

# North East & Yorkshire RTC Meeting Minutes

















**13:00 – 16:00 Wednesday 05 June 2024**

<b>Attendees</b>		
Mohamed Abdeldayem	MA	Specialist Registrar, NHSBT
Rachel Allan	RA	Quality Manager, Leeds
Bushra Amin	BA	Transfusion Practitioner, Sheffield Teaching
Amanda Baxter	ABax	Transfusion Practitioner, Sheffield Children's
Helen Baxter	HB	Senior Biomedical Scientist, South Tees & North Tees
Gillian Bell	GB	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Doncaster and Bassetlaw
Lucy Bevan	LB	Transfusion Practitioner, Newcastle
Jill Braithwaite	JB	Advanced Practitioner, Northern Lincolnshire & Goole
Christopher Broadbent	CB	Senior Biomedical Scientist, North Tees
David Bruce	DB	Head of RCI Newcastle, NHSBT
Steven Burns	SB	QA Manager, NHSBT Barnsley
Carolyn Carveth-Marshall	CCM	Transfusion Practitioner, South Tees
Andrew Charlton	AC	Consultant Haematologist, Newcastle and NHSBT
Victoria Chong-Cave	VCC	Biomedical Scientist, Co Durham & Darlington
Robin Coupe	RC	Customer Service Manager, NHSBT
Lesley Davies	LD	Reference Laboratory Manager, RCI Newcastle, NHSBT
Laura Duffy	LD	Transfusion Practitioner, Newcastle
Khaled El-Ghariani	KEG	Consultant Haematologist, Chair of HTC, Sheffield Teaching
Jay Faulkner	JF	Transfusion Practitioner, Leeds
Stephanie Ferguson	SF	Transfusion Practitioner, Leeds
Jenny Fullthorpe	JF	Head Biomedical Scientist Blood Transfusion, Scarborough Hull and York Pathology Service (SHYPS)
Brigit Greystoke	BG	Consultant Haematologist, Clinical lead, North East England Specialist Haemoglobinopathy Team
Teodora Groza	TD	<b>Deputy Chair</b> , Consultant Cardiac Anaesthetist, Leeds
Alison Hirst	AH	Transfusion Practitioner, Airedale
George Holmes	GH	Clinical lead for Transfusion, Northumbria
Adil Iqbal	AI	Consultant Haematologist, Co Durham & Darlington
Catrina Ivel	CI	Transfusion Practitioner, York and Scarborough
Juliet James	JJ	Transfusion Practitioner, Co Durham & Darlington
Emma Johnson-Kelly	EJK	Transfusion Practitioner, Northern Lincolnshire & Goole
Briony Johnston	BJ	Biomedical Scientist, Airedale
Angela Kanny	AK	Haemostasis and Thrombosis link
Marina Karakantza	MK	Consultant Haematologist, NHSBT
Nicola Keeping	NK	Haematology Departmental Manager, South of Tyne Clinical Pathology Services
Raheela Khalid	RK	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Nuffield Leeds
Rohit Kumar	RKu	Neonatal Representative
Michelle Lake	ML	Transfusion Practitioner, Calderdale & Huddersfield
Joanne Lawson	JL	Blood Sciences Departmental Manager, Co Durham & Darlington
Charlotte Longhorn	CL	Patient Blood Management Practitioner, NHSBT
Kate Marklew	KM	Transfusion Practitioner, Leeds

Carole McBride	CMc	Transfusion Practitioner, Mid Yorkshire
Alison Muir	AM	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Newcastle
James Naseem	JN	Scientific Training Officer, NHSBT
Janet Nicholson	JN	Transfusion Practitioner, North Cumbria
Jill Parkinson	JP	Transfusion Practitioner, Bradford
Ric Procter	RP	<b>Chair</b> , A&E Consultant and Chair of HTC, South Tees
Jordan Reed	JRe	Transfusion Practitioner, York and Scarborough
Emma Richards	ER	Transfusion Practitioner, Doncaster & Bassetlaw
Janice Robertson	JR	<b>Minutes</b> , RTC Administrator, NHSBT
Faye Smith	FS	Transfusion Practitioner, Harrogate
Brian Taylor	BT	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Sheffield Teaching
Angeline Thiongo	AT	Transfusion Practitioner, Sheffield Teaching
Vicky Waddoups	VW	Transfusion Practitioner, Rotherham
Karen Ward	KW	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Northumbria
Abbie White	AW	Transfusion Practitioner, Northern Lincolnshire & Goole

