

# North East & Yorkshire Regional Transfusion Team Meeting

01 April 2025 via Microsoft teams

## Present

Aimi Baird (AB)	Newcastle
Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM)	South Tees
Andrew Charlton (AC)	Newcastle / NHSBT
Robin Coupe (RC)	NHSBT
Alison Hirst (AH)	Airedale
Wasim Hussain (WH)	NHSBT
Marina Karakantza (MK)	Leeds / NHSBT
Alison Muir (AM)	Newcastle
Ric Procter (RP) - <b>Chair</b>	South Tees
Jordan Reed (JRe)	York & Scarborough
Janice Robertson (JR) - <b>minutes</b>	NHSBT
Brian Taylor (BT)	Sheffield
Megan Wrightson (MW)	South Tees

## Apologies

Catrina Ivel (CI)	York & Scarborough
Michelle Lake (ML)	Calderdale and Huddersfield

1.	RTT matters	
1.1	Minutes of previous meetings, 25 November 2024 accepted as a true record. <b>Action:</b> Post minutes onto the NBTC website	
	Actions	
1	Minutes of previous meetings, 29 July 2024, posted onto the NBTC website	Closed
2	Awaiting recruitment of deputy RTC chair to take forward cell salvage working group.	Closed
3	Minutes of RTC meeting – 05 June 2024, circulated to RTC members	Closed
4	Vicki Chalker, NHSE, spoke at RTC meeting on 19 March 25, which was given over to the importance of and engagement with IBI recommendations.	Closed
5	Email requesting a five-minute presentation on progress within the Trust on the IBI recommendations sent to Trusts.	Closed
6	RTC meeting agenda updated as per discussion.	Closed

7	Anne Olaleye, Patient Representatives agreed that it would be good for patients to have more involvement along with explanations of jargon / technical aspects and it would be beneficial to have a patient focus working group.	Closed
8	Patient and Public Advisory Group contacted for additional representative.	Closed
9	Preferred topic forwarded to NBTC Education Working Group.	Closed
10	Message from the RTT and RTC chair composed for the Transfusion Bulletin	Closed
11	Items for 'Coming soon,' 'Evidence based practice' and 'SHOT section,' for the Transfusion Bulletin forwarded.	Closed
12	TP wrote up a case from the December TP meeting - learning to share from incidents, for the Transfusion Bulletin	Closed
13	Brian Hockley contacted to request an update on the OD Negative Blood Use survey for lab managers at the June 2025 RTC meeting.	Closed
14	Lucy Johnston, Trainee Representative, not aware of any trainees from the region submitting an abstract to British Society for Haematology 65th Annual Scientific Meeting 27-29 April 2025.	Closed
15	Funding for NHSBT Virtual Reality Blood Identification app RTC's may not use funds for books/ equipment for individuals/hospitals. It was felt that this should be the responsibility of the Trust.	Closed
16	Other regions contacted regarding what they have used their budget on. No ideas other than what this region is already doing.	Closed
17	Project plan updated and circulated to the group for comment.	Closed
<b>2.</b>	<b>RTC matters</b>	
2.1	<p>RTC meeting – 19 March 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informal feedback from the recent RTC IBI meeting is good. <b>Action:</b> Consider questions for formal feedback to enable the group to highlight what they would like the RTC to take forward.</li> <li>Draft minutes circulated <b>Action:</b> Review prior to circulation to RTC members.</li> <li>MK noted that many of the actions from the IBI report do not depend on individual Trusts HTC's to take decisions. For example, defining outcomes needs to be defined in the Transfusion Strategy framework.</li> </ul> <p>RTC meeting – 13 November 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Action:</b> Produce a summary of responses to 'What are sites doing to preserve platelets stocks' question on HTC report.</li> </ul>	

