

Key Messages North Regional Advisory Forum – March 2025

NHS Supply Chain Updates and Regional Focus

- **Core List Progress:** Ongoing development, with senior customer advisory input and expected launch post-April.
- **Savings Reporting Challenges:** NHS Supply Chain working to validate figures, aiming for 3% savings target.
- **Gorsey Point Stabilisation:** Significant progress made, reducing key issues from 40 to three. The working group may continue for a few more months to monitor improvements.
- **Workforce Pressures:** Staff shortages affecting some regions, with increased workloads. Recruitment remains a priority.
- **ICS Procurement Challenges:** Issues include limited central resources, recruitment difficulties, and the need for improved data analytics.
- **Cost Improvement Programmes (CIP):** Financial pressures remain a challenge across all regions.
- **Collaboration and Data Management:** ICSs exploring shared procurement models, data networks, and enhanced reporting systems.
- **Value-Based Procurement (VBP):** Support has been requested to drive workstreams, using case studies and clinical engagement to maximise impact.

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.