

# **Online Blood Ordering System (OBOS)**



# This User Guide is applicable to OBOS versions numbered 10.X.X

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#### Introduction [back to top]

The Online Blood Ordering System (OBOS) has been developed by NHSBT, hospitals and external suppliers to enable hospitals to order blood components online. Orders placed in this way will go directly into the NHSBT computer system, Pulse and hospitals will be able to view the progress of their orders within NHSBT.



The OBOS "footer" includes links to the corresponding OBOS User Guide and Presentation, the NHSBT component portfolio and RCI Assist. The "footer" indicates which version of OBOS has been accessed, which system e.g., Live or Training and the date and time of your last log in (UAT is the NHSBT user acceptance testing site for internal use only).

If you have any queries regarding the use of OBOS in your hospital, please contact your hospital administrator or transfusion laboratory manager. Any comments or feedback on the system or this user guide are welcomed as they allow us to continually develop to meet user needs and can be sent to OBOS@nhsbt.nhs.uk

**Please Note:** be aware of the normal functionality of the computer mouse scroll wheel. The functionality varies slightly depending on which internet browser version you are using. It is important that you do not inadvertently change a selection for any of the drop-down menus using the mouse scroll wheel – **check all selections before selecting "Send order".** 

OBOS is designed to work on desktop PC's as well as mobile devices. Due to this responsive design and the various screen sizes available on phones and tablets you will notice changes to the layout. All functions are still available and perform in the same way to previous versions.

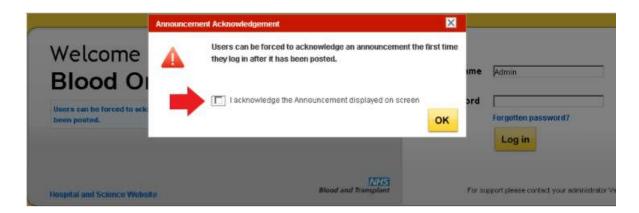
#### Logging onto OBOS [back to top]

OBOS is only accessible via supported web browsers. If you try to log in via an unsupported browser for following message will appear:

Welcome to NHS Onli Blood Ordering Sys				
Please navigate to the site on a supported internet browser.		Browser not supported		
	NHS	Est sumed along control your administrator	40.4.0	
Hospital and Science Website	Blood and Transplant	For support please contact your administrator	10.1.0	



Once you have connected to the web service the log in screen shown below will appear. On the left, there is an area where any announcements from NHSBT will be shown and on the right are the boxes to type in your username and password.

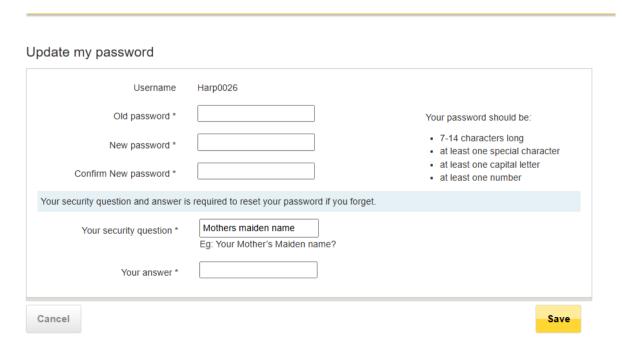


NHSBT can set up announcements so that the first time a user logs in after an announcement has been posted they must acknowledge it.

Underneath the announcements area, there is a direct link to the Hospital and Science website where you can access additional OBOS training materials.

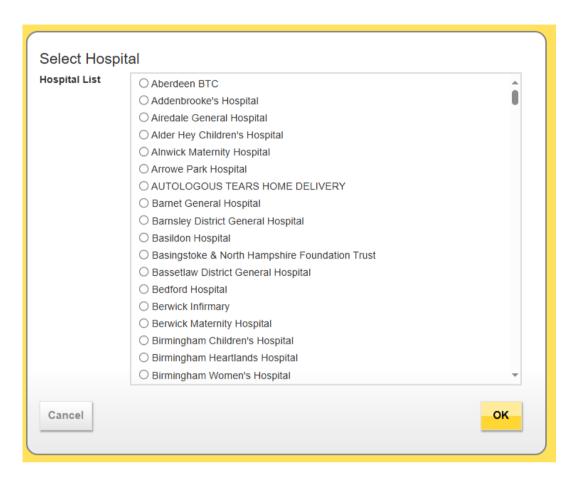


When your account is set up your username and password will be sent to you via e-mail. When you log onto OBOS for the first time the screen shown below will appear and you will be asked to change your password and set up a security question. Both passwords and security question answers are case sensitive. Rules apply to passwords, and these are listed on the screen.





If your account is set up for multiple hospitals, you may need to select the hospital you wish to order for and click on OK as shown below.



Alternatively, one hospital may have been set up as your default location in which case you will be taken straight to the home page for that hospital.

The top line of the OBOS screens contains information on your name and the hospital you are currently viewing/placing orders for, log off facility and the ability to switch to any other hospital site you have access to.

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#### Logging Off [back to top]

There is an automatic 'time out' after 20 minutes. Your session will be discontinued, and you will be returned to the login screen.

To log off at any time click on 'Log Off 'after your name in the top left of any OBOS screen.

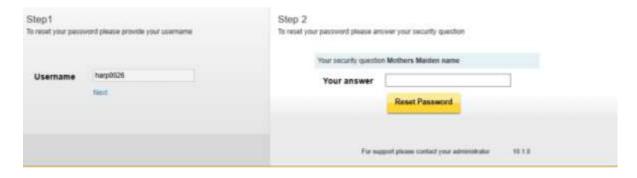


# Forgotten passwords/password expiry [back to top]

If you try to log in using the incorrect password you have four attempts, on the fifth incorrect attempt the account will be locked. The following prompts are displayed to indicate the remaining attempts. Once locked, your account can be unlocked by your hospital OBOS administrator account holder(s).

Log in faile	d. You have	e 4 attempts remai	ning.	Log in failed.	You have 3 attempts remaining.
Usernan	ne waynt	0001		Username	wayn0001
Passwor	d			Password	
	Forgo	tten password?			Forgotten password?
	Lo	g in			Log in
_		empts remaining. Plea link if you have forgot		incorrect attem	ur account will be locked after the 5th pt. Please try the Forgotten password link BOS administrator for your hospital.
Username	wayn0001			Username	wayn0001
Password				Password	
	Forgotten pa	assword?			Forgotten password?
	Log in				Log in
			has been locked. for your hospital wayn0001		
			,		
		Password			
			Forgotten pass	word?	
			Log in		

On the log in screen "forgotten password?" appears in blue on the right-hand side, if selected you will be asked to enter your username, your security question will appear and when answered you can re-set your password. A new password will be sent to the e-mail address associated with the account. If you cannot remember your security answer you will need to contact **your** hospital administrator to re-set your password.





# Quick system overview [back to top]

#### **Homepage and Tabs**

The homepage contains order summary screens for current, draft, standing and queued orders.



#### Create order tab

The "create order" tab has four options; Create an order, Create a standing order, Create a specialist stock order, Create a specialist stock standing order.



#### My Profile Tab

All account holders can access the "my profile" to update your profile or password.



#### **Administration Tab**

Hospital administrator will have an additional tab to; search user, Add new user and update order display.

NHSBT administrator have two additional options, Add announcement and update bank holiday.

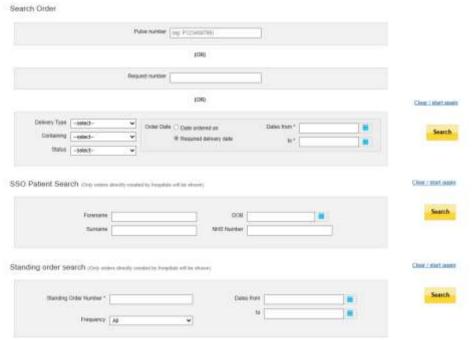


There are different types of accounts available, the different access levels for each account type will dictate which functions are available and which tabs will appear.

- Hospital Administrator Create/Activate/Deactivate/Unlock accounts, reset passwords and Create/Amend/Delete/Search and Reconcile orders.
- Hospital User Create/Amend/Delete/Search and Reconcile orders.
- Reconciliation user Search and Reconcile orders only.
- NHSBT administrator Access all areas.
- NHSBT user Create/Activate/Deactivate/Unlock accounts, reset passwords and add announcements.
- NHSBT announcement user add announcements.

#### Search order

The "search order tab" allows you to search for orders.



You can "return to search results" after viewing an individual order.



# Placing standard order using OBOS [back to top]

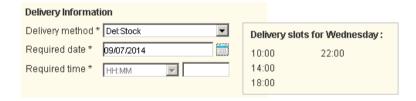


#### **Delivery information**

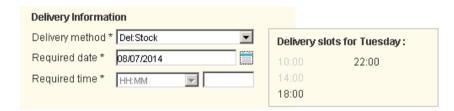
From the home screen select the create order option and select the delivery method required (the default is >blank<) Select the delivery date required by clicking on the calendar icon and highlighting the date required or type the date into the required date box in the format dd/mm/yyyy.

**Del Stock:** For a routine delivery.

A 'delivery slot matrix' will be presented with the delivery times for that day.



If you choose a delivery for the same day, you are placing the order you may find that a delivery slot is 'greyed out', even though that time has not passed, this is due to the cut off time for that slot has passed.



#### Additional non-scheduled deliveries

#### Ad-Hoc

Select the delivery date required by clicking on the calendar icon and highlighting the date required or type the date into the required date box in the format dd/mm/yyyy.



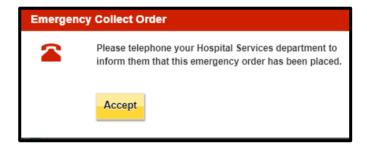
The time will be auto populated based on the Current time + pick and pack time + delivery time. Please do not alter the pre-populated time offered, to a time less than what is offered, this is the **earliest** NHSBT can deliver that order. However, this time can be extended.

#### Collect

Select the delivery date required by clicking on the calendar icon and highlighting the date required or type the date into the required date box in the format dd/mm/yyyy. The time will be auto populated based on the Current time + pick and pack time, again please don't alter this time.

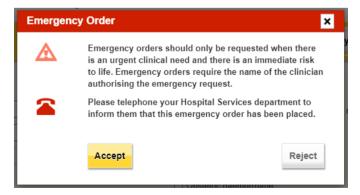
#### **Emergency Collect**

Select the delivery date required by clicking on the calendar icon and highlighting the date required the time will be auto populated based on the current time + pick and pack time + emergency delivery time. On selection of this delivery option, you **must** telephone Hospital Services to inform them that this order has been placed.



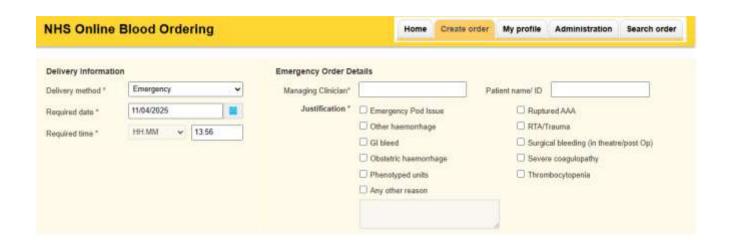
#### **Emergency**

If you request an emergency delivery, users must accept the conditions shown below to proceed and **must** telephone their Hospital Services department to inform them that the order has been placed.



Additional information will be requested as shown on the screen below. Enter the name of the requesting clinician, click on one of the justifications for a blue light delivery (the system will only allow you to select one). If selecting other, type the reason into the free text box.





NOTE: Please use the pre-populated time offered, this is the **earliest** NHSBT can deliver that order. However, this time can be extended.

#### **OBOS Late**

An OBOS Late delivery type will appear if you start to populate an order, and it is not completed within 5 minutes causing you to miss the cut off time for that order it will automatically convert to an OBOS Late order. It is recommended that the product selection is completed first with the delivery type and time second.

