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For Action

1.1 Updated Emergency Blood Management Plans - for the attention of transfusion teams

The National Blood Transfusion Committee, the National Transfusion Laboratory Managers Working Group and the NHSBT Stock Planning Group have reviewed and agreed to updated versions of the plans. The updated plans are now live.

A significant change to them is the removal of links to the [BCSH guidelines](#) because hospitals can access these directly. The plans maintain the principles of management of supply within Green by adopting appropriate use initiatives, and guidance for the triage of patients when we enter an Amber or Red phase.

Please ensure your hospital transfusion team is familiar with the plans:

- [NBTC red cell shortage plan](#)
- [NBTC platelet shortage plan](#)

Chris Philips, Head of Hospital Customer Service

1.2 Scientific & Clinical Courses: Book early for 2017 and remaining spaces for 2016

We are pleased to announce our dates for 2017 and highlight the few remaining spaces for this year.

[Course calendar](#)

Advanced Transfusion Masterclass - change to Newcastle 2017 date

Now 11 January instead of 14 November.

Blood Centre tour - change to Sheffield 2016 date

Now 2 December instead of 24 November.

Practical Introduction to Transfusion Science - book now for 2017

A five day course to provide basic theoretical information and an introduction to routine practical techniques. Courses in Filton, Sheffield, Manchester, Newcastle and Tooting.

Specialist Transfusion Science Practice - spaces available in 2016 and 2017

A one week course to provide specialist level theoretical and practical information relating to more complex aspects of transfusion science.

- 5 to 9 December 2016 in Tooting.
- [2017](#) in Filton, Tooting, Sheffield, Newcastle and Manchester.

Non-Medical Authorisation of Blood Components - book now for 2017

A four day course for senior nurses and midwives working towards making the clinical decision that provides the written instruction for blood component transfusion. Courses are held in Manchester, Filton, Colindale and Tooting.

Essential Transfusion Medicine / Intermediate Transfusion Medicine - book now for 2017

To meet the training needs of Specialist Registrars and Clinical Scientists studying for the Part 1 RCPATH exam.

With the options of:

- One week Essential Transfusion Medicine
- Three weeks Intermediate Transfusion Medicine
- Four weeks running back to back. You may attend either the first week, the last three weeks or the full 4 weeks.

Courses are available in Manchester and Tooting.

RCPATH Pre Exam Revision Course - book now for 2017

A one week course in Manchester, Tooting and Filton.

Ruth Evans, OD Manager Scientific Training

1.3 Ordering Revised Patient Information Leaflets

The revised leaflets, effective from 10 October, are:

- Anaemia - Patient information
- Protecting women and babies with anti-D Immunoglobulin
- Information for patients who have received an unexpected blood transfusion

Please order free copies of the revised leaflets from the distribution hub <https://hospital.nhsbtleaflets.co.uk> and ensure old copies of the leaflets are removed from circulation.

Many thanks

Denise Watson, Patient Blood Management Practitioner

For Information

2.1 New monthly BSMS O D Negative Report

This report consists of one month's data and provides a better picture of hospital inventory performance and stock holding of O D negative adult red cells by highlighting:

- Requests and issues
- Stock movements and stock levels
- Recorded wastage of O D negative red cells
- Comparative 'requested versus issued' O D negative

The report is geographically segregated by Regional Transfusion Committees enabling hospitals to benchmark against other hospitals with a similar distribution of patients.

A report will be attached to your hospital's VANESA account each month and the September report is available now. Please see the help sheet on VANESA for an explanation of the contents of the report.

Frances Sear, Patient Blood Management Practitioner

2.3 Using and labelling on NHSBT Transport Containers

Following the introduction of the transport containers for hospitals' internal use we have received feedback highlighting some of the containers are labelled:

'Property of NHSBT. Validated only when packed by NHSBT'

May we please clarify our guidance:

'These boxes can still be used by hospitals providing they are used as directed in the packing information provided. The label will not be on all short journey containers.'

If you are using these containers and would prefer to use one without the labelling then **please exchange them with containers from NHSBT with your deliveries where a label has not been attached.**

Copies of the initial communication package issued at the time of the introduction of the transport containers are available from your local Customer Service Manager.

