

## **The Update for July 2025**

### **A new edition of our 'Anaemia' patient information leaflet is available now**

The leaflet is available on the [patient information leaflets webpage](#). There are versions for screen readers and for printing. Hard copies will be available to order soon.

Selma Turkovic - Patient Blood Management Practitioner

### **Demand for spray dried plasma (SPD) and spray dried cryoprecipitate (SDC) Please take part in our survey by Sunday 17 August**

We are looking to start an exciting project to create the first UK manufactured spray dried plasma components. The request has come from the military; however, we want to know what demand for these components is likely to be in hospitals or in a pre-hospital setting.

SDP and SDC will meet the same safety standards as their frozen counterparts. Information about the likely attributes of the components is included at the top of the survey.



[Take the survey](#)

Rhian Edwards - Customer benefits lead for Universal Components and Dried Plasma Projects, Components Development Team

### **New iatrogenic anaemia toolkit launched 7 July**

We are excited to announce the release of our new iatrogenic anaemia toolkit on the Hospitals and Science website.

The toolkit supports healthcare professionals in both hospital and community settings. It identifies those at risk and provides useful resources, best practice examples, strategies to prevent iatrogenic anaemia, and reduce potential patient safety risks.



### Iatrogenic anaemia

Access guidance and resources to reduce iatrogenic anaemia (hospital-acquired).

[Discover more](#)

[Go to the iatrogenic anaemia toolkit](#)

Tracy Johnston - National Patient Blood Management Practitioner

### Instructions for Sp-ICE passwords and raising issues are available in the user guide

For creating accounts, resetting passwords and locked accounts please refer to sections 3.2 to 3.4 in the Sp-ICE user guide. For issues with Sp-ICE contact the Service Desk, see sections 7 and 8 in the guide.

[Download the Sp-ICE user guide \(PDF 2MB\)](#)

If you have any questions please email [NHSBT.customerservice@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:NHSBT.customerservice@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

Thank you for your co-operation.

Helen Cerullo - Senior Delivery Lead, Clinical Services Product Centre

### Access to Blood Transfusion Training (BTT) will be disrupted during October 2025

NHS England (NHSE) has advised that all content on the elearning for healthcare (elfh) hub will be transferred to the NHS Learning Hub during October 2025 and the elfh platform discontinued. We understand this will disrupt access to the Blood Transfusion Training programme and will permanently delete historical completion data. These changes do not affect module access via the Electronic Staff Record (ESR). Further information and guidance will follow.

Anne Davidson - Education Lead, Patient Blood Management Team

## **Pilot project to use electronic forms for look-back investigations underway NHSBT/UKHSA Epidemiology and NHSBT Microbiology Clinical teams**

The pilot uses MS (Microsoft) Forms to collect data from hospitals on transfusion recipients when tracing components in look-back investigations. Currently MS Word forms are used.

Look-back investigations are initiated on recognition that there may have been a risk of transmitting infection from a donor to a recipient. We have a regulatory requirement to conduct these investigations (please refer to the [JPAC website](#) for more information).

A DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment) for using MS Forms for this purpose has been approved by NHSBT's Data Security, Privacy, and Records Management.

Using the forms aims to improve the effectiveness of the tracing process by collecting data more accurately and efficiently. It is crucial hospitals return data promptly to ensure no harm comes to recipients and allows for onward referral, if appropriate.

The Epidemiology team have attended meetings with transfusion laboratory managers, user groups and teams within the RTCs (Regional Transfusion Committees) to present the change, which was well received.

For information about the forms email [epidemiology@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:epidemiology@nhsbt.nhs.uk) and for clinical enquiries regarding the look-back process email [nhsbt.transfusionmicrobiology@nhs.net](mailto:nhsbt.transfusionmicrobiology@nhs.net).

Tali Yawitch - Scientist, NHSBT/UKHSA Epidemiology unit

## **Telephone your RCI laboratory if you require crossmatch testing within the out of hours period - it is important you do this.**

All crossmatch requests required within the out of hours period must be telephoned through. If you want the sample testing the following day, telephone the RCI laboratory at the start of the next working day.

### [Opening hours and telephone numbers for RCI labs](#)

Sarah Thompson - National Operations Manager, RCI

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