

# Anaemia Programme Newsletter

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## Health Board (HB) Funding for the All-Wales Pre-operative Anaemia Pathway

To support the implementation of the All-Wales Pre-operative Anaemia Pathway, funding was secured from Value Based Healthcare to be released to each NHS Wales Health Board (HB). Following successful submission of business cases from local teams, the funding has been made available to each HB to build upon their preoperative anaemia services. This will enable the multiple benefits of the pathway to be fully realised with pace and scale and ensure equality of access to patients in Wales to preoperative anaemia management through application of Patient Blood Management (PBM).

This funding will be recurring provided there is evidence showing the added value the service is making to pre-operative anaemic patients within the HB. This is a very exciting development, and we are looking forward to seeing progress across Wales. Updates to be provided from all successful applicants in the next anaemia stakeholder meeting planned to take place early 2024.

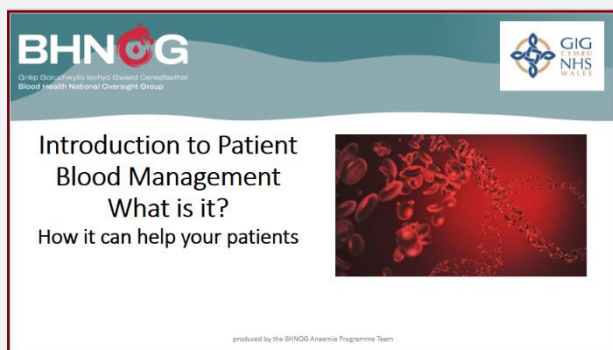
## All Wales Anaemia Test Set update

The new All Wales preoperative anaemia test set is live within the All Wales Laboratory Information system (LIMS) under the generic name POAS. There is work ongoing to formalise the roll out of this locally in each HB including making the testset available within local Welsh Clinical Portal (WCP)



for clinical requesting. The testset is built upon an algorithm of reflex testing to support streamlined anaemia diagnosis and underlying cause.

## Patient Blood Management (PBM) Training for all F1/F2 doctors in Wales



The Anaemia Programme team worked collaboratively with all medical education departments in HBs across Wales to provide Patient Blood Management Training to all F1/F2 doctors. These sessions focus on Pillar 1 of PBM - anaemia identification, treatment and management. The training has so far evaluated well, and it has been identified by participants that they would benefit from further training in

transfusion related topics, this is currently being explored by the Blood Health Team at WBS.

To view the BHN0G Pre-operative Anaemia Programme webpage please click [here](#)

## Anaemia Resources

The Anaemia team have been developing and coordinating an All Wales preoperative anaemia toolkit of resources, including patient information and documentation to support implementation of the pathway.

To scope the requirements for the toolkit a survey was issued to pre-operative assessment operational staff. The survey received an excellent response rate and now the team are working on developing this bank of resources which will be housed in the BHN0G website (please see link above).

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