



National Transfusion Practitioner Network

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Meet the team

Aimi Baird



Transfusion Practitioner

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NTPN role: Chair of the National
Transfusion Practitioner Network
(NTPN)

Aimi qualified as a HCPC state registered Biomedical Scientist in 2007. She has extensive experience working as a specialist Biomedical Scientist in haematology, coagulation, and blood transfusion laboratories in Newcastle upon Tyne.

In 2014, Aimi joined the Transfusion Practitioner team in Newcastle. During her time as a TP Aimi has accessed training courses and opportunities to expand her transfusion knowledge, and network with key stakeholders both locally and regionally. Due to this Aimi was promoted to her current role as the Advanced Transfusion Practitioner for the Trust.

Aimi believes in the importance of continuing professional development and the importance of collaborative working and is an active member of the British Blood Transfusion Society (BBTS).

Her leadership qualities became evident in 2021 when she was appointed chairperson of the National Transfusion Practitioner Network (NTPN), a working group of the National Blood Transfusion Committee (NBTC). In this role, Aimi is committed to representing the Transfusion Practitioner workforce at both regional and national levels.

Projects

<https://www.nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/working-group/national-transfusion-practitioners-network>

Meet the team

Rachel Moss



Senior Transfusion Practitioner

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NTPN role: Chair ISBT (International Blood Transfusion Society) Transfusion Practitioner Group

Rachel has a nursing background becoming a Transfusion Practitioner in 2003. She has worked in hospital transfusion services for adults, maternity & paediatrics and in 2015/2016 did a 12-month secondment to the NHSBT Patient Blood Management Team which gave a unique view of the transfusion process from donor to recipient.

Rachel completed an MSc in 2016 (Biomedical Science) with a final project on managing wrong blood in tubes (WBITs).

Rachel has co-authored a number of papers relating to the TP role for Transfusion Medicine & Vox Sanguinis and co-wrote the Transfusion Medicine paper "[Patient Blood Management and the importance of the Transfusion Practitioner role to embed this into practice](#)" (Bielby & Moss 2018).

Rachel is a well-known national and international speaker on the role of the Transfusion Practitioner and how it sits within the transfusion medicine framework.

Rachel has been part of many regional, national and international transfusion related committees and working groups, and is currently the Chair of the ISBT (International Society Blood Transfusion) Transfusion Practitioner Group. The ISBT TP group have developed many resources supporting the TP role (available on the ISBT webpages) and have recorded a series of podcasts about the TP role including patient blood management and haemovigilance. The ISBT TP group are committed to promoting the TP role within the international transfusion community.

Rachel is currently the senior Transfusion Practitioner at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London, UK.

Meet the team

Stuart Lord



Lead Transfusion Practitioner

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NTPN role: Chair of the South West of England Transfusion Practitioner Group
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Stuart qualified as a HCPC state registered Biomedical Scientist in 2009 after training at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals in Specialist Coagulation. He worked for several years at Rotherham District General Hospital as a Biomedical Scientist in Haematology, Coagulation and Blood Transfusion, progressing to Senior Biomedical Scientist in Blood Transfusion after completing his IBMS Specialist Diploma in Haematology and Transfusion and his MSc in Transfusion and Transplantation from the University of Bristol.

In 2017, Stuart took over the role of Transfusion Practitioner, and made the move to Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in 2020 to be the Transfusion Practitioner there. Stuart successfully managed to expand the Transfusion Practitioner team, becoming the Lead Transfusion Practitioner in addition to taking over as Chair of the South West Transfusion Practitioner Group which he has done since 2020.

Stuart is currently part of the working group to develop a nationally recognised professional development framework for Transfusion Practitioners, he is an active member of the BBTS Transfusion Practitioner Group and also sits on the National Transfusion Practitioner Network.

His professional interests include the delivery of effective transfusion education, transfusion clinical audit, haemovigilance, viscoelastic testing and delivering an effective Patient Blood Management programme to improve patient outcomes within the hospital setting.