If a OBOS Late is created the Hospital Services user will be prompted to contact the requesting hospital to decide which delivery type is required to fulfil the order (Del: Stock, Ad Hoc, Emergency etc.)

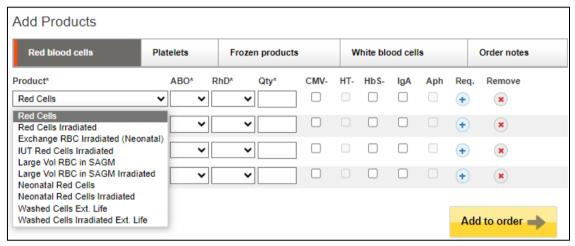
#### Ordering in advance

If selecting a date over 15 days in advance the following warning message will be shown:



#### **Component Selection**

Select the component type required by clicking on the red cell, platelet, frozen products, or white blood cells tabs under 'add products'. The order notes tab on this line contains a free text box to add information that applies to the whole order. Enter the product required from the drop-down list as shown below.



For red cells and platelets, the default product will be the standard component and will appear at the top, followed by the standard irradiated component. The rest of the list will be in alphabetical order.

Select the ABO and Rh requirements from the drop-down lists and enter a quantity in the Qty\* box as shown above. Additional requirements for CMV, HT, HbS, IgA and Apheresis (Aph) can be added by checking the boxes available. Please be aware that some of these components will be in short supply and should only be requested when necessary. For some components where these requirements form part of the product specification these boxes may be greyed out and ticked. Where an option is not available the box will be greyed out e.g., HT for group AB FFP. For frozen components there is no RhD type option, as all requests will default to Rh pos when added to the order but Rh neg components may be supplied by NHSBT. Substitution will be automatic and will not be accompanied by a telephone call. All other substitutions will be accompanied by a telephone call.

**Note:** All components manufactured from UK donations are now tested for HEV and therefore the HEV box has been removed (previous version had the box present but greyed out).

Any additional requirements such as phenotyped red cells and date required for platelets can be added using the supplementary screens provided by clicking on the req. button •. These screens are described later in this section.

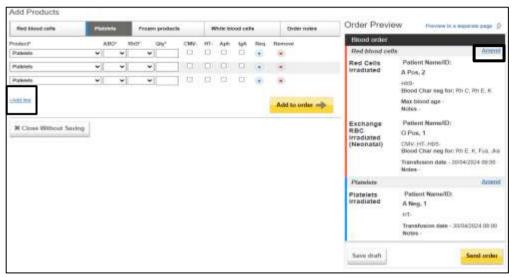
After selecting your required component and completing the necessary fields; ABO, Rh, quantity and additional requirements – the request line is complete and can be added to the order by clicking on the Add to order button.



Order preview

The information for that request line is then shown in the order preview area as shown on the right-hand side in the example below. If the information is incorrect then it can be amended by clicking on the blue 'Amend' in the order preview screen. The individual component will then be returned to the 'add products' section and can then be amended by selecting the correct information or removed by clicking on the remove button.

NOTE: Items on the left-hand side will NOT be sent, all items must be included on the right-hand side.

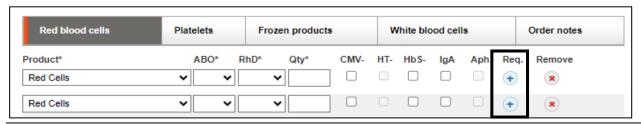


Continue to add components as required. If additional lines are required, this can be added by clicking on the blue <u>'+Add line'</u> to the left of the yellow 'Add to order' button. Different component types can be added to the same order.

To make it easy to identify component types in the order preview area each different component type has a stripe to the left of it in a different colour in the order preview area as shown above. Red cells have a red stripe, platelets blue, frozen products yellow and white blood cells grey.

#### Additional information [back to top]

Additional requirements for each order line are available in the 'Req.' screens. When clicking on the 'Req.' button • a new screen opens which allows additional information to be added specific to each product type. The requirements screens are different for each component type.



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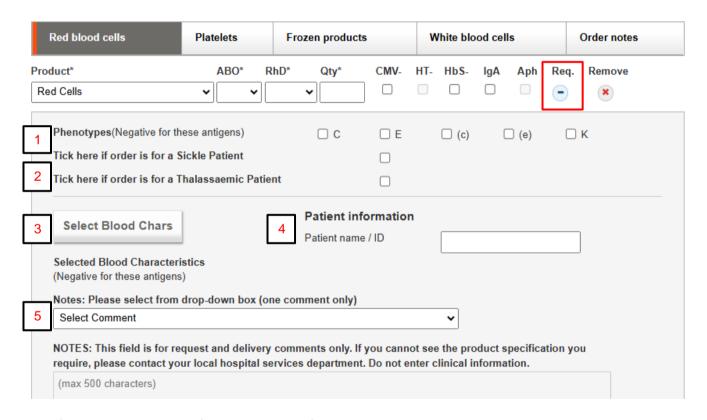


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Additional requirements that are available for different product type include:

- 1. RhK phenotypes options
- 2. Tick here if order is for a
  - Sickle Patient (selecting this box will automatically select the HbS- box)
  - o Thalassaemic Patient (selecting this will NOT automatically select the HbS-box)
- 3. Select Blood Characteristics
- 4. Patient information (Do not include clinical information)
- 5. Line Notes (specific to the order line, do not include clinically significant information in the line notes).

Once data has been added, this screen can be minimised again by clicking on the under Req.



# 1) RhK phenotype (Red cells only)

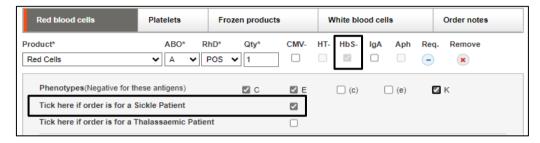
Allows you to select the clinically significant phenotypes required for the order. **Note**: selection is negative for that antigen





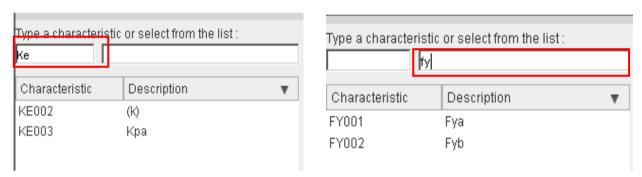
# 2) Selection of patient type (Red cells only):

Selecting the sickle cell patient option (red box 2) will automatically select the HbS- box and the user will be unable to untick this whilst the sickle cell patient remains selected. If unticked HbS- will remain ticked.

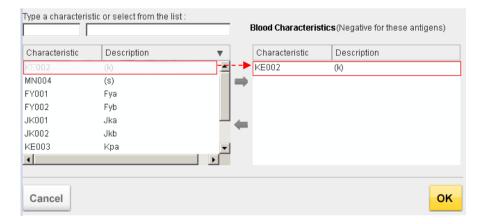


## 3) Select Blood Characteristics (Red cells only)

Additional clinically significant red cell phenotypes can be selected as negative for specific antigens by clicking on "Select Blood Chars". This will open the phenotypes 'pop-up' box. You can search by either blood char code or blood char description.



Select the phenotype you require in the left-hand panel, then click the icon to move it across to the right-hand panel.



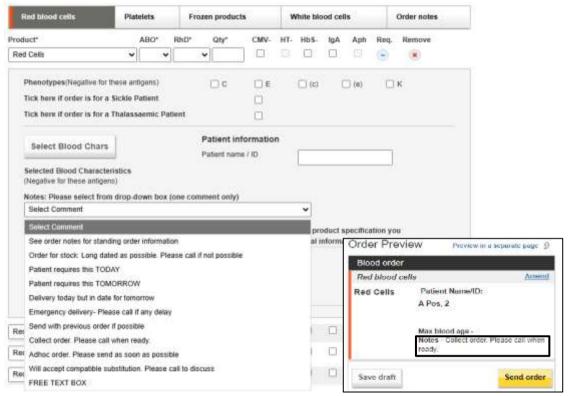


# 4) Patient information: Patient Name/ID (available for all components)

This is a free text option. Please refer to your Trust policy on providing patient identification data and note that the patient's name or ID entered will appear on the dispatch note and, in the EDN, (Electronic Dispatch Note) data file.

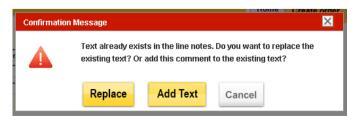
#### 5) Line notes (available for all components)

If the individual request requires additional notes, select the most appropriate option from the dropdown list. Again, these can be seen in the order preview on the right-hand side of the screen when the add to order button is clicked



† Please Note: No clinically significant information like phenotype requirements. Patient demographics or transfusion dates should be entered into the 'Free text box'. Please use the tick boxes and dedicated fields for such requirements.

The comment can be amended or if appropriate an additional comment can be added. If changes are required once added to the order, select amend and the details will move to the left-hand side of the screen. Select the changes required and the below options to 'Replace' the comment or 'Add Text' to add additional comment(s) will be displayed.





### Maximum blood age on day of delivery (Red cells components only)

Max blood age is the maximum age the red cell unit(s) are required to be to match clinical need e.g., entering 6 indicates blood less than 7 days old is required. Following the 'Joint Statement on the removal of maximum age requirements for red cell transfusion to patient including those with Haemoglobinopathies' published in November 2023 the ability to specify max life is restricted and will only be available to a limited number of hospitals. Refer to the Clinical guidelines page on the Hospitals and Science website for statement. <a href="https://www.nhshr.nical.guidelines.nhshr.nical.guidelines.nhshr.

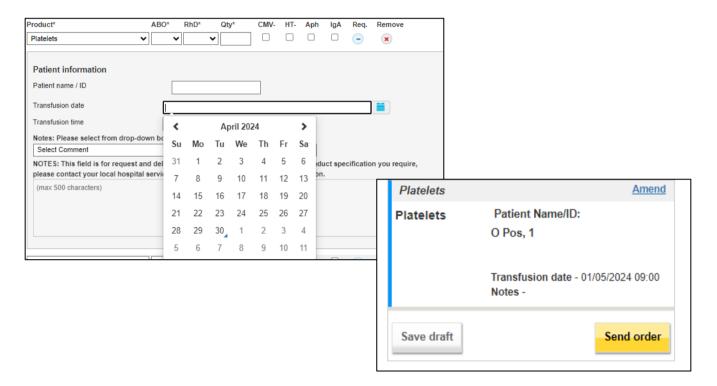
The max life field option is available for Large Volume Transfusion (LVT) and Neonatal Red cells. There is no blood max age box for components where max age is part of the component specification e.g., the shelf life for exchange units is always within 5 days of the bleed date. Refer to Component portfolio for more information <a href="Portfolio and prices">Portfolio and prices</a> - Hospitals and Science - NHSBT (blood.co.uk).

Red blood cells	Platelets	elets Frozen products			White blood cells				Order notes		
Product*  Neonatal Red Cells	ABO* RhD⁴	Qty*	CMV-	HT-	HbS-	IgA	Aph	Req.	Remove		
Phenotypes(Negative for th Tick here if order is for a S Tick here if order is for a T	ickle Patient	□ c	□ E		(c)		(e)		К		
Select Blood Chars  Selected Blood Characteric		Patient info Patient name Maximum bl	/ID		y of deli	very					
(Negative for these antigens)		Please specify maximum blood age only if necessary.  By default, blood supplied will be less than 23 days old.									
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# Transfusion date and time (specific components)

For platelets and certain specialist products (including washed red cells, IUT units, granulocytes) there is a transfusion date and time field. If a transfusion date is entered, the product will not expire until at least 23:59 of this date. This can be seen in the order preview on the right-hand side of the screen once the add to order button is clicked.



#### **Order notes**

Order notes<sup>†</sup> may be added for the whole order using the order notes tab as shown below. Notes entered here will apply to the **whole order**. Same dropdown options are available.

