

BLOOD STOCKS MANAGEMENT SCHEME

NEWS SHEET No. 6

October 2002

In this issue

- ◆ **Better Blood Transfusion 2**
 - ◆ **Extension to platelets**
 - ◆ **BSMS Open Meeting**
 - ◆ **Out and About with the Scheme**

Better Blood Transfusion 2

Participation is increasing steadily with 208/310 (67%) of hospitals supplied by the NBS registered at 10/09/02. The 208 hospitals receive 78% of National Blood Service red cell issues and include 83% of possible teaching hospitals, 71% of district general hospitals and 46% of private hospitals.

Participation in the Scheme is recommended in the **Health Service Circular HSC 2002/009** "Better Blood Transfusion 2", published on 4th July 2002. The circular includes the objective of "improving the quality of the service" with the action "Ensure participation in the Blood Stocks Management Scheme" by April 2003.

Extension of the Scheme to include platelets

Work is well in hand for the extension of the scheme to include platelets. Meetings have been held with hospital and NBS representatives to identify the information that needs to be gathered and the format of the graphical displays. Most hospitals do not hold platelet stocks and therefore participants will not be asked to enter platelet stock information. Platelet issue data will be used and the graphical displays will relate to platelet issues. Hospitals will be grouped according to the number of annual platelet issues.

Changes to current page displays There will be changes to the daily stock data, wastage and graphical display pages, these are key to the development of the platelet scheme. The changes will enhance these pages simplifying data input and making them easier to use. New features will include the ability to enter stock movements between hospitals if there are several hospitals within a Trust or close area.

Proposed platelet daily impact (stock) page

platelets | red cells impacts | wastage | view | menu | home

| Platelets Daily impact data: | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Hospital name: | ACLAND | | PULSE code: | T602 |
| Date | 13 | Aug | 2002 | <input type="text" value=""/> |
| Blood Group | Platelet daily issue | Platelet daily movement | Impact | |
| O Pos | 3 | 1 | <input type="text" value="No impact"/> | |
| O Neg | 1 | 0 | <input type="text" value="No impact"/> | |
| A Pos | 0 | 0 | <input type="text" value="No impact"/> | |
| A Neg | 0 | 2 | <input type="text" value="No impact"/> | |
| B Pos | 0 | 0 | <input type="text" value="No impact"/> | |
| B Neg | 0 | 0 | <input type="text" value="No impact"/> | |
| Total | 4 | 3 | | |

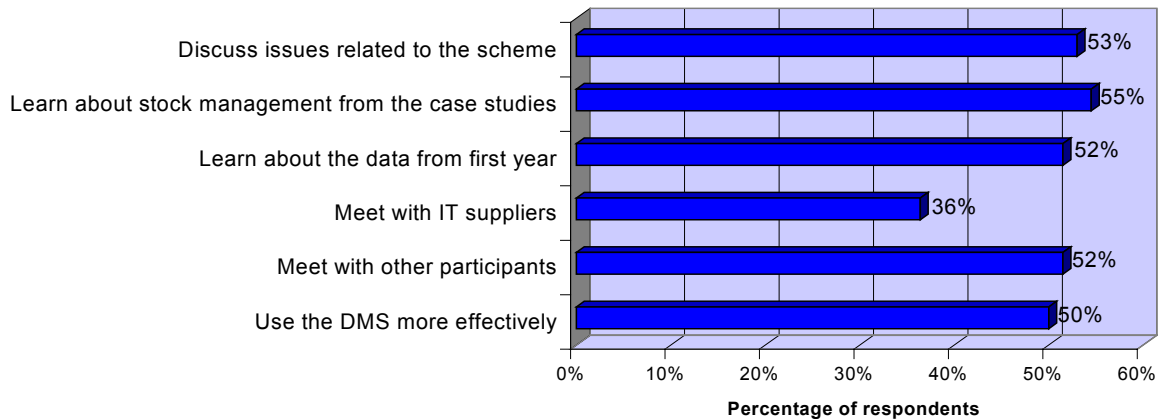
Most recent impact update was for 20 Mar 2002 on 20 Mar 2002 10:57:04 by bsms0194

Blood Stocks Management Scheme, PO Box 33910, Colindale Avenue, London NW9 5YH
 Tel: 020 8258 2942 Fax: 020 8258 2969 Email:judith.chapman@nbs.nhs.uk

BSMS Open Meeting

156 people from 80 hospitals, the NBS and IT suppliers attended the Open meeting on July 4th 2002. Analysis of the feedback forms indicated that participants came for a variety of reasons and found the meeting very useful.

Fig 1 Percentage of respondents indicating objective



81% of respondents indicated that their objectives for attending the meeting had been fully met and 19% partially met.

The morning presentations concentrated on NBS and hospital stock management issues including the role of donor collection planning and the impact of specialist practitioners of transfusion as well as blood tracking technology. All the morning presentations are available on www.bloodstocks.co.uk

IT supplier workshops were held for one hour at the start of the afternoon session. Each group was asked to report back on the most effective tools on their system for assisting in blood stocks management and collection of BSMS data. Tools included minimum stock level monitoring, proforma reports to fulfil BSMS and NBS requirements, a monthly stock statistics package, a stock summary including identification of short dated units, automatic stock re-order. The BSMS team are meeting with the IT suppliers in October to work through some of the issues raised in the workshops.

Quotes about the meeting

IT supplier

The afternoon workshop was very useful as it enabled me to talk through with hospital users the data requirements of the scheme and to share ideas on how we can help them with their data gathering.

Hospital user

'It was nice to be able to meet with other participants of the BSMS and to hear how they try and reduce wastage. I found it particularly useful when we were shown more about extracting data from, and the general use of the BSMS site. The day had something for everyone.'

Out and About with the Scheme

Presentations on the scheme have been made at the ISBT meeting in Vancouver and the Irish Blood Service Haemovigilance conference. These presentations were well received and much interest expressed in the data and the way the scheme operates. Several other countries are considering implementing schemes. A poster on the *ad hoc* exercise was presented at the BBTS meeting. A paper describing the Scheme and the first year's data was submitted to Vox Sanguinis, and has been accepted for publication later in the year. Thank you to all hospital participants for participation in the scheme that enables us to gather and share important information on blood stock management.