



Blood and Transplant

The Update for October 2022

New Blood Transfusion Training (BTT) elearning programme Modules available 31 October and early November 2022

The following modules are replacing the learnbloodtransfusion (LBT) modules on [elearning for healthcare \(elfh\)](#) and the [Electronic staff record \(ESR\)](#).

- Transfusion Reactions - replacing LBT Acute Transfusion Reactions
- Blood Components - replacing LBT Blood Components and Indications for Use

Note: search 'blood transfusion' in the learning catalogue.

The Cell Salvage module, replacing LBT Learncellsalvage, will be available in early November.

Anne Davidson - Education Lead, Patient Blood Management Practitioner Team

Assisting hospitals with inventory management practices during blood shortages

Information from Blood Stocks Management Scheme Team

We've produced [a blood shortage alert document](#) to assist hospitals with their inventory management practices during NHSBT blood shortages. The document covers:

- Best practice – Preparing for a blood shortage alert at each stage.
- Reports - How to use BSMS reports for stock reductions and emergency planning.
- VANESA participation
- Audit tool for inventory management during a blood shortage alert
- Accessing help

Resources and data provided by the Scheme have been summarised to encourage best practice, allowing users to gain maximum benefit from the information on offer.

Matt Bend - Blood Stocks Management Scheme Manager

Demand Printed Labels (DPL) for sending samples must be approved by laboratories

Please allow a minimum of one month for approval

We welcome hospitals starting to use these labels when sending samples to our labs. All DPL must be pre-approved by the relevant NHSBT laboratory before using them, and a minimum of one month's notice for approval is needed.

Please complete the [application form](#) and email a copy of the label to your Customer Service Manager.

Rhian Edwards - Customer Services Manager

**Reducing our ad hoc delivery charge during the amber shortage period
We're refunding 25%**

To encourage and support a further reduction in hospitals' red cell stock holding, we're applying this refund to all ad hoc deliveries placed on or after 12 October for the duration of the amber alert.

We hope this initiative will help hospitals as they continue to work with us during this difficult time.

Christine Gallagher - Operations Manager, Hospital Customer Service

**Transfusion Science and Transfusion Medicine training to March 2023 – discounted and fully funded places
NHS discounted and HEE funded places are available**

Visit our [Learning Centre](#) to book for:

- Practical Introduction to Transfusion Science
- Specialist Transfusion Science Practice
- Essential Transfusion Medicine
- Intermediate Transfusion Medicine
- RCPATH Pre-Exam Revision

To apply for the NHS employee discounted rate and/or an Health Education England funded place, please read [this information](#) before booking.

For other Transfusion Science and Transfusion Medicine courses, please visit [Training](#).

Melanie Harper - Educational Delivery Manager, Organisation and Workforce Development

Please start to provide your daily laboratory stock levels for platelets, FFP and cryoprecipitate in VANESA now in addition to your red blood cells stock levels

VANESA has new functionality for you to record your daily platelet and frozen component stocks; this data will enable better inventory management surveillance and monitoring. Please refer to the [September 2022 newsletter](#) on the BSMS website for guidance.

Matt Bend - Blood Stocks Management Scheme Manager

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