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We are aware that the OBOS Training site is still not fully working and users are experiencing problems accessing the log in page; they may have received error messages after logging in and orders may not have been submitted.

We are working to resolve these issues and expect to have the site functioning again by mid May 2015.

Please accept our apologies for any delays this has caused in training new staff on the system. We will update users as soon as we have the system back up and running.

If you have any concerns regarding this please contact your local Customer Service Manager or email [OBOS@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:OBOS@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

**Craig Wilkes, Regional Customer Service Manager****1.2 New Transport Containers**

Over the next few months we will be introducing a new short journey transport box for blood and blood component deliveries. We are introducing these high spec boxes as part of our ongoing commitment to improving patient safety and regulatory compliance. The new box will replace the Clinimeds we use in some areas.

We appreciate that many of you use our boxes for movement between hospitals and that there needs to be a solution that we both can work with.

Following discussions with hospitals and the National Transfusion Laboratory Managers Group we have agreed to look at how we might make the new box available for use in hospitals and how this might be funded.

As a short term measure we will provide a small number of Clinimeds for use by hospitals, primarily for inter trust transfer. These boxes will be provided without warranty or statement of condition for use at hospital risk with the requirement that hospitals undertake validation. We will provide outline user guidance to assist you. This facility will be limited to the number of boxes that we can make available at any one time from existing stocks only. You should not be reliant solely on these boxes for all your hospital needs.

We believe these measures will ensure we both maintain patient safety and regulatory compliance whilst ensuring we deliver value for money.

Please contact your local Customer Service Manager should you require a small number for use.

**Chris Philips, Head of Hospital Customer Service**

## **For Information**

### **2.1 Two brand new Patient Information Leaflets launched**

Two new patient information leaflets (PILs) are now available to order.

The Anaemia PIL explains what is meant by anaemia and likely causes and treatment options, including blood transfusion, are discussed. The leaflet explains the concept of Patient Blood Management and encourages the patient to discuss treatment with their Health Professional.

The Frozen Components PIL explains how Fresh Frozen Plasma and cryoprecipitate are obtained, and the indications for their use.

Copies of these leaflets are available to order in hardcopy via the Access-24 website:

<https://ww3.access-24.co.uk>

They are also available to download from the Patient Information area on the Hospitals and Science webpage:

<http://hospital.blood.co.uk/patient-services/patient-blood-management/patient-information-leaflets/>

and on blood.co.uk:

<http://www.blood.co.uk/information-for-patients/blood-transfusion/resource/>

**Emma Whitmore, Patient Blood Management Practitioner**

### **2.2 Patient Information Leaflet – Blood Groups and Red Cell Antibodies in Pregnancy Version 3**

We have revised the patient information leaflet on blood groups and red cell antibodies during pregnancy. This leaflet provides information for pregnant women on how antibodies are formed and why some women are given anti-D. It also includes links to other sources of useful information. Please ensure that all old copies of this leaflet have been removed from circulation. Copies of the leaflet can be obtained by telephoning NHSBT on 0300 123 23 23.

**Dr Rekha Anand, Consultant in Transfusion Medicine**

### **2.3 Update on NHSBT Platelet Supply Project**

The Platelet Supply Project is on target to meet its objective to reduce component donation (apheresis) collections from 80% to 60% by April 2016.

Thanks are due to the majority of hospitals that have taken on board the SaBTO recommendations and changed their ordering practices.

Apheresis platelets are still provided in the following circumstances:

- Specialist children's hospitals
- Specific requests for named patients born on or after 1.1.96
- HLA-matched platelets

Hospitals should not be ordering apheresis platelets outside of the above indications, and hospitals that do not regularly transfuse children should not order apheresis stock.

In addition, apheresis platelets are no longer recommended as an option in cases of platelet refractoriness.

If apheresis platelets are not readily available at your supplying blood centre, you will be offered a platelet pool as an alternative by Hospital Services.

For those hospitals that haven't yet changed practice, we will continue to provide support via the Customer Services and Patient Clinical Teams, but it must be recognised that continuing to order apheresis platelets outside of the very limited indications may result in them not being available for the patients who really do need them.

**Tony Davies, Patient Blood Management Practitioner**

#### **2.4 NHSBT TACSI Platelet Production**

In the February edition of 'the update, we notified you about the use of the TACSI machine which automates the production of pooled platelets in additive solution (PAS).

The final part of the validation started on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

This will mean all production of pooled platelet in PAS and plasma at our Filton site will be manufactured using the TACSI process. We anticipate this will be for a four to six week period.

This component does not replace the current product: 'platelets suspended in additive solution', which is indicated in patients who have experienced repeated reactions to platelets, whereby the majority of plasma is replaced with additive solution.

Apheresis platelets will remain suspended in plasma.

If you have any comments relating to these products we have produced a feedback form that is available on the Hospital and Science website at <http://hospital.blood.co.uk/products/>

**Luba Kosmirak, Lead Specialist Manufacturing & Hospital Services**

#### **2.5 New OBOS version release dates**

The latest version of OBOS, 7.0.2 will be released to the training site on Monday 13th May 2015, ahead of the release to the 'Live' system between 31st May and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The date will be confirmed shortly.

The new functionality delivered in this version will not be switched on initially so there will be no change in the operation of OBOS. We will pilot the new functionality to order specialist stock components such as HLA matched platelets with a few hospitals and roll it out nationally in stages later in the year.

You will notice the new version number and we will keep you informed when the functionality will be turned on for your hospital on the training site and later on OBOS Live.

Your local Customer Service Manager will contact you in advance of the dates for your hospital.

Full details of the updates in 7.0.2 will be available in the OBOS user guide (INF414) that can be found via the footer on both systems and on the Hospitals and Science website together with the release notes and a set of practice orders following the release dates at:  
<http://hospital.blood.co.uk/products/index.asp>

If you have any queries, comments or concerns please email [OBOS@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:OBOS@nhsbt.nhs.uk) or contact your local Customer Service Manager.

**Craig Wilkes, Regional Customer Service Manager**

## **For Training**

### **3.1 Training & Education Events and Courses**

A full list of NHSBT training events, which are open to hospital personnel, is available on the our website at <http://hospital.blood.co.uk/training/index.asp>

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact your local Customer Service Manager, Patient Blood Management Practitioner or either of us using the details below.

For further information please visit the Hospitals and Science website on:  
<http://hospital.blood.co.uk/>



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