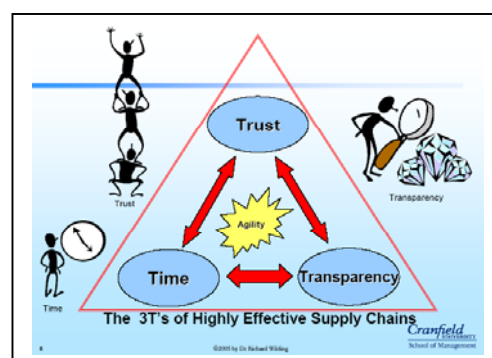


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### **BSMS OPEN MEETING APRIL 2005**

The meeting was a great success attended by more than 190 delegates from all over the UK and further afield; from hospitals and blood services. The purpose of the day was to try to understand the problems within the whole blood supply chain. The main focus was on the 3Ts of highly effective supply chains: **Time**, **Transparency** and **Trust**. Speakers from hospitals and the NBS were encouraged to be honest about their concerns so that there was plenty to discuss in the 3Ts collaborative workshops. The completed workshop worksheets can be viewed on [www.bloodstocks.co.uk](http://www.bloodstocks.co.uk), in the 2005 open meeting area. Richard Wilding (Cranfield) our guest facilitator for the day, encouraged us during his presentation to be "T shaped people rather than I shaped people". "I" shaped people only understand their own function, "T" shaped people understand the process they are part of.



### **BITE SIZED PROJECTS**

Some delegates have opted to participate in six BiteSize projects which will follow up the 2005 Open Meeting: The projects are related to the workshop topics and encompass: -



- *Hospital partnerships*
- *Ordering and issue, delivery and transport*
- *Relationships across the supply chain*
- *Appropriate stock levels*
- *Sale or return*
- *Predicting demand*

Each of the project groups will consider one question related to their subject. The projects will be getting underway shortly and will be conducted by email. Its not too late to take part. Please contact the BSMS team at [bsms@nbs.nhs.uk](mailto:bsms@nbs.nhs.uk)

### **BSMS OPEN MEETING 2006**

Following on from the success of this year's meeting there will be a 2006 Open Meeting. The Paragon Hotel Birmingham proved to be a good venue and we hope to book it for May 2006. We will put further information on the website and in the next edition of newswire

### **THE BLOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY REGULATIONS 2005**

The recent Inventory Practice Survey on blood fridges and alarms identified some issues related to fridge temperature monitoring. The MHRA, the competent authority for the blood and safety regulations, have a particular interest in issues such as cold chain monitoring which embraces fridge and alarm testing. Information on the Blood and Safety regulations can be found on [www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk](http://www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk)

## **NEW VANESA SOFTWARE TO BE LAUNCHED IN EARLY JULY**

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VANESA v 2 is scheduled for launching during the week beginning July 11<sup>th</sup>. This date is subject to change as our IT colleague may be on paternity leave. Any change to the date will be publicised via a message on VANESA and on the website. All participating hospitals will be emailed a revised version of the user guide. If you would like a colour hard copy please contact the BSMS office.

### ***The BSMS Manager's "hot" favourites***

1. **The zero wastage button** – an important new feature. You must use the zero button to record zero wastage for red cells or platelets.
2. **Data entry preferences – monthly/daily** this option allows you to decide your preference for data entry on the 'red cell wastage', 'platelet wastage' and 'red cell transfused' data entry pages. The monthly preference will restrict data-entry for the particular hospital to the last day of each month.

## **BSMS DEVELOPMENTS**

### ***Fate of donation (FOD) project***

The fate of donation project is progressing well. The NBS software developers have written the software for receiving the file from hospitals. The IT companies are engaged in the project and have either written or are in the process of writing their software ready for testing in the pilot sites. We will shortly be carrying out software testing with one IT company and user.

### ***Integrated Blood Shortage Plan (IBSP) Benchmarking - NBS hospitals***

IBSP benchmarking data will be reported using a web based system. The BSMS have agreed to facilitate this through a new application on the website. The data will not be collected on VANESA. The software is currently being developed. We are searching for a name for the new application and ideas are welcome.

A, B and O wastage is one of the key performance indicators and in the near future we will distribute a letter asking hospitals whether they wish to opt for the wastage information they submit to the BSMS to also be used for IBSP benchmarking.

## **BSMS UK WIDE**

### ***Northern Ireland***

Congratulations to Northern Ireland hospitals, they are all participating and have an excellent activity monitoring record; all of them are submitting data on a very regular basis. VANESA training sessions will be held in Belfast on 6 and 7 October 2005.

### ***South Wales***

South Wales joined the scheme in April. Four hospitals are participating on a regular basis.

### ***Scotland***

Judith gave a presentation to the blood transfusion laboratory managers and consultant haematologists about the Scheme during an update day, which focused on the EU Directive, and Blood Express. The SNBTS and Scottish hospitals are intending to join the Scheme by April 2006.

### ***Scheme Funding***

As all the UK countries will be participating by April 2006 the UK forum have agreed that all countries will contribute to the funding of the Scheme. We will be appointing an additional data analyst to ensure that the current level of service is maintained.



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