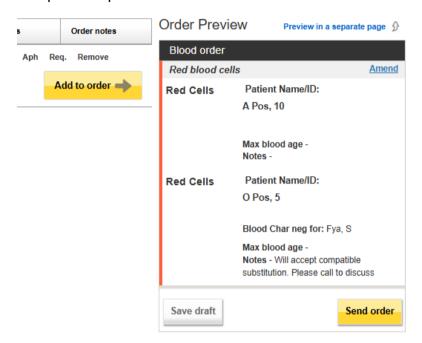
#### Add Products





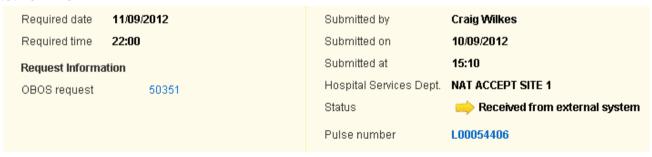
#### **Order Preview**

Once the 'add to order' button is clicked any additional information entered will also be displayed in the order preview. An example screen below shows two order lines, one for 10 A+ red cells and one for 5 O+ red cells with additional phenotype requirements (i.e., negative for Fya and S) and a dropdown option in the line notes.

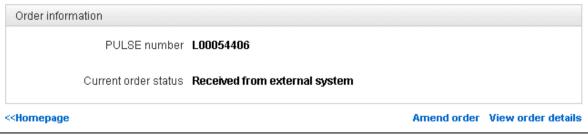


#### Send order.

Once an order is complete it can then be sent to NHSBT by clicking on the button. An order confirmation will be received also shown below. This will display both the OBOS request number and the Pulse order number. The blue OBOS request and Pulse numbers are active links.



#### Order has been sent



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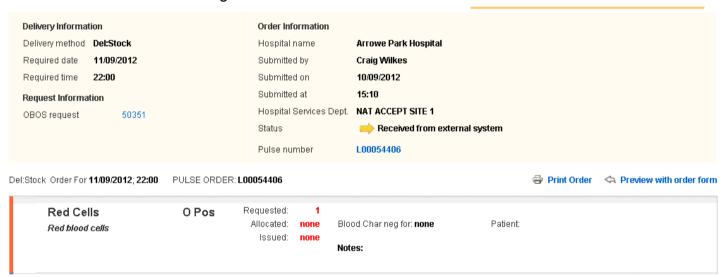
From the confirmation screen, you can click on 'view order details' at the bottom right-hand side to check the details as shown below. This screen also has a print order option, which can be used to print out a copy of an OBOS order and fax/emailed to Hospital Services if the link between OBOS and Pulse is not working.

Note: If a user attempts to send or save an empty order, the following error message will appear.



# Reviewing an order

At any point by clicking on 'preview in a separate page', it is possible to view the order in a separate window as shown below. Return to the order screen by clicking on 'preview with order form' in blue on the right-hand side of the screen.



#### Creating a Standing order [back to top]

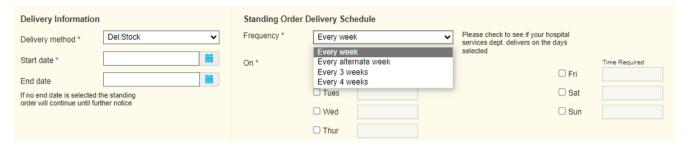
From the home page create order tab select 'Create a standing order' or 'Create a specialist stock standing order'. There is no option to select emergency delivery or emergency collect for a standing order.





#### **Delivery method**

Select a delivery method and start date, the start time option will be unavailable. In the standing order delivery schedule shown below select the frequency of the order from the drop-down list: Every week; Every alternative week; Every 3 weeks or Every 4 weeks.



When selecting a date over 15 days in advance this warning message will be shown.



Where applicable, please include an end date for standing orders and routinely review them to confirm any necessary updates to requirements or delivery schedules. Please check that routine deliveries are available from your usual schedule for standing orders otherwise ad hoc deliveries may be used.

When choosing the **Del:Stock** delivery type, select the days you wish the standing order to be delivered and select a time from the 'delivery slot matrix'



When choosing the **Ad Hoc** or **Collect** delivery types, select the days you wish the standing order to be delivered /collected and manually enter the time for each day.

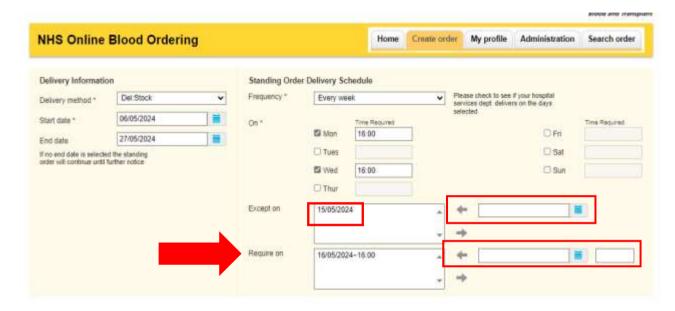


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#### **Exception dates**

Exception dates can be added to the standing order by selecting and moving an alternative date 'Except on' box and a new date can be added into the 'Required on' box i.e., 'Except on' a Bank Holiday Monday could be 'Require on' the following Tuesday. Using the calendar icon and then use the  $\leftarrow$  arrow to move selected dates into the 'except on' box as shown below. Dates moved into the 'except on' box in error can be removed using the  $\rightarrow$  arrow. The 'required on' option requires a time to be selected/added.

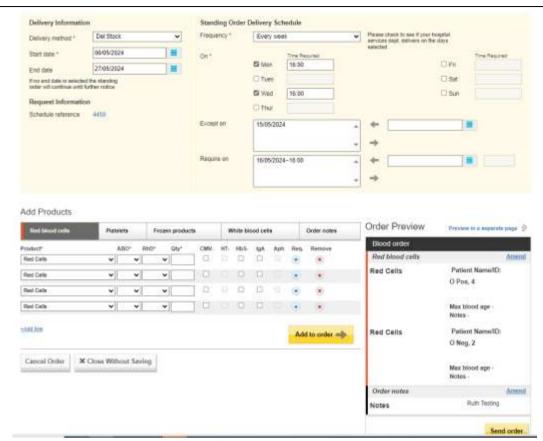


Component request lines, special requirements, patient names, and order messages are added to a standing order in the same was as when creating a single order. Orders can be previewed on the left-hand side before sending the order.

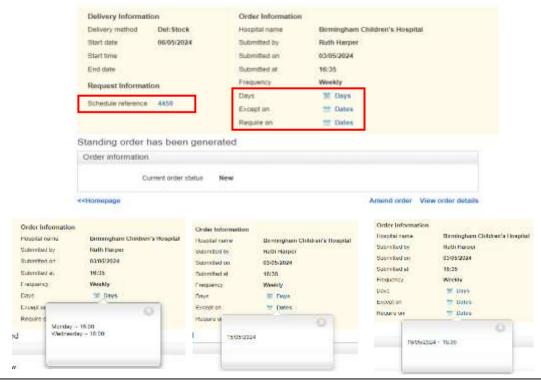
Up to three patient names can be displayed on each standing order schedule. If you include more than three patients per schedule the additional names will not be displayed.

**Please Note:** Specialist Stock Standing Orders will only cover one patient and their name will not appear on the general standing order page.



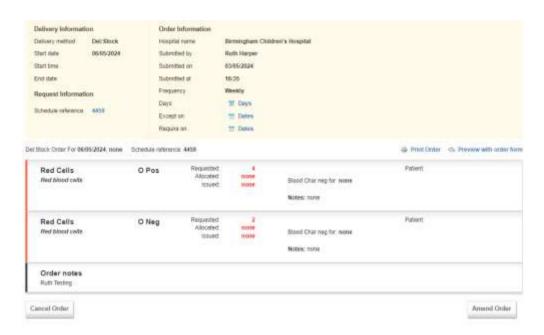


Once the order is complete click 'send order' to register the standing order, an order confirmation page will appear showing that a standing order has been generated and allows the delivery days and exception dates to be viewed by clicking on the blue icons as shown below. An OBOS schedule reference is listed on the left-hand side of the screen:





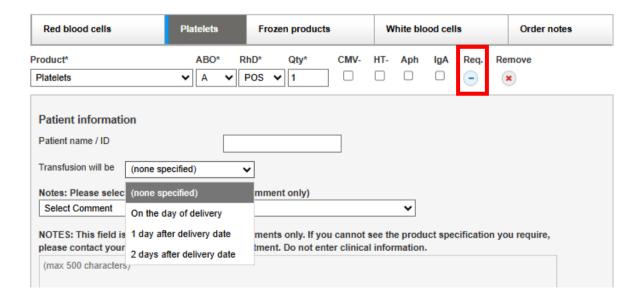
By clicking on the OBOS schedule reference the detail of the content of the standing order can be viewed. From this screen it is possible to 'print', 'amend' or 'cancel' the standing order.



#### Transfusion Date - Platelet Standing Orders [back to top]

When creating a platelet standing order users can specify when after delivery the transfusion will occur to ensure adequate shelf life on the component(s). If no specific instruction is required, this will default to 'None Specified' and NHSBT will supply based on FIFO (First in First Out).

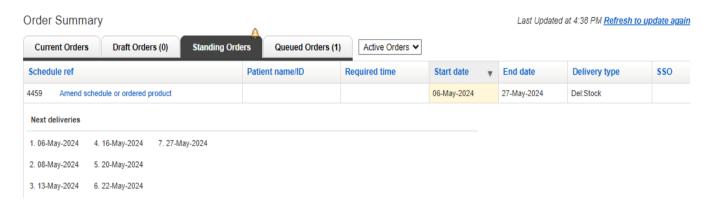
Expand the order by selecting the Req. option then select if required either; on the day of delivery, 1 day after delivery or 2 days after delivery date:





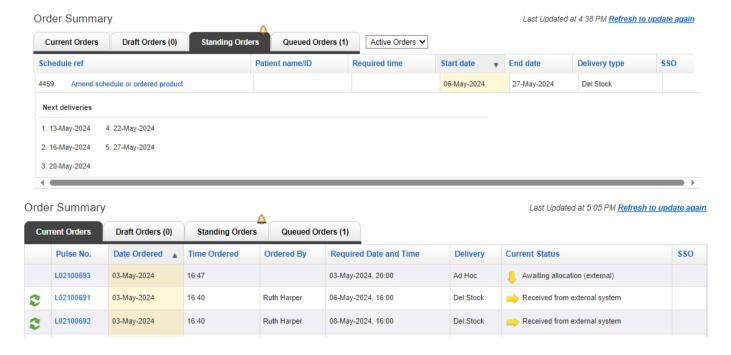
#### Viewing Standing orders

From the home page standing orders can be viewed using the 'standing order' tab, shown below and will display orders that are due in the next 36 days.



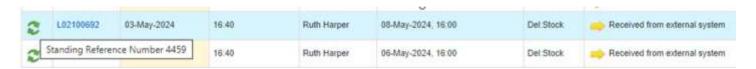
Standing order schedules which have a start date up to 365 days from current date will now appear on the standing order tab on the home screen. However, delivery dates will only start to populate the schedule within 20 days of the required date. OBOS will automatically send an instance of a standing order to Pulse when it becomes due for delivery in eight days' time (or within the next eight days for new standing orders).

At this point the next deliveries date will disappear from the Next deliveries section and the order will appear on the current orders section of the home page together with the Pulse order number that has been assigned to it. From this point on, this instance of a standing order can be edited and updated in the same way as stand-alone single orders.





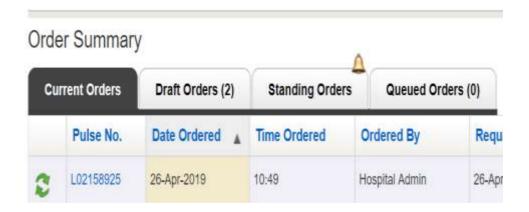
To help identify instances of standing orders that have moved to the home page they will have a standing order icon  $\Im$  on the left-hand side. By hovering over this icon, the original OBOS standing order reference number can be viewed as shown below.