2.2	<p>RTC meeting – 11 June 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agenda           <p><b>Action:</b> Ask Chris Phillips to recommend a speaker for the ‘OD Negative Blood Use survey update’ slot.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Ask Anna Mamwell to speak on ‘Patient and public involvement plans’.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Confirm Laura Baglow-Micic for the ‘The aims of the Transfusion Research Network’ slot.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Request a speaker for the ‘Use of Rotem/TEM’ slot.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Email Angela Kanny to ask if any updates for Haemostasis and Thrombosis Matters slot</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Update agenda as per discussion</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Move Transfusion Transformation Strategy from Vicki Chalker to the November meeting</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Email Brian Taylor/ Bushra Amin at Sheffield Teaching Hospital re questions on suggested topic of Transfusion in Oncology.</p> </li> <li>HTC report           <p><b>Action:</b> Update report as per discussion.</p> <p>The question ‘Have you defined which operations are eligible for TXA use on surgical check lists?’ is also included on a national survey sent to surgeons by a clinical research team in Oxford.</p> </li> </ul>
2.3	<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deputy Chair           <p><b>Action:</b> Forward any thoughts for the RTC deputy chair role to RC.</p> </li> </ul>
2.4	<p>Working Groups / discussion forums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cell Salvage</b> <p>Awaiting appointment of the RTC deputy chair prior to setting up a working group. If no deputy chair appointed, consider asking one of the people that have showed interest in cell salvage to take this forward.</p> <p>The remit of the group would be to look at standardising reporting into HTC, evidencing PBM benefit and look at setting up a reporting tool.</p> </li> <li><b>Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NBTC study day               <p>NE&amp;Y RTC have secured their first choice from the suggested topics for the NBTC 25/26 rolling programme of education.</p> <p>Neonatal and paediatric transfusion</p> <p>13:00 – 16:00 Wednesday 22 October 2025</p> <p>Team’s meeting</p> <p>Programme under development</p> </li> <li>Non-Medical Authorisation               <p>Upcoming dates: 12 June / 17 September / 03 December 25</p> <p>The event is well evaluated.</p> </li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Post Transfusion Advice</b> <p>MK has drafted a pathway which was circulated to the TP group for review.</p> <p>The pathway can be part of the existing Trust SOP or be a separate document.</p> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transfusion Bulletin</b> (share information on safety alerts and best practice) Bulletin shared with RTC members in January 2025. It was agreed that the bulletin would be produced on an annual basis.</li> <li>• <b>Transfusion IT group</b> Awaiting a lessons learnt / how to guide. Once received this item to be removed from the agenda. JRe advised that IT issues will be included in the TP group agenda.</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Audit / Survey</b>
	<p><b>NCA Audits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Audit Topics Autumn 2026</b> Choices for the region               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consent for transfusion</li> <li>2. Use of Platelets</li> <li>3. Use of plasma components (platelets/cryoprecipitate)</li> </ol>               Comments included                Given ongoing discussions regarding consent for transfusion and implications of the I.B.I., Autumn 2026 seems a suitable time to review this nationally.                Given the recent amber alert for platelets, focus on platelets over wider components would be of benefit.             </li> <li>• <b>Upcoming audits</b>                Spring 2025 - Major Haemorrhage audit                Spring 2026 - Anti-D audit             </li> <li>• <b>Audits in progress</b> 2024 Audit of NICE Quality Standard QS138</li> <li>• <b>Latest reports published:</b></li> <li>• 2024 National Comparative Audit of Bedside Transfusion Practice (Re-audit)                Full report <a href="https://hospital.blood.co.uk/audits/national-comparative-audit">2024-bedside-transfusion-audit-report-final.pdf</a>                Key Findings <a href="https://hospital.blood.co.uk/audits/national-comparative-audit">2024-bedside-transfusion-key-points.pdf</a> </li> </ul> <p><b>National Comparative Audit of Blood Transfusion website:</b>  <a href="https://hospital.blood.co.uk/audits/national-comparative-audit">https://hospital.blood.co.uk/audits/national-comparative-audit</a></p> <p><b>Regional Audits / Surveys</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Website</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group to review current content of the regional website pages  <a href="https://nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/rtc/north-east-and-yorkshire">https://nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/rtc/north-east-and-yorkshire</a> and advise JR of any changes required.             </li> </ul>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget not allocated as yet. It is expected to be similar to 2024/25 but ultimately this decision will be made after NHSBT have met the NCG.  <b>Action:</b> Offer funding of delegate fee to attend SHOT / BBTS / IBMS.             </li> </ul>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Quality Improvement Projects / Alignment of Policies</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently no processes to ratify.</li> </ul>

<b>8.</b>	<b>RTT Project Plan</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfusion Transformation is now five strands – awaiting release of strategy prior to finalising this document.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Update as per discussions.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None noted</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1pm Tuesday 08 July 2025 via teams.</li> </ul>

## RTT Action List

Min. No	Action	By Whom
1.1	Post minutes of previous meetings, 25 November 2024 onto the NBTC website	JR
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2.1	RTC meeting – 19 March 2025 Review meeting minutes prior to circulation to RTC members	All
2.1	Produce a summary of responses to ‘What are sites doing to preserve platelets stocks’ question on HTC report from the November 2024 meeting.	RP
2.2	Ask Chris Phillips to recommend a speaker for the ‘OD Negative Blood Use survey update’ slot.	RC
2.2	Ask Anna Mamwell to speak on ‘Patient and public involvement plans.’	AB
2.2	Confirm Laura Baglow-Micic for the ‘The aims of the Transfusion Research Network’ slot.	JR
2.2	Request a speaker for the ‘Use of Rotem/TEM’ slot.	JRe
2.2	Email Angela Kanny to ask if any updates for Haemostasis and Thrombosis Matters slot	JR
2.2	Update RTC agenda as per discussion	JR
2.2	Move Transfusion Transformation Strategy from Vicki Chalker to the November meeting	JR

2.2	Email Brian Taylor/ Bushra Amin at Sheffield Teaching Hospital re questions on suggested topic of Transfusion in Oncology.	RP
2.2	Update HTC report as per discussion.	JR
2.3	Forward any thoughts for the RTC deputy chair role to RC.	All
6	Offer funding of delegate fee to attend SHOT / BBTS / IBMS.	JR
8	Update project plan as per discussions.	JR