic and Supply Chain Management in collaboration with Cranfield University, and based at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany.

The first phase of this work involved interviewing members of hospital staff to explore stock sharing agreements. Following the interviews a survey was developed and circulated. The views of 206 hospitals were collected and a summary report of the findings will be available at the BSMS regional roadshows. Thank you to the hospitals who completed the survey.

The results will give an insight into these relationships with the aim of developing a framework of the potential benefits of stock sharing, but also recognising the limitations and challenges.



SHOT

SHOT, Serious Hazards of Transfusion, is the UK's haemovigilance scheme, collects and analyses anonymised information on adverse events and reactions in blood transfusion and produces recommendations to improve patient safety (<http://www.shotuk.org>).

Representatives from SHOT have been in discussion with BSMS to develop plans for benchmarking participation levels in the SHOT Scheme. Much like the BSMS, participation levels in SHOT are important and they want to encourage every organisation involved in transfusions to become fully involved in the SHOT scheme, so that all adverse events and reactions are captured.

There are plans to report data about participation in SHOT in a format that allows benchmarking between similar organisations. It is anticipated that SHOT will group their participants into clusters based on usage of blood products in a similar way to the BSMS categories, because it follows that higher users of blood products are likely to report to SHOT more often and vice versa. Each SHOT participant will then be given their own participation data, presented in a chart with anonymised participation data of all the other Trusts within the same cluster. An added development will be charts showing all Trusts within each Regional Transfusion Committee which will enable a local comparison.

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