Meet the team

Ant Jackson



Transfusion Practitioner

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NTPN role: Midlands regional
representative – National Transfusion
Practitioner Network (NTPN)

Ant started his state registration for Medical Laboratory Scientific Officer (now known as Biomedical Scientist) status in 1995, in the areas of blood transfusion, haematology, and coagulation in Boston. Having gained an MSc in Pathological Science, with a specialism in Transfusion Medicine in 2000, he moved into the newly created role of Transfusion Practitioner in 2003.

During his time as a Transfusion Practitioner, Ant has, gained a PG Cert in Inter-professional Practice Education, locally introduced bloodtracking across 4 hospital sites, led on transfusion policy production, and developed the Trust's transfusion intranet pages. Regionally he has played an active part in regional transfusion groups, and taught on both NHSBT / regional Non-Medical Authorisation courses.

Nationally Ant has been involved with the BBTS TP group since 2010, and represented the BBTS on the National Transfusion Committee and it's National Emergency Planning subgroup. Ant also co-represents the Midlands area on the National Transfusion Practitioner Network.

Outside of work, Ant enjoys spending time with his family and friends, watching/collecting anything "Doctor Who", volunteering on the church youth bus, and going to the gym.

Meet the team

Emily Rich



Lead Transfusion Practitioner
North West Anglia NHS FT

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NTPN role: Deputy Chair of the East of England TP Group and Education Lead

Emily began her career in the NHS in 2008 when she started working as a Biomedical Support Worker at Northampton General Hospital, this was following an undergraduate degree in Health Studies and Human Biology. She then completed her Biomedical Science degree as a co-terminus student graduating and gaining HCPC registration in 2011 and received the IBMS Presidents Prize and Society of Biology Top Student Award.

Transfusion has always been her passion and after completing the IBMS Specialist Portfolio in Haematology and Transfusion and working in the lab for a number of years she moved to the role of Transfusion Practitioner. While in this role she gained a distinction in her MSc in Biomedical Science focusing on quality and transfusion topics. She is very keen to develop good relationships between the laboratory and clinical teams, and help to ensure transfusions are delivered as safely as possible.

Emily is now Lead Transfusion Practitioner at North West Anglia NHS FT and Deputy Chair of the East of England TP Group, and loving the challenges and variety of being a TP.

Outside of work Emily is happiest in the outdoors, in the wind, rain or sun.

Meet the team

Karen Mead



Specialist Transfusion Practitioner
North Bristol NHS Trust

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NTPN role: Chair of BBTS (British Blood Transfusion Society) Transfusion Practitioner Special Interest Group

Karen completed her PhD in Immunology at the University of Birmingham Medical School during 2003. She then briefly worked in Platelet and Granulocyte Immunology within NHS Blood and Transplant, during which time she completed her HCPC Biomedical Scientist state registration. In 2004, Karen was appointed into the newly created role of Transfusion Practitioner (TP) within North Bristol NHS Trust where she is still based.

During 20 years in this role - now as Specialist TP, Karen has sat on several regional and national transfusion-related groups including the South-West Regional Transfusion Team, Regional Transfusion Education sub-group, JPAC Standing Advisory Committee on Information Technology, and more recently on the National Comparative Audit Sample Collection and Labelling Project Group.

Karen joined the BBTS TP Special Interest Group (SIG) in 2022 and became Chair of this group in 2023. Since then, she has become further involved within BBTS, now also sitting on the Annual Conference Committee, the Communications Committee and has recently become a Council Member. Karen represents BBTS within the National Transfusion Practitioner Network (NTPN) and also represents BBTS on the Steering Group for the TP Professional Development Framework. She is currently looking forward to becoming a member of the SHOT Haemovigilance group.
BBTS TP SIG website: [BBTS | Transfusion Practitioners](#)

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Jordan Reed



Transfusion Practitioner

York and Scarborough Teaching
Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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NTPN Role: Chair of the North East &
Yorkshire Transfusion Practitioner
Group

Jordan qualified as a HCPC state registered Biomedical Scientist in 2015 and immediately started work in the haematology, coagulation, immunology, and blood transfusion laboratories at York. Whilst working in York he developed a specialist interest in blood transfusion science and completed both his IBMS Specialist Portfolio and MSc in Biomedical Science with a transfusion focused research project during this time.