<b>Apologies</b>		
Aimi Baird	AB	Transfusion Practitioner, Newcastle
Carol Blears	CB	Transfusion Practitioner, Mid Yorkshire
Laura Condren	LC	Transfusion Technical Lead, South of Tyne Clinical Pathology Services
Debra Cox	DC	Transfusion Practitioner, North Tees
Rachael Denham	RD	Scientific Consultant, NHSBT
Clive Graham	CG	Consultant Microbiologist, Chair of HTC, North Cumbria
Paul Jennings	PJ	Emergency Medicine Consultant, Chair of HTC, Airedale
April Joslin	AJ	Transfusion Practitioner, Northumbria
Sam Kershaw	SK	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Calderdale and Huddersfield
Chantal Morrell	CM	Blood Transfusion Quality Coordinator, Co Durham & Darlington
Annette Nicolle	AN	Consultant Haematologist, Gateshead
Karen Simblet	KS	QA Manager, NHSBT Newcastle
Tracey Watson	TW	Head of RCI Barnsley, NHSBT
Jemma Yorke	JY	Consultant Obstetrician, Chair of HTC, Co Durham & Darlington

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	RP welcomed the group.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Education Section</b> Presentations available via <a href="mailto:Janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk">Janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a> if required.
2.1	<b>Sickle cell therapy in NHS-E 2024</b> Presented by Brigit Greystoke
2.2	<b>Update from BGS Transfusion Conference</b> Presented by Matt Wilson
<b>3.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence, minutes of last meetings and matters arising</b>
	Apologies noted. Minutes of previous meeting, 06.03.2024 confirmed <b>Action:</b> Post confirmed minutes onto JPAC website.
3.1	<b>Matters arising</b>

Closed	Minutes of previous meeting posted onto NBTC website.	
Closed	Expression of interest for RTC deputy chair role received from Teodora Groza, Consultant Cardiac Anaesthetist, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.	
Closed	Bradford rare blood group patient case discussed with rare blood donor consultants team. No change in practice proposed. They should be treated as patients not donors although it would be beneficial to advise the NHSBT consultant.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Update from NBTC / Review of NBTC / RTC's structure</b>	
	<p>The documents below were circulated to RTC members following the March 24 NBTC meeting</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               RTC chair summary              March 24.pdf         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               T2024 Deliverables              .pdf         </div> </div> <p>The Transfusion Transformation Symposium will take place on 10 June 2024 with representatives from NHSE and Pathology Services. The group will discuss what aspects of T2024 deliverable components can show a performance output and how this should be measured.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Reports from Hospital Transfusion Teams</b>	
	<b>Airedale NHS Trust</b>  Airedale.pdf	<b>Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust</b>  No report submitted
	<b>Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</b>  Bradford.pdf	
	<b>Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust</b>  Calderdale and Huddersfield.pdf	<b>County Durham &amp; Darlington NHS Foundation Trust</b>  CDDFT.pdf
	<b>Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</b>  Doncaster & Bassetlaw.pdf	
	<b>Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust</b>  Harrogate.pdf	<b>Hull &amp; East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust</b>  Hull - SHYPS Network.pdf
	<b>Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust</b>  Leeds.pdf	
	<b>Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust</b>  Midyorks.pdf	<b>Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</b>  Newcastle.pdf
	<b>North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust</b>  North Cumbria.pdf	
	<b>Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</b>  Northern Lincs & Goole.pdf	<b>North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust</b>  North Tees.pdf
	<b>Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust</b>  Northumbria.pdf	

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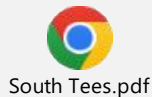
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NHS Foundation Trust**



