

## Key Messages South Regional Advisory Forum – March 2025

### NHS Supply Chain Updates and Regional Focus

- **Savings & Reporting:** Year-to-date (YTD) net savings stand at 3.4%, with the South region achieving 4%.
- **NHS Core List:** Progress continues, with 150 general and 50 clinical products in scope. The launch is expected post-April, pending NHSE approval.
- **IT Outages:** Technical fixes have been implemented to improve system resilience, with backup systems now in place.
- Teams working with ICS managers have achieved the highest savings through range management, NHS Supply Chain transitions, and product swaps.
- The South West Procurement Programme will focus on a smaller number of impactful interventions to drive efficiency.

### Resilience Update

Key Learnings from GOJO Disruption:

- Supply Chain Design: Monopoly risks identified due to dispenser dependency.
- Internal Process: Financial health monitoring improvements implemented.
- Regulatory Landscape: Challenges in stakeholder engagement persist.

NHS Supply Chain have Committed To:

- Incident Management: New NHSE-aligned process launched.
- Capability Development: Training programme for rapid response in place.
- Communications: New crisis comms strategy under development.
- Risk Management: Stronger risk capture and mitigation efforts.
- Financial Health Monitoring: Weekly reviews now standard.
- Category Strategy: Exploring supplier flexibility options.

### Inventory Management System (IMS) Update

- IMS & Point of Care (PoC) rolling out across 19 trusts with NHSE funding.
- Current Status: 8 trusts live, all 19 expected live by November.
- Key Financial Benefits:
  - £1.9M in expired stock identified.
  - £1.5M in overstock managed.
  - 366 clinical hours saved annually.

### National Equipment Tracking and Inventory System (NETIS)

Overview and Key Requests:

- National system consolidating datasets for better asset visibility.
- Seeking trust CEO support and data-sharing agreements.
- Help raise awareness of NETIS.
- Sign data-sharing agreements.
- Provide feedback on implementation concerns.
- NETIS expected to improve data quality.
- Phased approach planned for spotting underutilised assets.