



Blood and Transplant

The Update for March 2023

Transfusing a granulocyte after the unit has expired Hospital clinicians should discuss with the on call NHSBT consultant

If a unit is expiring at midnight, and a granulocyte transfusion cannot be completed before then, hospital clinicians should first discuss with the on call NHSBT Haematology Consultant, before deciding if the unit should be transfused or discarded, as outlined in the [clinical guidelines for the use of granulocyte transfusions \(PDF 749KB\)](#):

4.6 Granulocytes expire at midnight the day following donation. The short expiry is on account of granulocyte activity (as opposed to concerns around bacterial contamination). Due to testing and manufacturing requirements, the component usually arrives in the hospital blood bank in the evening of the day of transfusion. If there is inability to complete the transfusion prior to midnight, the clinicians caring for the patient should discuss with the NHSBT consultant on call to review whether the risks and benefits are in favour of transfusing a short time past expiry, or of discarding the component.

For contact details of the consultant telephone your Hospital Services department.

Delia Smith - Customer Service Manager, Hospital Customer Services

2023 National Comparative Audit of NICE Quality Standard 138 launching 3 April 2023

This is the first of two [National Comparative Audits](#) this year, the re-audit of practice against the NICE Quality Standard 138.

If you wish to register but are yet to do so, please [login](#) to your Trust or Hospital audit homepage to enrol.

The data collection and entry period lasts for 8 weeks, closing 26 May.

John Grant-Casey - Programme Manager, National Comparative Audit of Blood Transfusion

New audit tool: 'QS138 Quality Insights' launched 27 March 2023

Introducing the new QS138 Quality Insights audit tool which enables hospitals to easily move from the National Comparative Audit (NCA) of NICE QS138 into a quality improvement cycle.

It provides access to benchmarking data in real time, with instant automated audit reports.

Hospitals can re-use their NCA data to populate the tool when they start using it, so work is not duplicated.

[Find out more about the QS138 Quality Insights audit tool](#)

Anwen Davies - Patient Blood Management Practitioner

Supporting hospitals using the new 5 day contingency platelets: guidance and information is now published on this website

We've now produced guidance and information for clinicians, transfusion labs, and transfusion teams, which is available on the [Blood Stocks](#) page.

Please take a look and if you have any questions, please contact your Patient Blood Management Practitioner or Customer Services Manager.

Sasha Wilson - Patient Blood Management Practitioner, Patient Blood Management Team

Invitation to TLMs to complete our new online Hospital Satisfaction Survey by 5pm, 6 April 2023

The opportunity to rate us on our blood supply, delivery and other services

We've recently asked TLMs (Transfusion Laboratory Managers) to rate us on our blood supply, delivery and other services over the last 6 months.

We understand TLMs are extremely busy and it may be hard for them to find time to complete the survey so we're introducing an online version, to make it easier and quicker to complete, and because we're keen to reach our target of a 100 per cent response rate.

We conduct our customer satisfaction twice a year to find out what we've done well and where we need to get better: we value the feedback which helps my team represent customers' views and hospitals requirements within NHSBT.

Chris Gallagher - Operations Manager, Hospital Customer Service

We're looking to develop and improve our Blood Stocks monthly component report and are asking for feedback by 7 April

We're keen to understand how the report is used and interpreted and are collaborating with the NIHR Blood Transfusion Research Unit (BTRU) to evaluate and improve the clarity and functionality of the report.

To capture this information we're asking hospitals we send reports to, to give us their feedback by completing a [questionnaire](#), it is anonymous and should only take 5 minutes to complete.

We will use the feedback to help us develop future reporting and improve the use of BSMS data by our participants.

Sophie Staples - Lead Specialist, Blood Stocks Management Scheme

Attend the UK Forum For Haemoglobin Disorders 55th Academic Meeting, 3 May 2023, London in person or watch the live stream

The [UK Forum on Haemoglobin Disorders](#) is a multi-disciplinary group of healthcare professionals interested in all aspects of sickle cell disease, thalassaemia and related conditions. The Forum is now a recognised and respected organisation involved in formulating national policy for screening and management of these conditions.

Presentations include the current BSH guidance; the 2022 amber alert: lessons learnt and NHSBT plans regarding best blood.

Go to the [meeting website](#) for programme, registration and venue details.

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