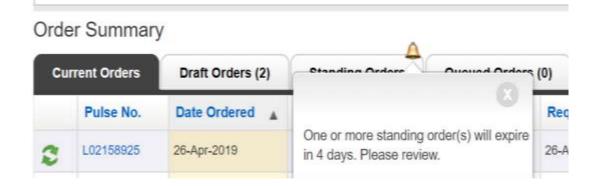


When you view an individual instance of a standing order a live link to the OBOS request, schedule reference and pulse request can be seen. If the individual instance of the standing order is amended, then the standing order icon will disappear as the Pulse order is not then the same as the original OBOS standing order request.

# Monitoring Standing Orders [back to top]

When a standing order is approaching its end date a bell icon will be displayed on the standing order tab on the home page. Hovering over the icon will show an advisory message. Users can view the detail is of the order by selecting the 'Amend schedule or ordered product' link.







In the standing orders tab the orders due to expire will be identified with the bell icon.

The expiry details of each order can be seen by hovering over the icon.



It is recommended that standing orders that have no future delivery dates are removed as part of good housekeeping. If you are required to keep all standing orders the page can be filtered to only show active orders as shown below.



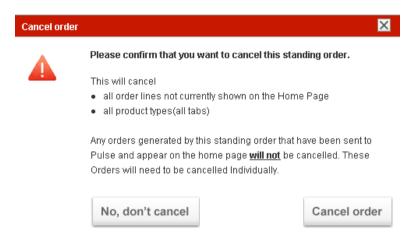
# Cancelling Standing Orders (Partial/Complete) [back to top]

Enter the standing order via the standing order tab and select the 'Amend schedule or ordered product' option.





Follow the onscreen instructions to cancel the schedule. When cancelling you will be required to confirm changes(s) and give a reason.



**NOTE**: This will only cancel future orders related to that standing order schedule that have not transferred to the homes page. Individual order moves over to the home page and sent to NHSBT to be processed eight days prior to delivery.

To cancel any order(s) that have moved to the home page and over to NHSBT you can either:

a) Find all the individual orders associated with standing order

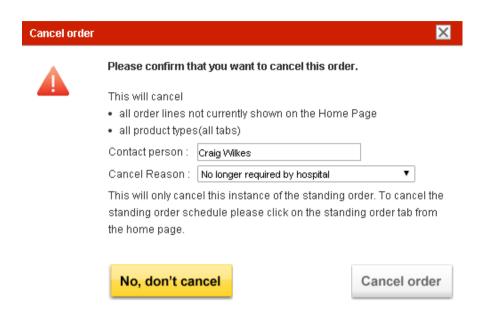


b) Under the 'Search Order' tab search for all orders associated with the standing order number and amend/delete each order displayed



Again, when cancelling/amending any order the user will be required to confirm change(s) and give a reason. This alert will inform you that this will only cancel this order (instance) of the standing order.





HLA platelet orders are cancelled in the same way as above, should you have any problems contact the H&I Platelet Desk on 020 895 72814 Mon-Fri 09:00 to 17:00

#### Placing an SSO (Specialist Stock Order) [back to top]



**NOTE:** The SSO tab should only be used for patients approved to receive HLA/HPA selected products. If you're uncertain whether the patient has previously received matched products, please check with H&I or review any accessible shared care documentation before using the first-time order request.

For HPA selected blood product orders contact H&I department to discuss the request. Place orders for HPA-1a and 5a negative components via the SSO tab and follow up with a confirmation telephone call.

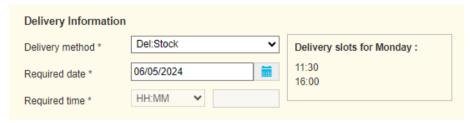
HLA selected Red Cell orders please contact the H&I department to discuss the request.

From create order tab select the 'Create a specialist stock order' option:

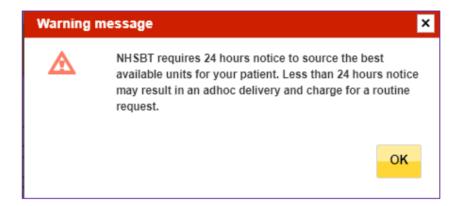




Complete the delivery method, required date and time as shown in <u>Placing an order using</u> OBOS.



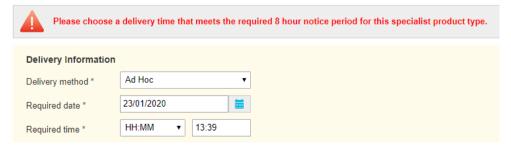
NHSBT requires at least 24 hours' notice to source the best available units for your patient. An advisory message will appear of each order. Clicking OK, will allow you to create an order.



However, if the request is <24 hours for a Del:Stock or Collect deliveries, the below message will appear, prompting you to change the order type, required date or time required before you can proceed.



If requests are < 8 hours for Ad Hoc deliveries, the below message will appear, again promoting you to change order time/date before the order can be submitted.





#### **Product selection**



There is an option to select either red cells or platelets:

The 'Order type' drop down menus are restricted to the type of product available.

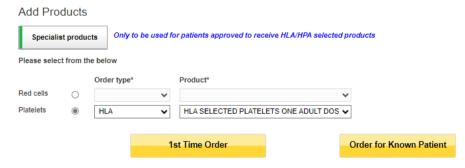


#### **Platelet orders**

From the 'Product' menu select the product type requested



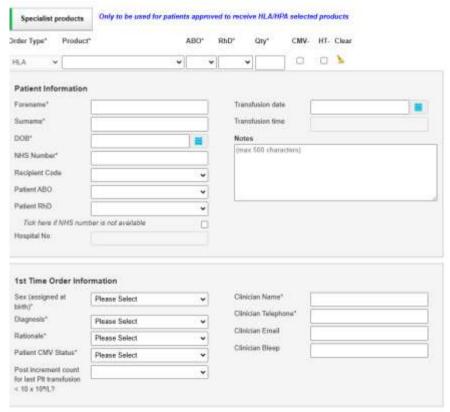
If the product selected is authorised to allow first time orders the following screen will appear. (HLA and HLA/HPA platelets only)





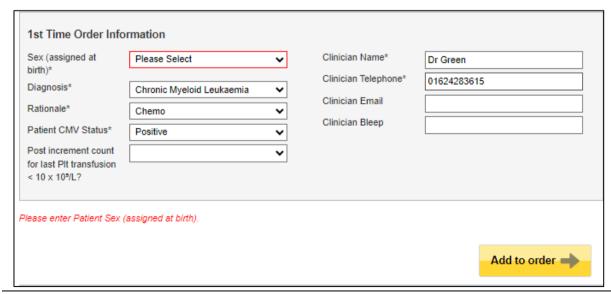
#### First time orders [back to top]

If you have been advised to order HLA or HLA/HPA products for a patient following an H&I referral, select the first-time order button and the page below will open:



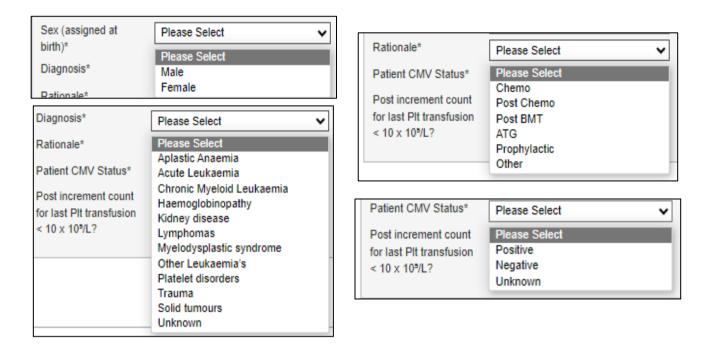
All Mandatory fields are marked with an (\*), any mandatory fields missed will be highlighted and need completion before you can proceed. The NHS number is preferred as this is unique to the patient. If the patient does not have an NHS number tick the box stating it is not available and supply the Hospital number. Other fields are not mandatory but beneficial.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Time order information

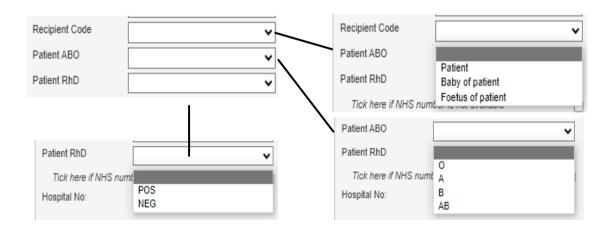




All mandatory fields in the 1<sup>st</sup> time order information section have dropdown options, please complete this with as much detailed as possible.

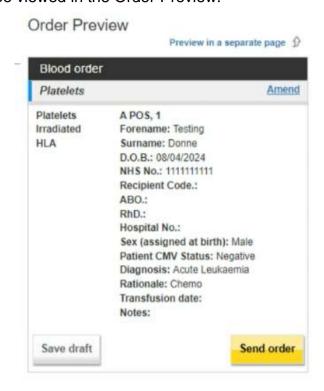


**Note:** Recipient Code, Patient ABO and Patient RhD fields are not mandatory, but are required details when requesting products for a neonate or foetus that do not have their own mandatory details, but the mother's details are used instead.

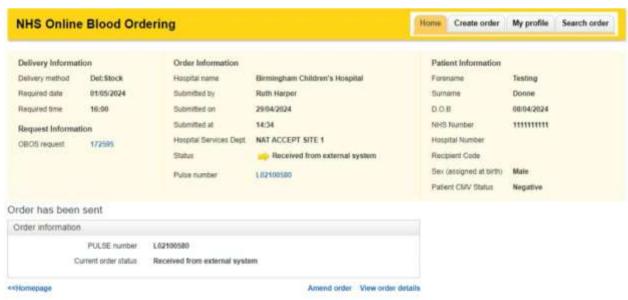




When your order is complete 'Add to Order' will move the details over to the right-hand side and all details entered can be viewed in the Order Preview.



Once the order is sent an order confirmation will be received as shown below. This will show both the OBOS request number and the Pulse order number. All blue text are active links allowing you to view and amend orders.



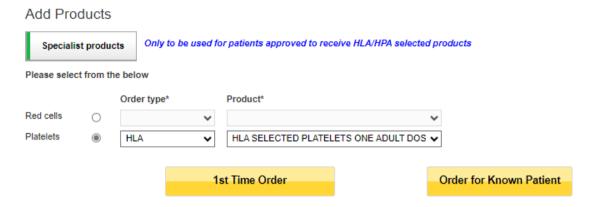
Note: When the order is completed, it will be sent to H&I for consultant authorisation. If the request is authorised, it will be processed, and the order will be fulfilled. Progress



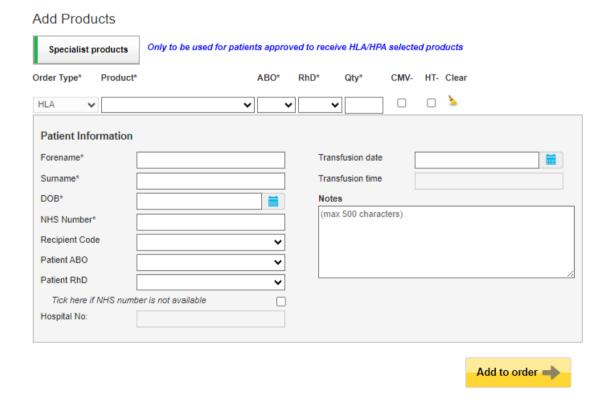
of an order can be monitored via the home page, see section on monitoring order progress. If the request is not authorised, you will be contacted by H&I.

#### Subsequent orders [back to top]

For patients that have received specialist products previous and are known to H&I please select 'Order for Known Patient'



Once clicked the page below will appear:



Note: The same data fields are present and should be completed as discussed in the 1<sup>st</sup> time ordering, with the mandatory options indicated (\*). The only difference is the 1<sup>st</sup> time order information section is not present as these details have been linked with the patient.

