

North East & Yorkshire RTC Project Plan


Project	Event details	Description	Development	Status	Lead
RTC meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three meetings per year • Venue: Virtual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education section followed by RTC business meeting • The overall objective of the Regional Transfusion Committees (RTCs) is to support the activities of Hospital Transfusion Committees, thus enabling the National Transfusion Blood Committee to achieve its aims. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of programme for future meetings in progress. 	Ongoing	Ric Procter
Transfusion bulletin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To share information on safety alerts and best practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider using learning aspects from the TP group to populate the bulletin. 	Under development	Janice Robertson
Non Medical Authorisation Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four events per year • Venue: Virtual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The events will give you an understanding of the criteria and knowledge needed to authorise a blood component correctly • The day is intended for qualified nurses and Advanced Care Practitioners only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events are well evaluated • Yearly review of content 	Ongoing	Tina Ivel
Transfusion IT group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims to improve transfusion safety through improved IT systems and practices. Informal group – no minutes, question and answer section for each meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce a lessons learnt / how to guide 	Ongoing	Michelle Lake
Transfusion Practitioner Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four meetings per year • Venue: 3 Virtual, one face to face. 	<p>The TPs in hospitals served by the region hold regular meetings to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a forum for group members to discuss items of interest and to provide networking opportunities. • Provide an educational forum for case studies, shared learning and professional development. • Provide an opportunity for hospitals receiving services from Newcastle and Barnsley Centres to feed back to NHSBT on areas for improvement and development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of programme for future meetings in progress. 	Ongoing	Michelle Lake / Megan Wrightson

Cell Salvage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<p>Build a registry of cell salvage activity to evidence the great PBM work going on.</p> <p>The following information requested from Trusts via HTC report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you have a cell salvage lead? If yes, please give contact details Do you know what cell salvage activity your trust undertakes? Do you have local audit data to show PBM/blood conservation impact? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates received via RTC meeting HTC reports Formal plan for what data needs collected and how it is to be used will be steered by the national group Volunteers from previous HTC reports regarding cell salvage working group to be contacted to form a working group. 	Ongoing	Ric Procter
Blood Centre User Group meeting - Barnsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three meetings per year Venue: Virtual 	<p>The users of NHSBT Barnsley Centre hold regular meetings to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a forum for group members to discuss items of interest and to provide networking opportunities. Provide an educational forum for case studies, shared learning and professional development of biomedical scientists. <p>Provide an opportunity for hospitals receiving services from the Barnsley Centre to feed back to NHSBT on areas for improvement and development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of programme for future meetings in progress. 	Ongoing	Rachel Allan
Blood Centre User Group meeting - Newcastle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three meetings per year Venue: Lecture Theatre, Newcastle Blood Centre 	<p>The users of NHSBT Newcastle Centre hold regular meetings to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a forum for group members to discuss items of interest and to provide networking opportunities. Provide an educational forum for case studies, shared learning and professional development of biomedical scientists. <p>Provide an opportunity for hospitals receiving services from the Newcastle Centre to feed back to NHSBT on areas for improvement and development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of programme for future meetings in progress. 	Ongoing	Karen Ward
Improve engagement with Pathology Network Leads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<p>Request a representative from the Pathology Networks to join the RTC meeting to provide an updates.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link made to Pathology Networks. Working towards an understanding of what the RTC needs to achieve in way of transfusion. 	Under development	Ric Procter

Transfusion Transformation outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<p>Anaemia prevention The aim is to get the network to understand the aim of obtaining a data dashboard of iron deficient anaemia. This would come from live full blood count results in primary and secondary care which in turn can then be used at trust level to investigate, refer or treat. Pre-op and primary care pathways exist in most locations, but there are still a number of patients out with this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP met with a member of the pathology commissioning network digital leads. Include in HTC reports for HTC 'Do WHO surgical lists at every site have TXA on them?' 	Under development	Ric Procter
		<p>Digital integration Regional RTC members are part of the Regional Haematology group that reports to the path network. They have been engaged with helping the path leads understand where we are with digitalising transfusion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfusion IT working group set up for problem solving. Target to find out how we prioritise/ring fence funding for an end authorisation system in every trust. 	Under development	Ric Procter
		<p>Optimising PBM activity. The IBI has comments on post-graduate training packages being improved and inclusive of patient experience. Those patients involved in routine transfusion to be audited for their experience/feedback. This needs to not just be at undergraduate but a reminder to all clinicians. Issues with consent and listening to the patient are a problem now, and relevant to all grades of clinician.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include in HTC reports for HTC 'What is the best and most effective way to get patient stories into training?' 	Under development	Ric Procter
OD Negative Blood Use survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit of OD negative adult - red cells issued to hospitals in 2018. 	<p>To know the fate of each unit, and brief details of the patient who received it. If the unit was not transfused, we'd like the reason the unit was not transfused.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request Brian Hockley give an update on the survey results at the June RTC meeting. 	Under development	Brian Hockley

Importance of and engagement with IBI recommendations meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North East & Yorkshire RTC Meeting 13:00 – 16:00 19 March 2025 Via teams 	<p>Regular RTC meeting given over to the subject. Programme to include: NHSE update Problems and Barriers Patient Engagement Trust responses and time frames Success stories from Trusts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speakers to be contacted 	Under development	Ric Procter
Recruitment of Deputy RTC chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<p>Teodora Groza has stood down from this post. Request expressions of interest via RTC membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In discussion with candidate. 	Under development	Ric Procter
RTC Annual Education Day 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be confirmed 	<p>Suggested topics for the 25/26 rolling programme of education are listed below. Highlighted items preferred.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> IBI and its implications Special components and special requirements [not specifically paed] Major haemorrhage across different patient groups Transfusion in haemoglobinopathy Neonatal and paediatric transfusion Adverse events in transfusion including pulmonary complications Management of adverse events including PSIRF, human factors and safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regions to confirm topics following the January meeting of the NBTC's Executive Working Group 	Under development	Tina Ivel

North East & Yorkshire RTC Project Plan – Completed items

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RTC Annual Education Day 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haemoglobinopathies 13:00 – 16:00 Wednesday 09 October 2024 Team's meeting 	Event include:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current therapeutic strategies in both Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassemia. Transition between paediatric and adult care Experience of a chronic transfusion programme through the lens of a recipient How best to support individuals who have haemoglobinopathy- physically and psychologically 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 309 delegates attended, 97% of those who completed the evaluation rated the event excellent or good. Some technical issues on the day.  <p>Haemoglobinopathies evaluation.pdf</p>	Complete	Tina Ivel
Recruitment of Deputy RTC chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	Request expressions of interest via RTC membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post taken by Teodora Groza Consultant Cardiac Anaesthetist Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust 	Complete	Ric Procter
Reflection poll for RTC members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forms poll 	The survey focuses on the format of future RTC Meetings, plus output, following two years since the merger of the North East and Yorkshire & The Humber RTC regions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results reviewed at March 24 RTC meeting and April 24 RTT meeting. 	Complete	Ric Procter
Reporting of Transfusion Reactions after patients leave the hospital survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snap Survey 	Look into the gaps in information we provide to patients about their transfusions and how to report any transfusion reactions they may have.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results reviewed at the November 24 RTC meeting. 	Complete	Marina Karakantza