Craig Wilkes, Regional Customer Service Manager - South West

2.5 New OBOS version 7.3.2 release dates

- Training system on Friday 28 October
- Live system on Sunday 27 November

On 27 November Pulse and / or OBOS may not be available. If OBOS is not available, please use the NHSBT [fax forms](#) for your urgent orders and telephone Hospital Services to confirm order receipt.

When Pulse is not available but OBOS is, please print the OBOS request, fax to your local Hospital Services and telephone Hospital Services to confirm receipt.

The updates in the release are:

- HEV tick box

Users were advised which components required the use of the tick box following implementation of HEV testing (please see [The Update January 2016](#)). In this version the tick box will auto populate for any component where HEV negative is mandatory.

Methylene Blue treated components will have the HEV tick box 'greyed' out.

- Order and Line note comments

The 'Line note comments' section of the request screen will no longer be a free text box. It has been developed to generate a dropdown menu that contains the most frequently used comments that are not available within the other sections on the order request screen. This has been introduced to enhance the process of ordering and ensure patient safety.

Details of 7.3.2 updates are available in the [OBOS User Guide. Release notes and a presentation](#) for training purposes are now available on this website and via the link in the footers on the OBOS training and live systems.

Future OBOS versions

We are already working on OBOS 7.4.0 which is due for release in Spring 2017. The main change in this version is the facility for hospitals to acknowledge the receipt of orders. This will allow the replacement of the current 3 ply paper dispatch notes with a single sheet.

Supported browsers

You may have experienced problems using OBOS with some functions not working how you would expect, for example, losing the 'Create Order' tab.

In [The Update June 2016](#) we recommended using these browsers:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer - IE6, IE7 or Firefox 3.5

Please note no other browsers are currently supported.

To assist the development of OBOS using a wider range of browsers, a survey was issued on 18 October to over 8000 users asking what browsers they use. We will share the outcome of the survey with you and use it to help us understand your needs and plan any actions to meet them. In the long term we hope to develop OBOS to automatically produce this information removing the need to conduct future surveys.

We wish to thank everyone in advance for completing the survey and encourage anyone that has not yet completed it, to do so. The closing date is 31 October.

If you have any queries please email OBOS@nhsbt.nhs.uk or contact your local Customer Service Manager.

Craig Wilkes, Regional Customer Service Manager - South West

2.6 Limited Group AB Pooled Cryoprecipitate stock

Over recent months we have increased our stock levels of Group AB Pooled Cryoprecipitate and are now in a position to supply requests to support Group AB patients.

Stock levels, however, are limited and not yet sufficient to support stock requests for universal use.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and consideration when placing requests for this component.

Christine Gallagher, Regional Customer Service Manager

For Training

3.1 National Leadership in Transfusion conference 1 February 2017

We are proud to host our 'Leadership in Transfusion' conference at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole.

The event will focus on leadership and development, encouraging sharing of knowledge, experience and best practice. The presentations and workshops will address why good leadership, teamwork and communication are important to ensure we provide the best care for our patients.

The event will benefit anyone involved in the transfusion process.

Please book early as places are limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis.

Looking forward to seeing you in February.

[Full conference details](#)

Denise Watson, Patient Blood Management Practitioner

3.2 National Paediatric and Neonatal Transfusion conference 2 February 2017

We are proud to host the 'Paediatric and Neonatal Transfusion - your questions answered' conference at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole.

Dr Naomi Luban, Professor of Paediatrics and Pathology, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Science, USA is our keynote speaker and she will present on 'Patient Blood Management - an international perspective'.

The event will be of interest to paediatricians, neonatologists, haematologists, anaesthetists, surgeons, paediatric nurses, neonatal nurses, BMSs, TPs and trainees in healthcare.

Looking forward to seeing you in February.

[Full conference details](#)

Denise Watson, Patient Blood Management Practitioner

3.3 Training & Education Events and Courses

Our [training events](#) are open to Hospitals and your attendance is welcomed. We look forward to meeting you.



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