**South of Tyne Pathology**  
(Inc Gateshead, South Tyneside and  
Sunderland NHS Foundation Trusts)



**South Tees Hospitals NHS  
Foundation Trust**



**The Rotherham NHS  
Foundation Trust**







**York & Scarborough  
Teaching Hospitals NHS  
Foundation Trust**



**Key points from reports:**

- Airedale – Reports from Sp-ICE do not feed into WinPath therefore results such as antibody reports have to be copied and pasted into WinPath.  
AC advised that there is a pilot underway which will assist with this issue.
- Bradford – Success with an off site day unit. Learning point would be to include a second blood fridge.
- Calderdale & Huddersfield – Work ongoing on information / contact for patients post discharge. MK/CL are working on a survey for reporting of transfusion reactions in patients that have left the Hospital (see item 10.2)  
Introduced a pre pickup check list on BloodTrack for TACO  
Reducing in midwife sampling rejection rates following a 'back to basics' campaign.  
Midwifery manager has introduced a seven minute brief to go through transfusion sampling with good results.
- CDDFT - TP currently investigating how best to introduce weight based red cell dosing.
- Harrogate – Trend in inappropriate use of O neg in ED. Recognised that they have a junior team and empowerment training is to be given.
- Hull – Training has been going very well, they hold monthly workshops for non-medical staff and competency sessions for doctors as well as induction days.  
**Action** Confirm what has been implemented
- Leeds – Incompatible transfusions due to positive patient ID (bank staff). Drive within the Trust with quality safety matters and escalated to the risk team.
- Mid Yorks – Addressing training doctors for sample taking and use of TX. Limited time available at doctors inductions.  
Other Trusts reported they have introduced bespoke elearning packages.  
BloodTrack TX has a hard stop built in, staff cannot use the system unless training completed.  
Passports between Trusts would be beneficial but minor changes in systems within Trusts may be an issue.
- South Tees - Piloting QTA tracers to see if they can reduce wastage  
Working on bridging the gap between order comms and end authorisation system.  
Newcastle has implemented successfully.
- York & Scarborough – Overnight transfusion audit, looking at how to target education for junior medical staff and empower nursing staff to state when transfusions should not be happening out of hours.
- Recurring themes:  
Staffing  
TP time  
Funding

	<p>Infected Blood Inquiry (IBI) TACO assessment – paediatric and weight based calculations.</p> <p><b>Suggestions for key speakers / topics for future RTC meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harrogate - Smaller/ Low blood users- who implemented ROTEM-, including any difficulties/ challenges and benefits with implementation/ use</li> <li>• Rotherham - Consider discussion on A Pos emergency platelet and consideration to ordering/ universally irradiating A Neg to improve use if transferred between Trust hospitals – conversation topic picked up on from LoPAG meeting – how can networks better improve transfer of platelets to possible reduce wastage – is this possible?</li> <li>• Sheffield Childrens - Infected blood enquiry from NHSBT</li> <li>• York &amp; Scarborough - Model Hospital/Scan for safety, FibCLOT/Prothromplex use</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NE&amp;Y RTC have funded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delegates to attend The SHOT Symposium and BBTS Annual Conference</li> <li>• Newcastle Blood Centre User Group meeting</li> <li>• Transfusion Practitioners meeting in September</li> <li>• RTT meeting in November</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Funding is available for educational events (not post graduate).</li> <li>• Please forward suggestions for use of the budget to RP/JR.</li> </ul>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Haemostasis and Thrombosis Matters</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (PCC) and Fibrinogen Concentrate</b> Presented by Angela Kanny (AK), Consultant Haematologist (Haemostasis and Thrombosis), Leeds Teaching Hospitals</li> <li>• AC has agreed to join the group as lead for Haemostasis and Thrombosis matters.</li> <li>• Presentations available via <a href="mailto:Janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk">Janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a> if required.</li> </ul>
<b>8.</b>	<b>NHSBT Updates</b>
8.1	<p><b>Customer Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update (RC had to leave due to urgent NHSBT business).</li> </ul>
8.2	<p><b>Quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involved with PSIRF and donor compatibility.</li> <li>• MHRA will be visiting the Newcastle centre on 11 -13 June 24. Inspectors will be Callum McLoughlin and Steven Thomson.</li> </ul>
8.3	<p><b>Patient Blood Management</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   PBM Update .pdf </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   NHSBT support to NBTC briefing paper. </div> </div>
8.4	<p><b>RCI</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">   RCI.pdf </div> <p><b>Action:</b> Include ‘Do you print antibody cards for patients?’ in report template for next meeting</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Education and Training</b>
9.1	<p>Update on 2024 events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incident Management and Effective Route Cause - Education event hosted by South West RTC 12 June 24</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major Haemorrhage and Bleeding - Education event hosted by South East RTC 16 July 24</li> <li>Haemoglobinopathies Webinar – Education event hosted by North East &amp; Yorkshire RTC 09 October 24 Programme in development</li> </ul>
9.2	<p>Non-Medical Authorisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upcoming dates: 06 June / 25 September / 05 December 2024</li> <li>The region does not accept external candidates with places on the events but will support other RTCs to develop their own courses. RP will take this to the RTC chairs meeting.</li> </ul>
9.3	<p>National TP events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National TP events TP2024 A Day in the Life of a Transfusion Practitioner’ – 15 May 2024 TP2024 A Day in the Life of an 'International Transfusion Practitioner’ – 16 May 2024 The day seemed to be well received, meeting to review evaluations 17 June 24.</li> </ul>
9.4	<p>Scientific and Technical Training</p>  <p>SciClinTraining-Update .pdf</p>
	<p><b>Future Education Events</b></p> <p>Canvassing for topics, please forward any suggestions to JR. Details of virtual education programme available via <a href="https://www.transfusionguidelines.org/uk-transfusion-committees/regional-transfusion-committees/virtual-education-sessions">https://www.transfusionguidelines.org/uk-transfusion-committees/regional-transfusion-committees/virtual-education-sessions</a></p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Audits / Standards / Studies</b>
10.1	<p><b>National Comparative Audits</b></p> <p><b>Upcoming audits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 2024 - Audit of NICE Quality Standard QS138</li> <li>Spring 2025 - Major Haemorrhage audit</li> </ul> <p><b>Ongoing audits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2024 - Bedside Transfusion Audit – awaiting report</li> </ul>
10.2	<p><b>Regional Surveys</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting of transfusion reactions in patients that have left the Hospital Led by MK / CL Link to be circulated soon</li> </ul>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Reports from RTC groups</b>
	Transfusion Practitioners
11.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next meeting: 12 June 2024 via teams.</li> <li>11 September 24 face to face meeting, venue: Darlington Arena</li> </ul>
	Centre Users Groups
11.2	<p>Barnsley – via teams 29 February 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Featured presentations on PSIRF implementation at Leeds and how they have adapted incident investigation process and forms, along with local NHSBT updates and discussion of regional matters.</li> </ul>