Jordan made the move to becoming a Transfusion Practitioner at York and Scarborough Trust in 2023 and has really enjoyed the new challenges this has come with, as well as discovering a love of education and teaching and the opportunities to engage with a large variety of different people and work daily. In 2024 he has become more involved in Regional and National groups and looks forwards to being able to contribute to and champion the excellent ongoing work already underway across the Network, and new projects to come.

Outside of work Jordan is generally happiest relaxing with family, running or walking come rain or shine, and has recently discovered pickleball.

Meet the team

Anna Mamwell



Honorary Patient and Public Involvement Lead

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NTPN role: Patient and Public Involvement Lead for Transfusion 2024

After being suddenly diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia in 2015, unexpectedly spending months in hospital, and surviving both the disease and intense treatment Anna found herself reevaluating her career and life goals. This has ultimately led her to her current roles as a patient advocate and patient involvement specialist in healthcare research and more recently for NHS Blood and Transplant. As part of this Anna has engaged with different patient experiences and people with diverse backgrounds.

As Patient and Public Involvement Lead for Transfusion 2024, Anna works with her colleagues to ensure insights and voices of patients, and the public are present at every step and across all themes of the strategy.

Over the past 9 years, Anna's work has included varied projects with Blood Cancer UK, Cancer Research UK, MacMillan, NHS England, University College London, Oxford University, Imperial College London, Pharma and more

Anna is passionate about making a difference, working with like-minded people and living life to the full.

Meet the team

James Davies



Senior Transfusion Practitioner and Blood tracking Lead

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Rebecca Spiers

Transfusion Practitioner

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NTPN Role: Northwest representative on the National Transfusion Practitioner Network

James has a BMS background and has worked for 25 years in the transfusion field in various roles in the UK and internationally. James has been a TP for 8 years.

James has expertise in Blood tracking systems and IT and has been instrumental in developing one of the largest blood tracking networks in the UK across 6 sites in the SE London region

Rebecca qualified as a HCPC state registered Biomedical Scientist in 2006. During her time in Haematology at Warrington, she gained experience of general haematology, coagulation and transfusion, she also undertook additional courses to further her knowledge and expertise, including a Certificate of Expert Practice in Quality Management, and more recently a Masters Degree in Healthcare Management.

Rebecca became a Transfusion Practitioner in 2021 with a passion and motivation to convey her knowledge and experience to clinical staff involved in transfusion across the trust. Her focus is on promoting safer transfusion practices, fostering a culture of learning, and spearheading service improvements to ensure patient safety in transfusion protocols. When not in work, Rebecca enjoys spending time with her family, seeing friends, and takes every opportunity to travel.

Meet the team

Nella Pignatelli



**London's Regional Transfusion Committee
Administrator**

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NTPN Role: NTPN Administrator

Jane Murphy



**North West England's Regional Transfusion
Committee Administrator**

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NTPN Role: NTPN Administrator

Nella has a BSc in Global Health and an MSc in Global Health Management and has over 7 years of voluntary experience supporting drug policy organisations, cancer charities and various pathology labs. Nella has a strong interest in policy-making and healthcare and has recently joined the NHSBT.

Nella enjoys reading scientific books and journals, going to concerts and playing the drums in her spare time.

Jane has worked for NHSBT since 2008 as the North West Regional Transfusion Committee Administrator. This role has led to Jane supporting many national and UK working groups which she enjoys as it brings variety to her day-to-day activities.

Outside of work, Jane loves spending time with her family and friends, going on holiday, to concerts and watching Liverpool Football Club.

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