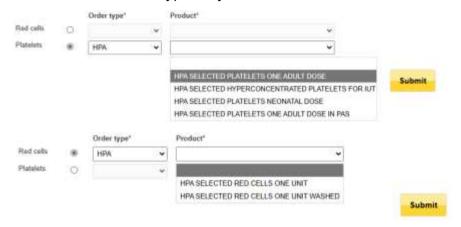
#### **HLA selected Red Cells.**

HLA matching of red cells is not a service currently available routinely in NHSBT. Please contact H&I to discuss if you require ordering HLA selected Red Cells.

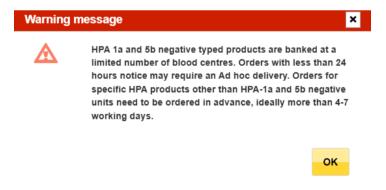
A minimum of 48 hours' notice is required to supply HLA selected Red Cells.

# **HPA** blood component orders

Orders for HPA blood components should be discussed with H&I before creating an order. When HPA is selected in the order type only a 'Submit' button is available.

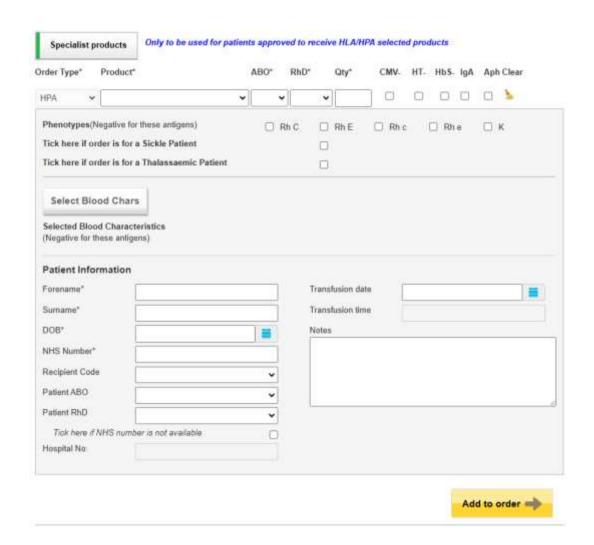


A warning will appear when the submit button is selected, please allow at least 24 hours to allow for the best matched components to be provided for the patient. With HPA products other than HPA-1a and 5b Negative, ideally allow 4-7 working days:



For HPA selected red cells the following screen appears, giving the options of selecting specific phenotypes and fields for mandatory information (please indicate HPA requirements in the notes box):





#### **HPA** selected Platelets

The same fields for HLA and HLA/HPA platelets appear and completed in the same manner.

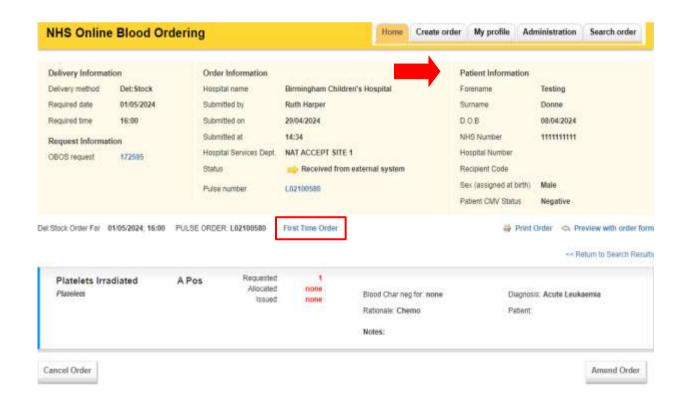


# Reviewing/tracking Specialist Stock Order (SSO) [back to top]

From the home page it is possible to track the progress of Specialist Stock Orders, indicated by the 'SSO' column and the stock. This column can be ordered so that all Specialist Stock Orders appear at the top of the list.



Where patient information exists for that Specialist Stock Order, this will be visible in the upper right-hand panel. 1<sup>st</sup> time orders are identifiable by the 'First Time Order' blue wording seen on the overview screen.



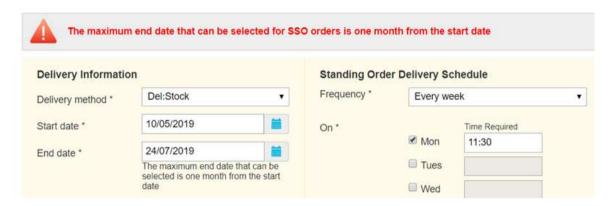
Specialist Stock Orders not created in OBOS do not have an OBOS request number. These specialist stock orders have been created by H&I staff following receipt of a faxed paper order from the hospital.



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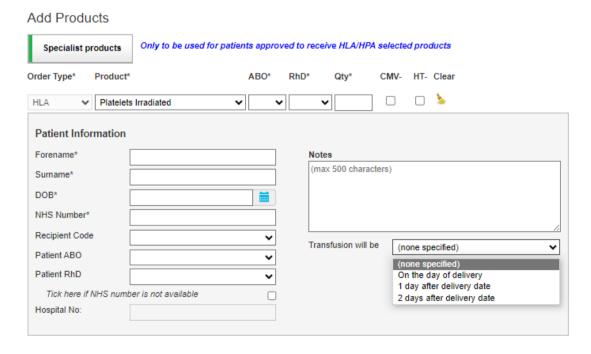
Select the option to "Create a Specialist Stock Standing Order" then follow the process for creating a standing order on page 21. The additional patient information will be requested as in a normal specialist stock order described above.

**Note:** Due to the need to review all patients and treatment effectiveness the end date for specialist stock, standing orders **cannot** be more than one month from the start date.



## Transfusion Date – Platelet: Specialist Stock Standing Orders

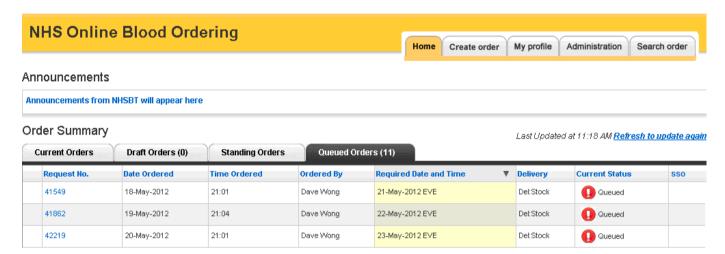
When creating a platelet standing order users can specify when after delivery the transfusion will occur to ensure adequate shelf life on the component(s). If no specific instruction is required, this will default to 'None Specified' and NHSBT will supply based on FIFO (First in First Out). Once the product is selected the 'Transfusion will be' dropdown appears with the options shown below





# Using OBOS when Pulse is unavailable. [back to top]

If an order cannot be sent to PULSE, then it will appear in the queued orders screen accessed via the home page as shown below. This tab has the number of queued orders at any time shown in brackets on the tab heading. On this tab the request number is the OBOS number as no PULSE request number will be allocated whilst the link between Pulse and OBOS is down. Status will be shown as queued.



OBOS will continue to try to send queued orders to Pulse every few minutes until successful. If a queued request needs to be placed urgently then by clicking on the OBOS request number, the OBOS request screen can be accessed as shown below.

The 'print order' option can be found on the right-hand side of this screen and the printed order can be faxed/emailed to Hospital Services to be processed urgently. Faxed/emailed orders must be accompanied by a telephone call to ensure hospital services staff has received them.

**Note**: Due to essential regular maintenance OBOS will be unavailable on a Sunday between 03.00 and 03.20.





# Sending orders when OBOS is unavailable.

Should OBOS be unavailable please use the appropriate request forms for Standard (FRM536), Non-standard (FRM255) and Emergency component (FRM246) requests which can be found on the Hospital & Sciences website and then fax or email to your local Hospital Service department details can be found on the website.

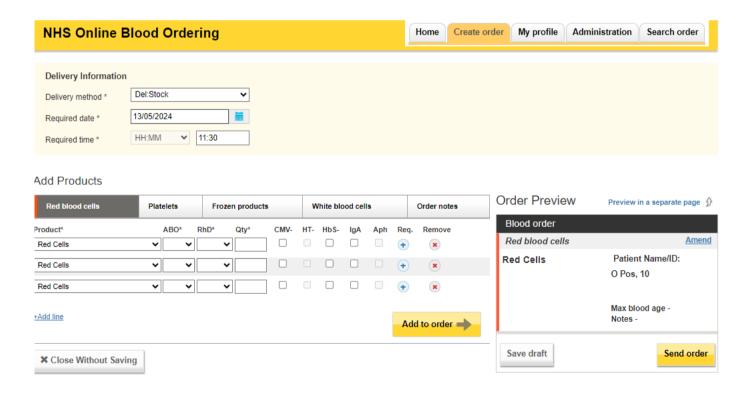
Note: Emergency orders should be followed up by a phone call to ensure receipt.

For Specialist Stock Orders information can be found on the H&I website <u>Histocompatibility</u> and <u>Immunogenetics - Hospitals and Science - NHSBT (blood.co.uk)</u> or please contact H&I direct.

# Amending an order once it has been sent [back to top]

Orders can be amended in OBOS until NHSBT have started to allocate components to it. At this point the order becomes locked and the option to amend an order will not be available on the screen. If amendments are still required, or the order is for specialist components such as Washed Red Cells then please contact your local NHSBT Hospital Services Department.

**Please Note**: Any additions to an order are recorded against the PULSE request number and will not be changed in the original OBOS request. The example below shows 10 O pos red cells are ordered generating OBOS request 172672 and Pulse order number L02101049.

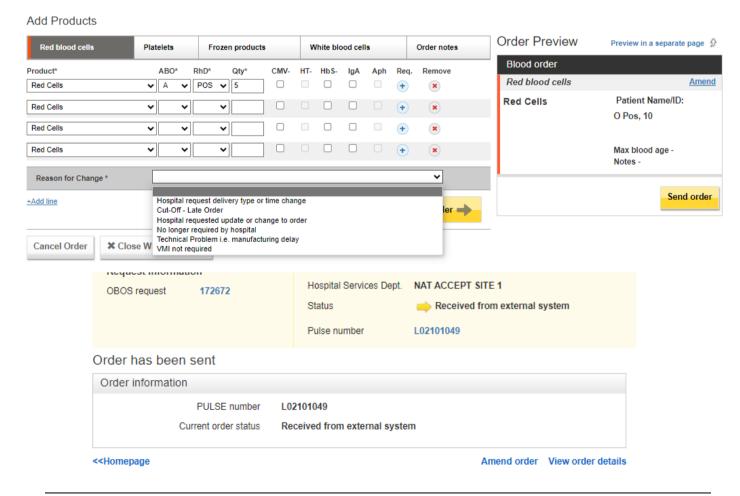






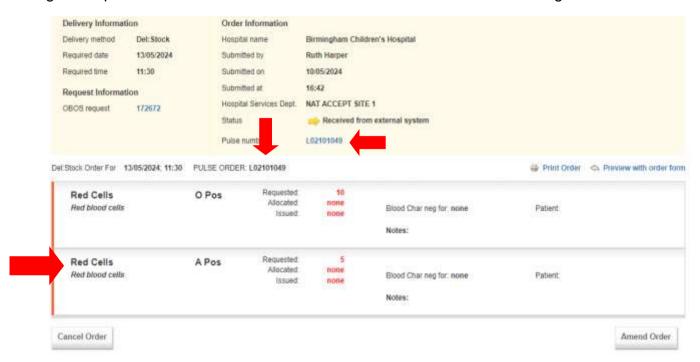
Clicking on 'Amend order' moves an individual component type back into the Add Products screen so that you can make changes. An order can also be amended by clicking on the Pulse number on the Home Page and then the grey 'Amend order' button. A reason for the change must be selected from the drop-down list.

In the example, shown below, 5 A Pos red cells were added. When the amended order is sent the new confirmation received contains the same OBOS and Pulse numbers.