	<p>Newcastle – Face to face meeting held 22 May 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Featured presentations on Results of CDDFT Beriplex audit, RCI Case Study: Tn Polyagglutination and Paperless RCI reports, along with local NHSBT updates and discussion of regional matters.</li> </ul> <p>Key points were discussions on UKAS and recent inspections, transition to new standards. There is variation within the region and in inspector interpretation. Group members diminishing, encouraging more than one member of each Trust to attend.</p>
11.3	<p>NBTC Laboratory Managers Group</p> <p>Meeting 05 June 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation from Plasma for Medicines programme NHSBT in partnership with Octapharma, new Albumin products to be available from January 2025. The shortage of Albumin is expected to continue for the remainder of the year. The view from Plasma for Medicines is that this should be handled by pharmacy.</li> <li>Results of the 2023 SHOT and UKTLC safety culture survey in transfusion laboratories in the UK is now published Results reported concerning themes regarding how lab staff are treated. Over 65% of staff feel that this is impacting on their health. Survey results <a href="https://www.shotuk.org/resources/current-resources/shot-surveys/">https://www.shotuk.org/resources/current-resources/shot-surveys/</a></li> </ul>
11.4	<p>Trauma Network update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update</li> </ul>
11.5	<p>Transfusion I.T. group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update.</li> </ul>
<b>12.</b>	<b>A.O.B.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RP - Introduced Teodora Groza, Consultant Cardiac Anaesthetist, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, who has agreed to be deputy chair of the RTC.</li> <li>CI – Request from patient who has shared care with Leeds. Mum is pregnant and son has Fanconi anaemia, she is asking if she can store cord blood in case her son requires a stem cell transplant. MK advised that she can, her clinical team will need to contact NHSBT cord blood for instructions.</li> <li>MK – Asked if NHSE are to communicate with Trusts re: IBI. RP advised that it is likely the NBTC will respond with a summary for HTCs.</li> <li>KEG – Advised that the Albumin shortage is causing problems for patients and requested that Trusts collect data on any patients coming to harm AM advised that Newcastle has also been affected by the albumin shortage. It has been very stressful and she will put her name to anything we put in place. <b>Action:</b> Consider way forward.</li> <li>KEG – Noted email from NHSBT Hospital Customer Service – Pre Amber Stock Alert</li> <li>KEG – Asked if the cyber-attack in London effected the blood ordering system. BT advised that it has affected the service as everything to be done manually. No note of any Trusts outside London being affected. BT noted that Trusts with integrated IT systems need to have contingency plans.</li> </ul>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13 November 2024</li> </ul>

## RTC – Action list

Item No	Action	By Whom
3	Post confirmed minutes of previous meeting onto NBTC website.	JR
5	Contact Amanda Burns / Joanne Bowden to confirm what has been implemented at Hull re training for non-medical staff and competency sessions for doctors.	JR
8.4	Include 'Does your Trust print antibody cards for patients?' in report template for next meeting	JR
12	Consider way forward re: Albumin shortage, which is causing problems for patients.	RP