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**BSMS Open Meeting 2009**

The 2009 Open Meeting is taking place on Wednesday, May 6th 2009 at the Paragon Hotel in Birmingham. Registration is now open.

The event will include plenary sessions and a series of workshops based around key issues that will challenge hospitals and blood services in 2009 and beyond in respect of blood inventory management. An Open Forum will conclude the day.

Our guest speaker is Christine Rutherford who lectures in Logistics and Supply Chain Planning at Cranfield School of Management. The focus of Chris's lecture is "Demand Planning : Getting the balance right" and will provide an overview of supply chains, an insight into the demand planning process and how hospitals can contribute to effective planning. This is followed by a series of workshops exploring aspects of blood inventory management and information transparency.

Joanna Dobbin will explore future blood use in her presentation at the start of the afternoon session. Joanna Dobbin, our Knowledge Transfer Partnership Associate, is looking at what drives the demand for blood and will give us an insight into her work to date.

There is an opportunity at the end of the afternoon session to have your questions answered by a panel of experts. We have an excellent panel this year who will be able to answer your questions about cold chain requirements to data transparency.

Benefits to be gained from attending this meeting are sharing innovative ideas to networking with other hospitals. As usual your BSMS team will be in attendance to answer any queries. A number of commercial companies will be attending the meeting.

For further information about the event, or to register please visit:

<http://www.bloodstocks.co.uk/openmeetings/2009>

**Data Transparency**

The BSMS worked in partnership with its participants to gain agreement for data transparency during 2008. Letters were sent to Transfusion Laboratory Managers and Chief Executives in participating hospitals explaining data transparency and giving the opportunity to opt out. There has been overwhelming support for the move to data transparency from participants with very few hospitals opting out of the arrangement.



Phase 1 of the move from anonymity of the data to data transparency involved data transparency between hospitals within a region. The BSMS started phase 1 during December 2008. Data submitted by hospitals is now visible to other hospital participants within a region. For hospitals in England and North Wales a region is defined as the hospitals within a Regional Transfusion Committee (RTC). For hospitals in Wales a region is defined as the hospitals served by the Welsh Blood Service.

## Data Transparency

A further development under phase 1 will be the provision of de-anonymised data for open discussion at RTC meetings. As data is visible to participants within an RTC region the members of the RTC can already access each other's data. The BSMS Steering Group have agreed that the scheme will provide a standardised report to Chairs of the RTCs and participants on a quarterly basis. The report will contain issue and wastage data by individual hospital participant and will be available during 2009/10.

Hospitals served by the Welsh Blood Service have discussed data transparency at the BSMS regional roadshow during 2008 and have agreed transparency between themselves and the Welsh Blood Service Better Blood Transfusion Team. The BSMS Steering Group have endorsed this development under phase 1. The BSMS team will ensure that this is taken forward during 2009/10.

Northern Ireland already have data transparency between hospital and blood service participants.

We will keep you updated on progress with data transparency via newswire and the website. The Open Meeting will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss innovative ideas around data transparency.

## BSMS - Change of office telephone numbers

From May 1st 2009 the BSMS office telephone numbers will change. Please ensure your staff are aware of the change - a flyer is enclosed with this Newswire that can be laminated and used as a poster for the laboratory.

Telephone BSMS Office                      0208 271 6306

Fax BSMS Office                                0845 607 1414

Telephone BSMS Manager                0208 271 6303



## Blood Group Frequency and Inventory Practise Surveys

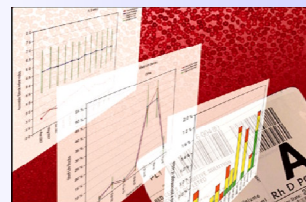
Thank you to all those hospitals who completed the above surveys. The response to both surveys has been excellent and we expect reports to be available by the end of May 2009.

## Hospital Quarterly Reports

Wastage data for red cells and platelets will be included in the next hospital quarterly report. This report will be available towards the end of May 2009 to allow sufficient time for hospitals to complete input of data.

The report will include :-

- National wastage data
- Average wastage data for peer group hospitals
- Comparator wastage data for your hospital



We are unable to provide accurate wastage figures to hospitals who make 2 or fewer wastage entries during the quarter.

## Ireland joining the BSMS

Ireland are making significant progress with joining the BSMS and will be undertaking a pilot with a number of hospitals. The BSMS team are looking forward to being involved in the pilot with hospitals in Ireland and welcoming them to the BSMS. We'll keep you updated with progress over the coming months.