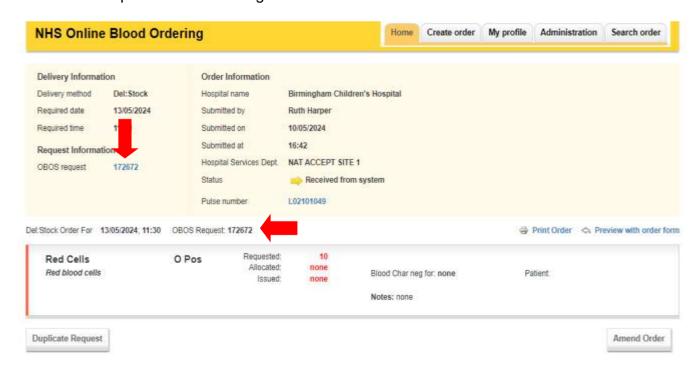




The Pulse order now contains the additional red cells; however, the OBOS request retains the original request information. See below: The Pulse order reflects the changes.



The OBOS request retains the original order details -





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If an order has a delivery type of 'OBOS Late' the delivery method, date, or time will not be able to be amended until it has been assigned one of the following delivery types by NHSBT Hospital Services: Ad Hoc, Emergency, Del: Stock, Collect or Emergency Collect

Delivery Information		
Delivery method	OBOS Late	
Required date	12/05/2015	
Required time	15:30	

# **Split Orders**

Pulse numbers are listed to the left-hand side of the screen. In the far-left hand column an icon indicates that an OBOS request has been split by NHSBT into several Pulse orders. This is usually done to facilitate order preparation, either by separating products into different types or by separating products that will not be available until later.

	Pulse No.	Date Ordered	Time Ordered
<b>⊶</b>	P01680824	12-Mar-2025	11:57
0-0	P01680823	12-Mar-2025	11:56

By clicking on the icon, the original Pulse order numbers can be viewed. By clicking on the PULSE number coloured blue, it is possible to view the order content as in the example shown below.



In the screenshot below, you can see that order P01680823 has been split into two. The red cells ordered remains on order number P01680823 and a component has been allocated to that order line. The Frozen components requests show as split and re-assigned.



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By clicking on the blue links in the pop-up box you can navigate to see that the Frozen components order has been split into order P01680824 – shown below. All split orders retain the original OBOS request number.



When an order is split in Pulse, the 'split' portion of the order will go back to a status of 'awaiting allocation'. Users will now be able to amend / cancel the order if the products have not been allocated in Pulse.

**NOTE:** Users may notice that when an order is split, the details displayed on screen for the part of the order moved to the new split order may display differently.

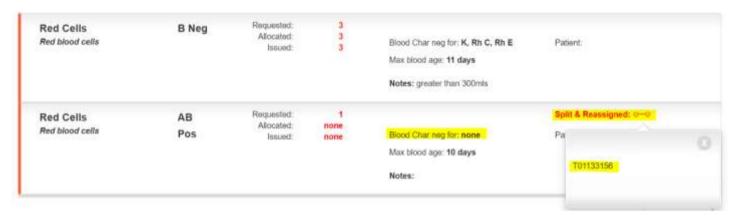


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In the example below the original order shows certain blood characteristics for AB Pos K, E, (c) units



The AB units were split from the original order to a new order as shown below. The K, E, (c) are no longer displayed.



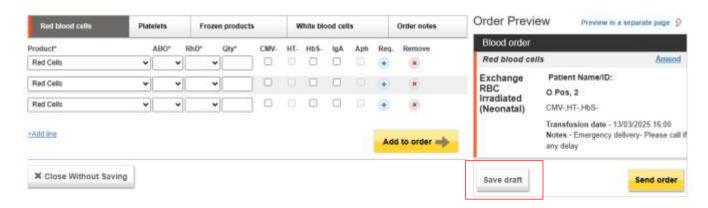
These blood characteristics are carried over to the new split order which can be seen by viewing the newly created part of the order, as seen below.





## Saving a request as a draft [back to top]

If a request is compiled in advance of when it is required, additional components may be added later or if you are interrupted in the middle of completing a request then a request may be saved as a draft by clicking on the 'save draft' button to the left of the send order button.



A confirmation screen shown below will appear showing that the order has been saved as a draft. An OBOS request number will be allocated but no Pulse number will be allocated as the order will not have been sent to NHSBT.



#### Order has been saved as Draft



<<Homepage Amend order View order details

Draft orders can be accessed via the draft orders tab on the home screen as shown below. The counter next to draft orders indicates how many draft orders have been saved. To re-enter the order, click on the OBOS request number in blue on the left-hand side of the screen.



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The request can then be amended, duplicated, cancelled, or sent as required.



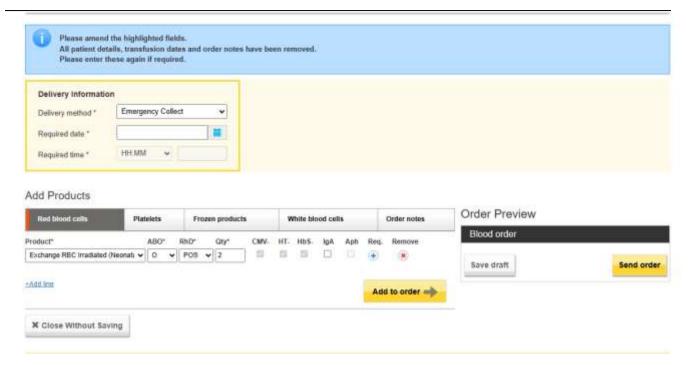
## Duplicating a request [back to top]

It is possible to create a duplicate of a request that has been placed previously. A duplicate request button exists on draft or completed OBOS request screens. Click on the 'duplicate request' button located at the bottom of the screen.



A new request screen will appear as shown below with an information box indicating that some fields, for example date and time required will need to be re-entered. All request lines will need to be edited for any changes to patient details, transfusion dates and notes and re-added to the new order using the 'add to order' button. A yellow surround to the product tab indicates that there are lines in that tab to review. Once all details have been updated and all lines required added the new request can be submitted by clicking on the 'send order' button. This new order will then be allocated a new OBOS request number and a new Pulse order number.





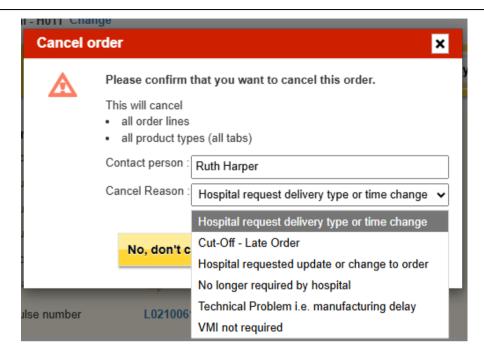
# Cancelling a request or order [back to top]

Orders can be cancelled on OBOS up to the point at which NHSBT start to process the request and can be done by accessing the order, selecting 'Cancel order' and following the on-screen instructions.



When cancelling or amending an order the user will be asked to confirm the actions and select a reason for the change.





When the order is being processed the order is locked and the cancel order button will not appear, to cancel please contact your local Hospital Services department.



HLA platelet orders are cancelled in the same way as above, should the order be locked please contact the H&I Platelet Desk on 020 895 72814 Mon-Fri 09:00 to 17:00 or your local Hospital Service department out of hours.

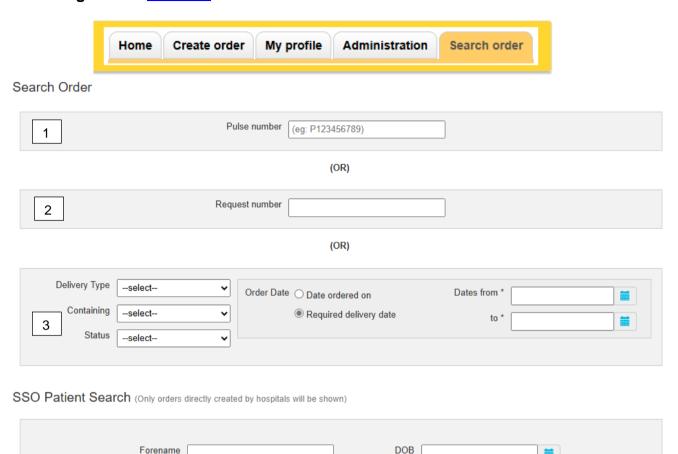
# Tracking orders [back to top]

From the home page users can see the progress of orders as below. A list of OBOS icons and headings is available in appendix two.

- Received from external system indicates that NHSBT have received the order, and a Pulse order number had been allocated.
- Awaiting allocation indicates that staff at NHSBT have viewed the order but have not yet allocated specific donations to fulfil the order.
- Waiting for issue indicates that units have been allocated to the order, but the order has not yet been prepared.
- Partially issued indicates that some components have been issued but the order is not yet complete.
- Locked by another user indicates that staff at NHSBT are currently viewing the order.
- Preparation in progress indicates that staff at NHSBT are currently issuing components to the order.
- Prepared awaiting dispatch indicates that the order is complete but had not yet left NHSBT
- Notification Outstanding dispatched indicates that the order has been dispatched from NHSBT, but hospital have not confirmed receipt at the hospital.
- Notification received indicates that confirmation of receipt has been received by NHSBT and the process is complete. Once orders reach this stage, they will no longer appear on the home page but can be searched for using the search function.
- X Unfulfilled no components are available to undertake the order.
- Awaiting patient link (SSO) indicates H&I staff have viewed the Specialist stock order but have not yet linked the order to the NHSBT patient record.
- Awaiting assignment (SSO) indicates H&I staff have not yet allocated specific donations to fulfil the order.
- Awaiting authorisation (SSO) indicates H&I staff have not yet submitted the order to be issued.
- Awaiting acknowledgement (SSO) indicates H&I have submitted the order ready for issue
- To be updated by the hospital indicates the specialist stock order received from OBOS cannot be processed. H&I staff have returned the order for it to be amended or cancelled by the hospital.



# Searching Orders [back to top]



Standing order search (Only orders directly created by hospitals will be shown)

Surname



NHS Number

You can search **Non-Specialist Stock Orders** using:

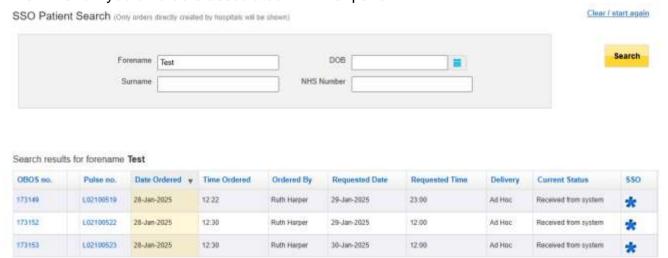
1) Pulse number OR

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- 2) OBOS request number OR
- 3) Any combination of the below. Using these will also require a date range between 1 day up to a max 31 days.
  - o Delivery Type
  - Containing (product type)
  - Status
  - Date ordered on
  - Required delivery date

- 4) Search <u>Specialist Stock Orders</u> created by hospitals (not requests created by NHSBT) using any individual or combination of:
  - Forename
  - Surname
  - DOB
  - NHS Number

This will show you all orders associated with that patient.



# 5) Search for Standing Orders

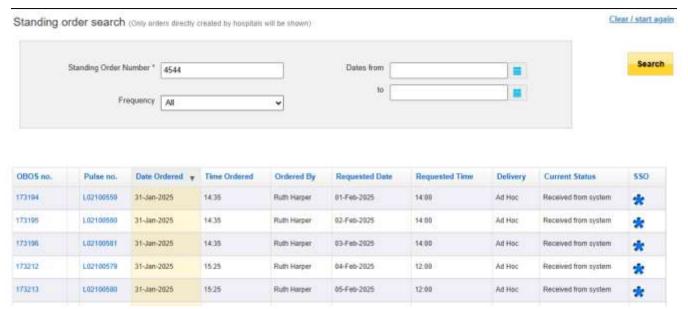
Or search Standing Orders using a standing order number. This can be for all orders or only future orders to be generated from that standing order using 'Future Only'



This will generate orders as shown below. Using the date range will narrow the search if required. Users can then click on the order to view and duplicate individual orders or cancel, amend future orders.



