

BLOOD STOCKS MANAGEMENT SCHEME

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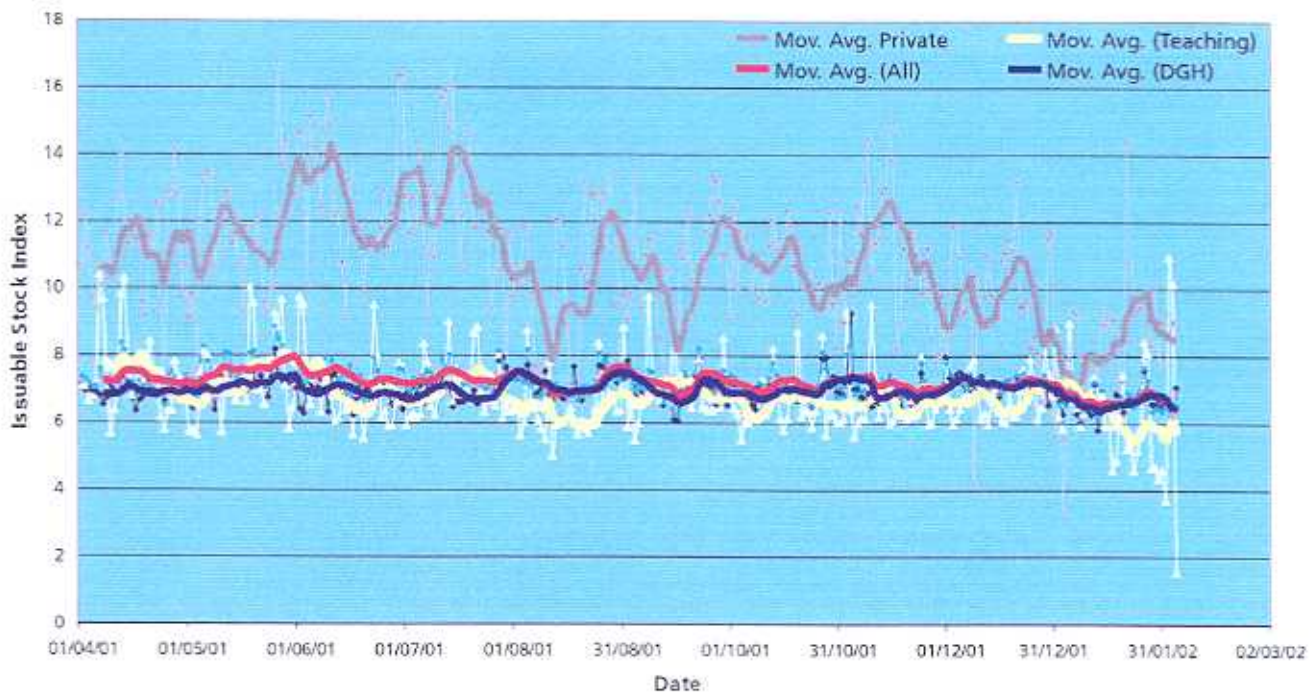
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Key Facts

○ Neg Issuable Stock Index by Hospital Type



Moving Average Range

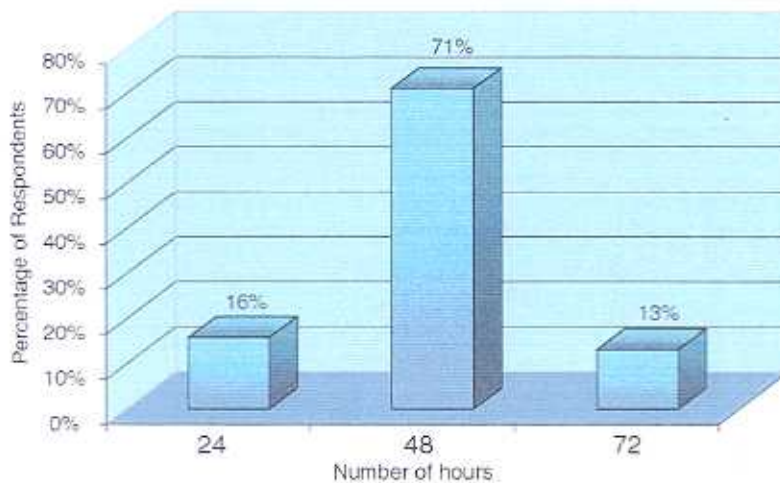
Hospital Category	Low	High	Range
Private Hospitals	7.2	14.4	7.2
Teaching Hospitals	5.5	8.1	2.8
District General Hospitals	6.3	7.5	1.2

