

**Minutes of the Meeting of
National Transfusion Practitioner Network Working Group
of the NBTC**

**Tuesday 3rd December 2024
10:00am – 11:30am
via MS Teams**

Present		
Aimi Baird	AB	Chair - Advanced Transfusion Practitioner, Integrated Laboratory Medicine, The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Lydia Baxter	LB	Transfusion Practitioner, Salford Royal Hospital (NCA)
Emily Carpenter	EC	Transfusion Practitioner, Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Samantha Carrington	SC	Transfusion Practitioner, University Hospitals Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
James Davies	JD	Transfusion Practitioner, Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Egle Gallo	EG	Transfusion Practitioner, University Hospitals Bristol & Weston
Ant Jackson	AJ	Transfusion Practitioner, United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Julie Jackson	JJ	Transfusion Practitioner, James Paget University Hospital Foundation Trust, Norfolk
Michelle Lake	ML	Transfusion Practitioner, Huddersfield Royal Infirmary
Stuart Lord	SL	Lead Transfusion Practitioner, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Rachel Moss	RM	Senior Transfusion Practitioner, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust
Janet Nicholson	JN	Transfusion Practitioner, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS
Jordan Reed	JR	Transfusion Practitioner, York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Emily Rich	ER	Transfusion Practitioner, North West Anglia – Hinchingsbrooke and Peterborough
Jonathan Ricks	JR	Lead Transfusion Practitioner, University Hospitals Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
Dipika Solanki	DS	Trust Transfusion Practitioner Team, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
Rebecca Spiers	RS	Transfusion Practitioner, Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals, NHS Foundation Trust
Pascal Winter	PW	Transfusion Practitioner, Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust
Tracy Johnston	TJ	Patient Blood Management Practitioner, Patient Blood Management NHSBT, London
Wendy McSparran	WM	Advanced Transfusion Practitioner, The Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Jennifer Rock	JRo	T2024 Education Lead, NHSBT

Jane Murphy	JM	NTPN Administrator (Minutes)
Nella Pignatelli	NP	NTPN Administrator
Apologies		
Joanne Bark	JB	Patient Blood Management Practitioner, Patient Blood Management NHSBT, North West

Minutes

1	Welcome & Apologies – Aimi Baird	Actions
	<p>AB welcomed the group and apologies are listed above.</p> <p>Group members gave a brief introduction.</p> <p>Today's meeting consists of just the Core TP Group.</p>	
2	Minutes from previous meeting, 10th September 2024	
	<p>These have been circulated. As this meeting was not a standard meeting, AB agreed the minutes. However, if anyone has any issues or corrections, please get in touch with either Jane Murphy or Nella Pignatelli</p>	
3	NTPN Representation	
	<p>AB provided an update on the expansion of the group.</p> <p>NTPN - Core Group The core group consists of the TPs from the regions. There is now larger representation, making sure that each region has at least two representatives. This way, if someone can't attend a meeting, there's always another person who can attend and ensure that information keeps flowing without any stagnation. This approach helps maintain continuity and ensures that all regions remain informed.</p> <p>NTPN – Wider Group The wider group will include representation from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T2024 / Transfusion Transformation Working Groups (PBM / IT / Workforce) • Transfusion Research Network • National Transfusion Laboratory Manager's Advisory Group • NHSBT PBM Team • BBTS • ISBT • SHOT • MHRA • NCA • QS138 Quality Insights • Nursing • Patient Representative • Pathology Network • Private Hospitals (Spire Healthcare / Nuffield) • Devolved Nations (Scotland / Wales / Northern Ireland) <p>Reasons for the expansion: To align the group with the expectations from the NBTC / RTCs along with the recommendations from the Infected Blood Inquiry (IBI).</p> <p>Involvement from the wider stakeholders is really important as these stakeholders can significantly influence the success and implementation of the group's initiatives.</p>	
4	Proposed Agenda	
	<p>AB highlighted how the new agenda will improve the quality and relevance of future meetings.</p>	

Volunteers will be needed for the agenda items so moving forward everything is in place.

Agenda items were reviewed as follows:

Agenda item 3: RTP Matters

Each region to complete a report in advance of the meeting. AB will review these and pick out any key highlights / information from the regions for discussion at the meeting. These points will be minuted and all reports received will be embedded in the minutes.

Agenda item 4: Education

Past study days have been very successful and really well received. Would like to have future study days at the same time every year with plans always in the background for following year.

Would need a few volunteers to lead and in past, we have asked for additional support / representation from TPs within the regions.

Agenda item 5: Audit / Survey

Need to discuss regularly at meetings and looking at the national picture, trying to avoid various regions looking at the same thing at the same time. Part of the remit of this group is to make sure we are not covering the same work across regions as we can explore multiple things across different regions.

Stuart Lord has volunteered to be one of the leads along with Julie Jackson.

Agenda item 6: BSQR

Rebecca Spiers to lead and will feedback on any incidents and safety alerts.