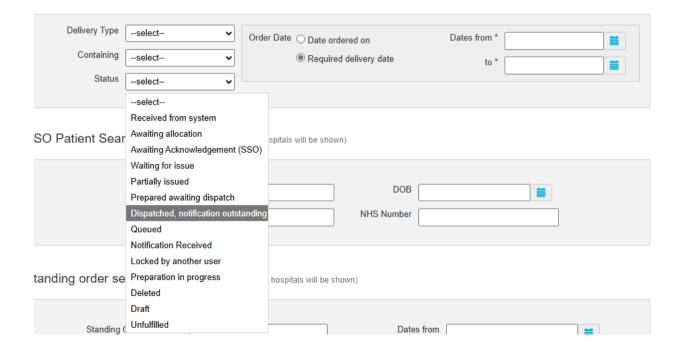
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# Reconciling Orders on OBOS [back to top]

Once a delivery has arrived users can reconcile orders by:

- Selecting the pulse number of your order on the home page or
- Searching for the pulse number using the search function or
- Search for all orders with status 'Dispatched, notification outstanding' for a particular period (limited to a month period).

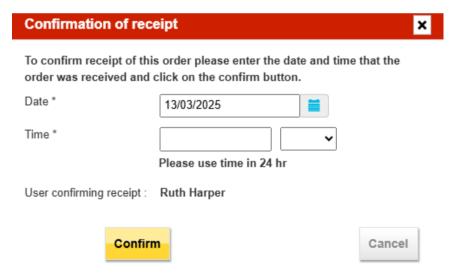




When the order(s) have been located, select 'Confirm delivery of request'



A pop-up box will appear asking for the date and time the order was received. Which can be completed using the calendar and entering the time either from the drop-down list or manual entry using hh:mm format.



The account name being used will automatically appear. If the time and/or date entered are before the order was dispatched the below error message will be shown.

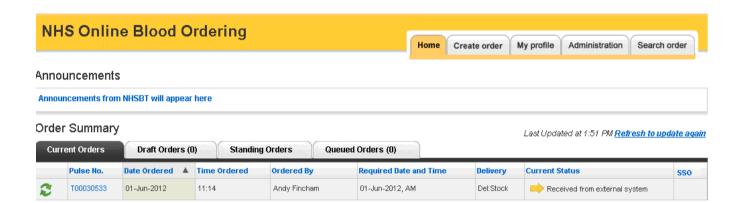
Once you have input the required details please click Confirm. The details entered will automatically transfer onto our electronic system and the status of the order will change to Notification received.

# Using filters on the order summary tabs. [back to top]

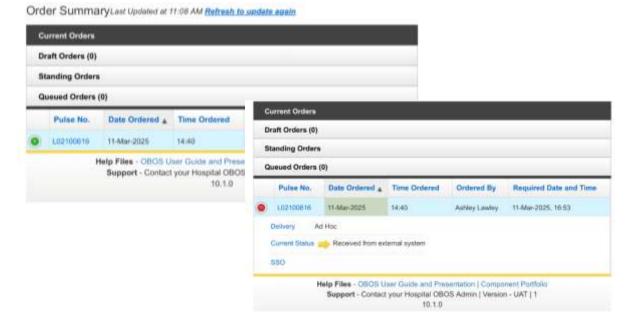
The four order summary tabs on the home screen can be arranged using the PULSE number, date ordered, time ordered, ordered by, required date and time, delivery, or status. Click on the blue wording and the " " " icon will appear to indicate the



filter currently applied is in ascending order, click a second time and the" A "icon will appear to indicate the filter is applied in descending order. Filters applied will remain in place until removed even if the user refreshes the screen or logs out and then logs back in again.



When using mobile devices, the screen size will depict what columns initially appear. These can be expanded and collapsed using the and buttons.

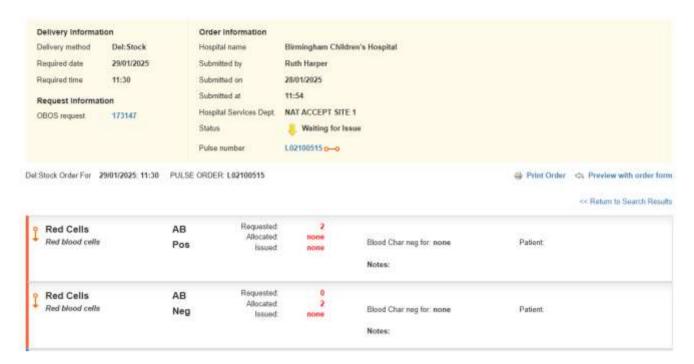


#### Component Substitutions [back to top]

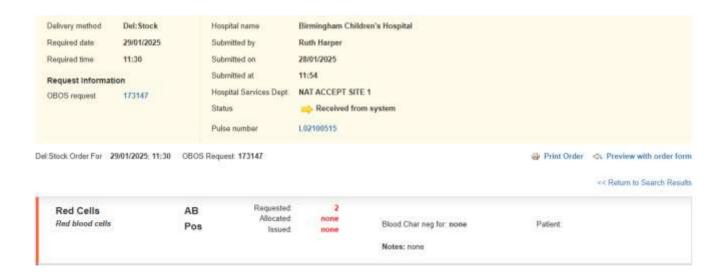
When NHSBT is unable to supply a specific component, substitution of another suitable component will be agreed with the hospital by telephone. Details of the person agreeing the substitution will be held on Pulse and will not be transferred back to OBOS. Hospital staff can enquire by telephone if the name of the person who agreed the substitution is required. Certain substitutions like altering or deleting phenotype including CMV- and HbS- or changing a request from Rh (D) neg to an Rh (D) Pos will require the hospital to amend these orders on OBOS.



Order L02100515 is waiting for issue and contains a substitution indicated by the L icon. In this example in the first line the AB pos RBC requested has not had a component allocated and the second line has an AB neg RBC was allocated although none was requested.



The original request can be viewed by clicking on the OBOS request number. As shown below this will contain only the information from the original request that was sent to Pulse.





Appendix One.

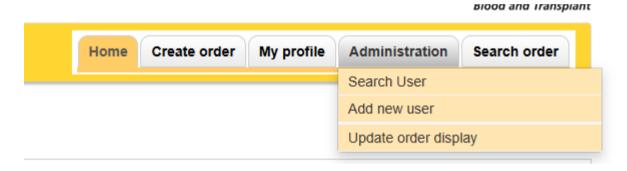
#### Administration.

## Hospital administrators [back to top]

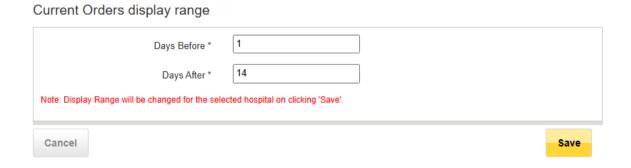
An initial hospital administration account will be set up by NHSBT as part of the go live preparations. The hospital administrator will then be able to set up other hospital administrators and hospital users. Access to this additional functionality is via an administration tab on the home page. It is recommended that hospitals have at least two administrators set up so that they can re-set one another's accounts if they become locked.

# Updating Order Display [back to top]

Hospital Administrators can configure the length of time orders can be seen on the home page pre and post "today's" date. The maximum time in advance that orders can be seen is 14 days and the maximum range from pre to post "today's" date is 15 days. There is a new option to "Update order display" on the administration tab.



Selecting "Update order display" brings up the following screen

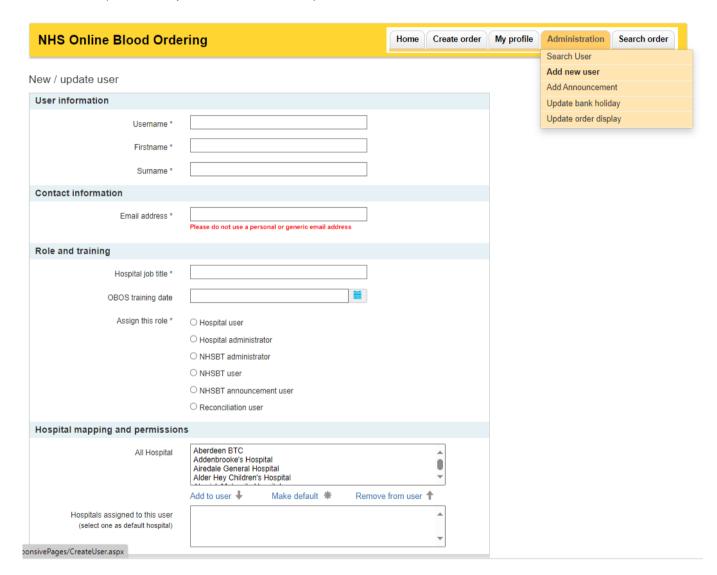


Enter "Days Before" and "Days After" the current date as appropriate. Please note standing orders are sent to Pulse **8 days before the delivery date** and their appearance on the OBOS Home page from this point will be dictated by the local configuration.

# Adding new users [back to top]

Select 'Add new user' from the Administration tab and complete the following sections:

- User information,
- Contact information Please do not use non-public facing domains (e.g. Hotmail.com) or generic emails when setting up an account.
- Role and training. Assign role of hospital user, hospital administrator or Reconciliation user. (NHSBT options not available)



A list of hospitals that can be assigned to this user will appear in 'Hospital mapping and permissions' This will include all hospitals that the administrator has access to. Select the required hospital from the list and click Add to user.

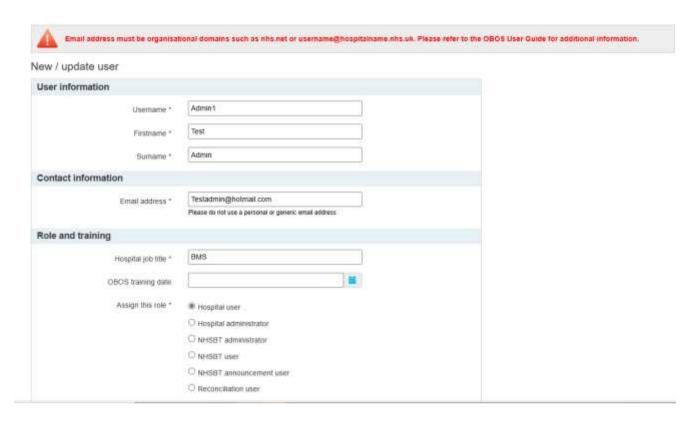
The first hospital added to the user will be the default hospital the user will access when first logging in. If multiple hospitals are added the default hospital can be changed by highlighting the required hospital and clicking

Make default 🏶 . When details are correct click on Save



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If a non-organisational email address (Hotmail, Yahoo, Gmail) is entered an error will appear instructing you to use an organisational email domain. The account will not be created until a suitable email domain has been entered.

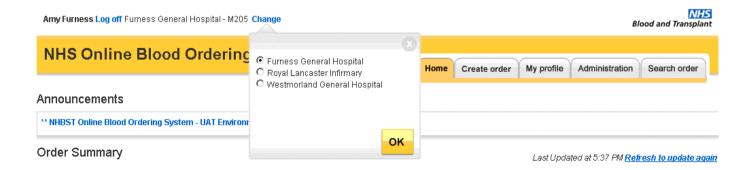


Once all details have been entered correctly, save and a message will be displayed to say that the user was successfully created.

The username and password will be emailed to the email address provided in 2 separate emails from <a href="mailto:no-reply@nhsbt.nhs.uk">no-reply@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a>

#### **Accessing different hospitals**

To access the other hospitals available to them they will need to click on change in blue at the top of the screen (shown below).





If you do not want any hospital to be set as default then after adding all the required sites, highlight the hospital showing as "(default)" and remove from user.

Highlight the hospital that was removed in the "All Hospital" box and add back to user.

