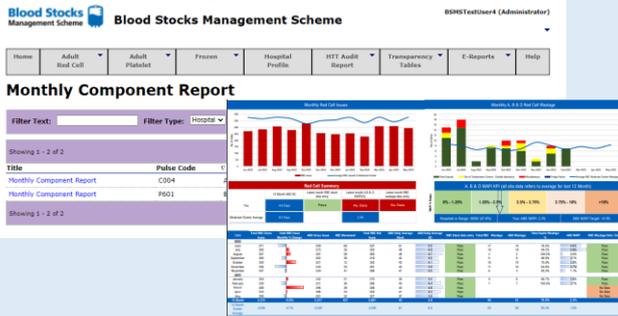


# VANESA System Update

Notice anything different about VANESA? Our new features from 5th September:

(Ensure you clear your browser cache or perform a browser reset (press ctrl+F5 on your keyboard) to have access to the new features.)

## Component Reports



Your monthly BSMS reports are now available in the 'reports' menu as a pdf. The last 12 months will be visible in your account for the hospital(s) you are assigned to.

## BSMS Branding



We have updated the logo to show our BSMS logo across the website.

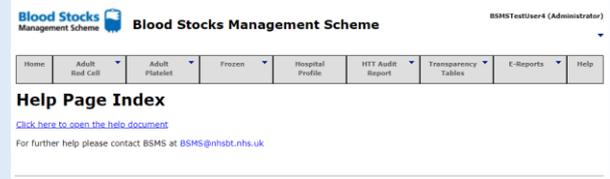
## Contact the BSMS Team

We have a new updated form that can be used to notify BSMS of any changes to your stocking practices.



We have also updated our email address on Vanesa, to make it easier for participants to contact us.

## Updated Help Guide



Our updated help guide is available under the 'help' menu option and will open as a pdf in a new window.



## A NEGATIVE PRE-AMBER ALERT

The platelet stock level has not stabilised sufficiently and therefore we remain in the pre-amber alert status for A negative platelets only.

### What can hospitals do?

- Choose another group for stock platelets – consider A positive
- Order group specific platelets and use D positive platelets where appropriate
- Accept appropriate substitutions, apheresis and pooled platelets where possible
- If patient clinically stable and appropriate - extend interval between prophylactic doses.

### What are NHSBT doing?

- Increasing collection and manufacturing targets
- Identifying ways to increase stock and make best use of platelet stock to meet demand
- Monitoring issues and wastage to identify emerging trends.





## Did you find us at SHOT?



It was a fantastic symposium with amazing speakers, and we were fortunate enough to meet some of our VANESA participants.

Thanks to all who stopped to say hello to Jill and Sophie, even if it was for a chocolate or a clue to the quiz!



## BSMS USER CATEGORIES UPDATE

BSMS participants are categorised into user groups for both red cells and platelets, based upon their annual issues from the blood service. The categories consist of **Very High, High, Moderate, Low and Very low**. Hospitals may move between categories as their numbers of red cell or platelet issues changes. The user groups can also be referred to as a 'cluster'.

BSMS red cell and platelet usage categories have been revised and updated in July 2023, to reflect current and historical component issues to hospitals. In addition, we have also defined and created user groups for FFP and Cryoprecipitate and these will be applied to benchmarking reports in future months.

Please find the new category thresholds below.

Component Type: Red Blood Cells		
BSMS user category	N <sup>o</sup> . of Hospitals	Group criteria (n <sup>o</sup> . RBC units issued annually)
Very High	31	> 10,000
High	50	> 6,000 & ≤ 10,000
Moderate	89	> 3,000 & ≤ 6,000
Low	49	> 500 & ≤ 3,000
Very Low	22	≤ 500

Component Type: Platelets		
BSMS user category	N <sup>o</sup> . of Hospitals	Group criteria (n <sup>o</sup> . Plt units issued annually)
Very High	36	> 1,800
High	49	> 900 & ≤ 1,800
Moderate	80	> 315 & ≤ 900
Low	46	> 50 & ≤ 315
Very Low	30	≤ 50

Component Type: Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP)		
BSMS user category	N <sup>o</sup> . of Hospitals	Group criteria (n <sup>o</sup> . FFP units issued annually)
Very High	32	> 1,200
High	47	> 500 & ≤ 1,200
Moderate	84	> 170 & ≤ 500
Low	44	> 15 & ≤ 170
Very Low	34	≤ 15

Component Type: Pooled Cryoprecipitate (Cryo)		
BSMS user category	N <sup>o</sup> . of Hospitals	Group criteria (n <sup>o</sup> . Cryo units issued annually)
Very High	30	> 315
High	42	> 100 & ≤ 315
Moderate	86	> 30 & ≤ 100
Low	41	> 10 & ≤ 30
Very Low	42	≤ 10

For the updated list and to find your new frozen component category please see the [user categories document](#) on the BSMS website.

## New 2024 dates for our **FREE** online education event **'An introduction to smarter inventory management'**

1 day online course for State registered Health Care Professionals provided by the Blood Stocks Management Scheme and Patient Blood Management team. An awareness of VANESA is essential.

Gain a better understanding of our blood supply chain, the challenges we face and how we can all contribute to conserving our stocks.

Email us at [bsms@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:bsms@nhsbt.nhs.uk) to secure a place or for any queries.

### Dates

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