Agenda item 7: IT Vein-to-Vein Systems

James Davies has been asked to lead on this agenda item as has been heavily involved in a lot of discussions both regionally and nationally.

AB has temporarily put Emily Carpenter and Dipika Solanki to work alongside JD. However, if anyone else from this group has a strong interest in IT, please let AB know as this is going to be big over the next few years.

Agenda item 8: Transfusion 2024 – Transfusion Transformation

Jen Rock will be the main lead. JR will feedback what's happening to this group and take back anything that comes from this group.

We have representation on the three workstreams that have come out of Transfusion Transformation so will receive feedback.

Agenda item 8: Transfusion Research Network

Wendy McSparran to lead. Want to ensure TPs are included in any research going forward.

Agenda item 9: Infected Blood Inquiry

Representation on the NHSE working groups by Angela Houston and Claire Sidaway who will feedback to AB to feedback to the group.

Agenda item 10: Affiliated Groups

Wider representation from these group will be able to provide a quick update with anything of relevance to the group.

Agenda item 11: Blood Stocks

Still a high priority. Will try to get feedback for meetings.

	<p>Agenda item 12: NTPN Webpage/Socials</p> <p>This will be the platform for TPs. Including, all evidence information for what is happening in the regions, signposting to useful resources, education events etc. Also, wish to have an “NTPN X” account to use when there are events happening.</p> <p>Admin support will be responsible for uploading items onto the website. Leads will be responsible for ensuring content is relevant and up to date</p> <p>Ant Jackson has volunteered along with Jonathan Ricks to lead on this.</p>	
5	Framework	
	<p>Jen Rock advised there is no official feedback. Highlighted:</p> <p>IBI</p> <p>A lot of focus at the moment. Pushing through recommendations within the time scales.</p> <p>Transfusion Transformation</p> <p>TPs sit within the workforce and PBM workstreams. A lot of work going on in the background to see how the framework will support. From the survey that was completed last year, information was used to highlight the workforce requirements for TPs and those areas where people were not being supported. Any presentations given are on the NTPN webpage which can be used. Looking very positive in getting the support for the framework. Wendy McSporran added, in the BSH workforce review, they are publishing the TP role which is on the back of the work done in terms of the surveys and collating all the evidence from the TP education days.</p>	
6	Infected Blood Inquiry	
	<p>AB sits on subgroup 7c of the IBI which is very focused on the workforce. The initial recommendation did state lab staff, this has now opened up to include TPs and medics support within the transfusion team. No national response yet.</p>	
7	Transfusion Research Network	
	<p>Wendy McSporran gave background on how she became involved. Transfusion Research Network is part of Transfusion 2024. There has been a delay in getting started as a Transfusion Research Network Manager has been employed to coordinate the network and they are due to start in January 2025. Wendy was asked to join the network as TP lead.</p> <p>Will need to wait till January to get the research network for TPs started. Any updates will be sent to AB for onward feedback to the group. Any ideas, please forward to WM who is more than happy to gather and take to the network.</p>	
8	Blood Stocks	
	<p>There has been an 11% drop of demand which has made a huge impact. At next Monday’s meeting, they are going to show the projections which will be very useful.</p> <p>Rachel Moss highlighted how these fortnightly meetings have been extremely useful and shows the power of having the NTPN as NHSBT now link in with group as they do with National Lab Managers and other national groups.</p> <p>Tracy Johnston mentioned the 2 new donation centres. Brixton centre now open and Brighton Centre due to open in Spring 2025. Westfield in London is being made larger.</p>	

	Recent Blood Transfusion Education Event by Lise Escort on the use of emergency products was recorded and will be on the PBM YouTube.	
9	Terms of Reference	
	Pascal Winter suggested reviewing ToR following the relaunch of the NTPN. Current ones still cover what the group does but agreed these should be more specific now there is a structure to what the group are planning. Action: Review ToR for the group.	AB
10	AOB	
	<p>BSH Guidelines (SC) Wendy McSparran advised you can put yourself forward at any time for any of the guidelines. You can be on a working group for guidelines, regardless of whether you are part of the BSH Transfusion Working Group or not. If there's a guideline coming up for writing or you are particularly interested in just an aspect, put your name forward. There are details on the website.</p> <p>Deputy Chair (AB) Julie Jackson volunteered to support AB as deputy chair.</p> <p>Biographies for Website (NP/JM) Nella Pignatelli shared the PowerPoint created for the website showing the representation on the group which can be used as resource. If you have not already sent your biography, please send to either NP or JM.</p> <p>Live Database (JRo) Looking into having a database that would be password protected for TPs only.</p> <p>2025 Meeting Dates (AB) Dates for 2025 have been sent out to the group. 1 face to face meeting to be planned for 11th September 2025 - same date as NTLM Group. Meeting will be face to face for the core group and hybrid for the wider group.</p>	
11	Next Meeting date	
	Thursday 13 th February 2025, 10:00am – 11:30am Via MS Teams	