If no default hospital is entered, then at logging the first screen the user will be shown a screen asking them to select the hospital they wish to see and order for (shown below).



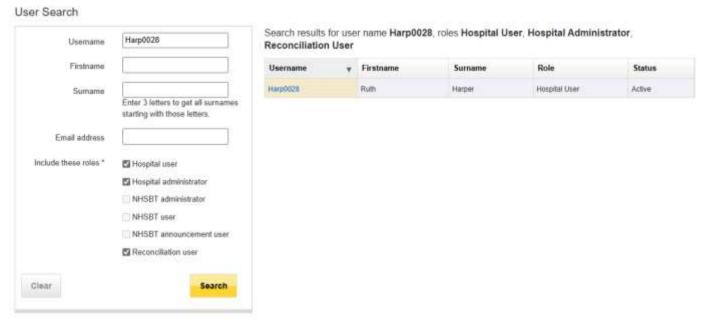


# Searching for users [back to top]

By selecting search user from the administration tab, the screen shown below can be accessed.



Users can be searched for by username, first name, full/first 3 letters of surname or e-mail address.



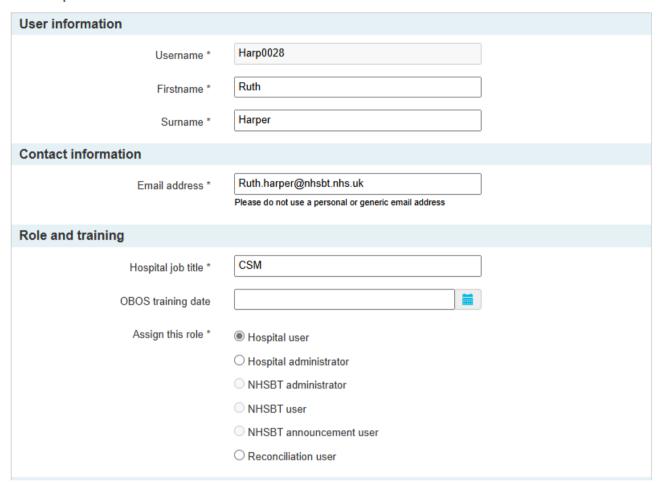
Leaving the above details blank and selecting "Hospital user" and/or "Hospital administrator" will show all accounts for the hospital selected. The NHSBT administrator, user and announcement user searches are greyed out for hospital administrators.

The user's information screen can be opened for editing by clicking on the username in the search results on the right-hand side of the screen. This opens the New/update user screen shown below. There is an option to "Return to Search Results" on the right-hand side. Information can be edited and then saved by clicking on 'save' at the bottom of the New/updated user screen.



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#### New / update user



# Activating/Inactivating accounts. [back to top]

At the bottom of the new/update user screen shown below there is an option to inactivate or activate users



Please note it is important to inactivate accounts when a member of staff leaves or retires. A username can never be deleted from the system because you need to maintain the audit of "who did what and when" but you should prevent staff who no longer work for you ordering on your behalf.



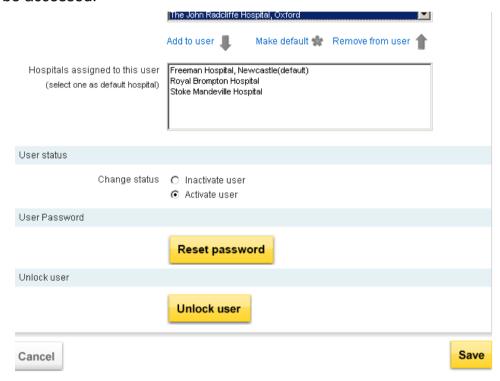
#### **Automatic deactivation of accounts**

If an account has not been accessed for a prolonged period of time, it will automatically be deactivated.

These accounts can be reactivated by any user with administrator level access.

#### Resetting passwords and unlocking accounts. [back to top]

An hospital administrator can unlock and reset individual accounts. If they have locked their account through multiple incorrect passwords, the account will need to be unlock first before the account can be accessed.



#### Updating options within my profile [back to top]

Two options are offered within 'My profile' tab, update my profile and update my password.

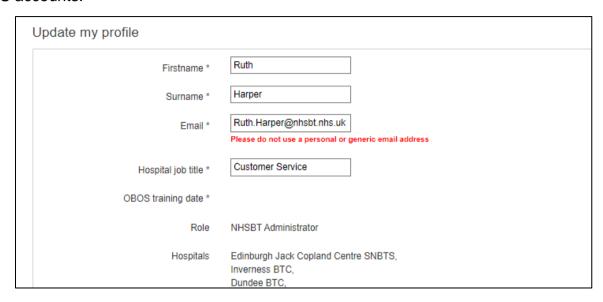


In the 'update my profile' screen, shown below, hospital users can edit and save their first name, surname, e-mail address and job title. Users will need to click on 'save' to update any changes made. Users are not able to change their training date; role or hospitals they are able to access on OBOS. Changes to these items need to be made by a hospital or NHSBT administrator.



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Note: Please do not use personal or generic emails, only use organisation/work emails for all OBOS accounts.



In the update my password screen, shown below, hospital users can change their password or change the security question that they will be prompted to answer if they forget their password. Both passwords and security question answers are case sensitive. Users will need to click on 'save' to update any changes made.

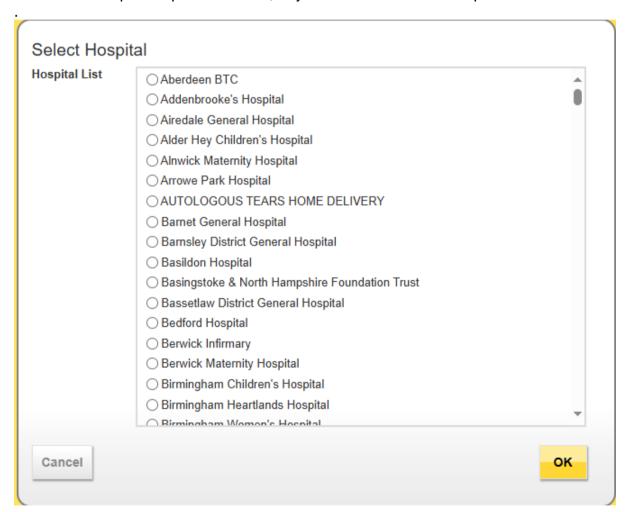
# Jpdate my password Username admin Old password \* New password \* Your password should be: Confirm New password \* 7-14 characters long · at least one special character at least one capital letter · at least one number Your security question and answer is required to reset your password if you forget. Your security question \* Who do you work for? Eg: Your Mother's Maiden name? Youranswer\* [ Save Cancel

## NHSBT administrators [back to top]

There are three levels of administration role within NHSBT:

- NHSBT administrator is an overview role limited to only one or two key NHSBT staff.
- NHSBT user: can set up new accounts for hospital staff, unlock users, reset passwords, and add bank holidays and announcements.
- NHSBT announcement user: can update the announcement message only

At login, NHSBT administrators and NHSBT users will be provided with a screen showing all hospitals currently available on OBOS. To add hospital administrators, select the hospital which requires the new administrator to be added. Where the hospital administrator has access to multiple hospital accounts, anyone be selected to set up the account



You will be taken to the hospitals home page where you can select from four administration functions shown below. Search user and add new user functionality is the same as described for hospital administrators.

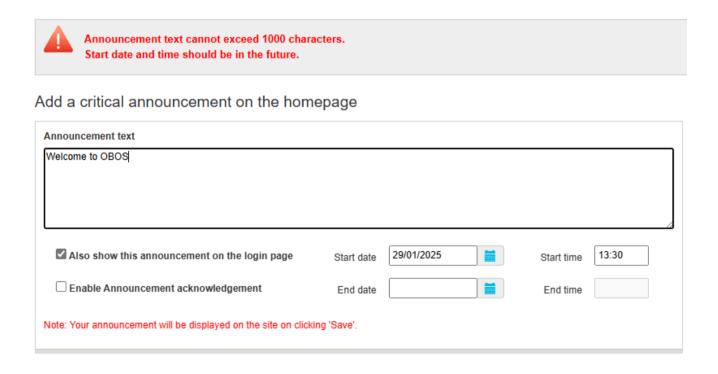




#### Adding an announcement to OBOS [back to top]

To add an announcement to the log in screen and home page select the 'add announcement option' from the administrator tab. The screen shown below will open. Type the announcement into the announcement text box. Tick the box 'also show this announcement on the homepage'. You can set up announcements so that the first time a user logs in after an announcement has been posted they must acknowledge it. To use this functionality, tick the box 'Enable Announcement Acknowledgement'

Announcements require a 'Start date/time' and an 'End date/time' Select the required dates using the calendar icon and highlighting the required dates or type the dates into the date boxes in the format dd/mm/yyyy. Time should be entered (using 24-hour clock) as shown below. Announcements cannot exceed 1000 characters; excess will be highlighted when clicking 'Save'

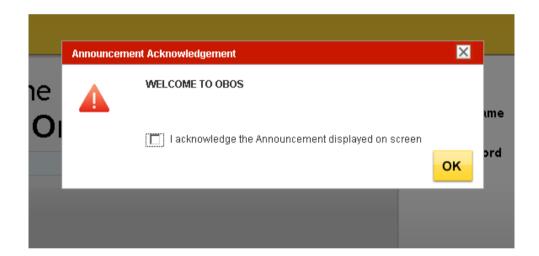


A message confirming the announcement has been saved will be shown. Log out and check that the announcement appears on the login screen:

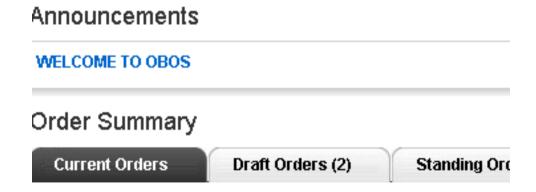




Log back in. If you have enabled 'announcement acknowledgement' you will see the following screen:



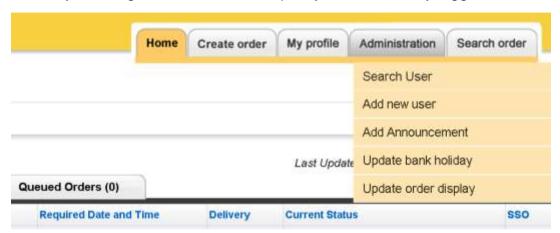
Acknowledge the announcement and then check that it appears on the home page:





# Updating Bank holidays. [back to top]

From the home screen administration tab select update bank holidays. This will update the whole system regardless of which hospital you are currently logged into.



A screen showing a list of bank holidays will open.



To add a date to the bank holiday list, use the calendar to highlight the date and the ← arrow to move selected dates into the list bank holidays box as shown below. Any dates which need to be removed can be removed using the → arrow.



Once dates have been updated click on 'save'. A confirmation message will be shown to indicate that the bank holidays have been saved successfully.



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# Appendix Two [back to top]

# Icons used in the OBOS system

Order Status	Icon
Draft	D
Pending	
Queued	0
Received from OBOS	<b>→</b>
Awaiting Allocation	•
Part Allocated	•
Waiting for issue	
Awaiting patient link (SSO)	•
Awaiting assignment (SSO)	
Awaiting authorisation (SSO)	-
Awaiting acknowledgement (SSO)	•
To be updated by hospital	<b>(=</b>
Partially issued	
Prepared awaiting dispatch	
Dispatched	
Notification Received	
Locked by another user	
Preparation in progress	<b>⊘</b>
Deleted/Cancelled	<b>3</b>
Unfulfilled	×



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# Icons used in the OBOS system

Across the application	Icon
Standing orders	2
Linked Order	0-0
Substitution	
Success Message	
Error Message	<u> </u>
Information Message	
Print Order	⇔
Expand Order Line	•
Collapse Order Line	-
Remove Order Line	×
Preview with order form	₹
Background Processing	\$100 E
Specialist Stock Order	*
VMI Order	
Expand/Collapse Section	
Standing Order(s) due to expire	

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