Software Release

New software was released on February 11th 2002. This is the second software release since the implementation of the Scheme in April 2001 and shows the ongoing commitment of the Scheme to developing the software for customer needs. Changes include extension of the input data time period, introduction of a messaging system, changes to the graphical displays.

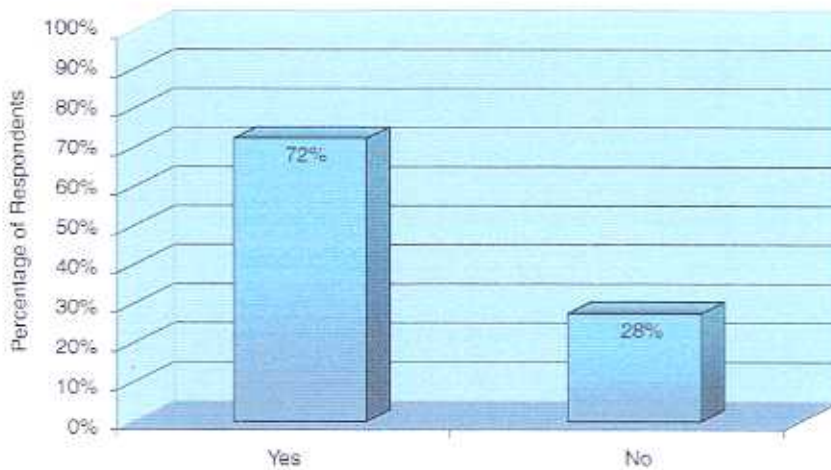
Ad Hoc Exercises – Executive Summary

Stock Reservation Period



The reservation time period for RBC units varies between 24 and 72 hours. The majority (71%) of respondents reserve blood for a maximum of 48 hours. A significant percentage (13%) holds blood for 72 hours, meaning that RBC units are taken out of general issue, and therefore potential usage, for an extended period. Conversely, 16% of respondents use a 24-hour reservation period, meaning that RBC units are not out of potential issue for an adversely long period.

Bar chart showing if there is a documented Standard Operating Procedure for red cell ordering



72% of respondents have a documented Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for red cell ordering. Whilst this is a substantial majority, 28%, more than 1 in 4, do not have an SOP for blood ordering. Of those that do have an SOP, 61% regularly (anything up to 1 year) review and update the SOP. Of the remaining 49%, 21% review the SOP only every 2 – 3 years and 11% have no defined review period.

BSMS wins a prize at the 2002 IT Health Care Effectiveness Awards

The Blood Stocks Management Scheme has won an award at the 2002 Health Care IT Effectiveness Awards. *The Healthcare IT Effectiveness Awards publicly acclaim the good work that healthcare and IT professionals do to improve the efficiency of patient care. They are given by a collaboration of five healthcare IT organisations and bodies: the NHS Executive; the NHS Information Authority; the Computing Services and Software Association's Healthcare and Primary Healthcare Groups; the British Computer Society's Health Informatics Committee; and the British Journal of Healthcare Computing and Information Management.

BSMS Open Meeting 4th July 2002

There will be a one day meeting for all (participant or non-participant) at the Britannia Hotel, Coventry. A programme and application form is enclosed. Come and find out more about blood stock management.