

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

**Thursday 19th June 2025
10:00am – 12:00pm
via MS Teams**

Present (27)		
Aimi Baird	AB	Chair - Advanced Transfusion Practitioner, Integrated Laboratory Medicine, The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Mary Blanton	MB	Transfusion Practitioner, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
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
Stuart Lord	SL	Lead Transfusion Practitioner, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Emily Rich	ER	Transfusion Practitioner, North West Anglia – Hinchingsbrooke and Peterborough
Paul Sandajan	PS	Transfusion Practitioner, North Middlesex University Hospital 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
Jane Murphy	JM	NTPN Administrator, NHSBT (Minutes)
Nella Pignatelli	NP	NTPN Administrator, NHSBT
Victoria Cartwright	VC	Interim National Clinical Practice Facilitator Lead / National Blood Transfusion Clinical Specialist, Spire HealthCare
Mike Dawe	MD	Haemovigilance Unit Manager, MHRA
Anwen Davies	AD	Patient Blood Management Practitioner South East, NHS Blood and Transplant
Paul Davies	PD	Senior Clinical Audit Facilitator, National Comparative Audit of Blood Transfusion, NHS Blood and Transplant
Caryn Hughes	CH	SHOT Operations Manager

Zona Kelly	ZK	Senior Haemovigilance Practitioner, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Wendy McSporran	WM	Advanced Transfusion Practitioner, The Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Anna Mamwell	AM	Patient & Public Involvement Lead, NHS Blood and Transplant
Karen Mead	KM	Chair BBTS TP SIG, Specialist Practitioner of Transfusion, North Bristol NHS Trust
Chris Robbie	CR	Senior Haemovigilance Specialist, MHRA
Jennifer Rock	JRo	T2024 Education Lead, NHSBT
Dipika Solanki	DS	Transfusion Practitioner, Transfusion Transformation IT Working Group, West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Apologies (5)		
Mike Desborough	MDe	Transfusion Research Network Lead, Consultant Haematologist, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Tracy Johnston	TJ	Patient Blood Management Practitioner, Patient Blood Management NHSBT
Rachel Moss	RM	Senior Transfusion Practitioner, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust
Jonathan Ricks	JR	Lead Transfusion Practitioner, University Hospitals Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
Julie Staves	JS	Chair TLM group, Transfusion Laboratory Manager, John Radcliffe Hospital

Actions				
Item no	Meeting Date	Action	Owner	Status
2	13/02/2025	Core member to send biographies to Nella Pignatelli or Jane Murphy, NTPN Administrators	Core Members	Ongoing
2	19/06/2025	AM to send round updated draft ToR to group for final comment	AB	New
2	19/06/2025	Agree ToR at next meeting, 11 th September 2025	ALL	New
4	19/06/2025	TPs to contact TPs in their region requesting volunteers to join the education group to support the planning of the 2026 TP Education Event	TPs	New
13	19/06/2025	AB to feedback to NBTC concerns regarding minimum safety criteria for patients being transfused / receiving care in corridors	AB	New

Minutes

1	Welcome & Apologies	Actions
	AB welcomed all and thanked everyone for joining the meeting. Group members gave a brief introduction. Apologies were given from those listed above prior to the meeting.	
2	Minutes and Actions from previous meeting, 13 th February 2025	
	Minutes These were circulated in advance of today's meeting. AB gave a brief overview to the group. Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record. Actions <u>Biographies of Core Members</u> Action: Anyone still to provide, please send to Nella Pignatelli /Jane Murphy, NTPN Administrators. <u>Terms of Reference</u> Draft ToR sent to core members prior to the meeting for feedback. AB to update with feedback received and to recirculate including the wider group of the NTPN. Hopefully be in a position to accept at next meeting. Action: AB to send updated ToR to group for final comment. Action: Accept ToR at next meeting, 11th September 2025. <u>Communications</u> Feedback requested from RTC regions regarding types of platforms used for communicating. Four regions are using Future NHS. <u>Future Meetings</u> As the last meeting overrun, future meetings have been extended to two hours to ensure all information is shared.	Core Members AB ALL
3	Affiliated Groups	
	Northern Ireland ~ Zona Kelly  NI Belfast Overview (NTPN 19.06.2025).pdf	
	BBTS TP SIG ~ Karen Mead  BBTS SIG Update (NTPN 19.06.2025).pdf	
	ISBT ~ Rachel Moss  ISBT TP Update (NTPN 19.06.2025).pdf	

NHSBT PBM ~ Anwen Davies - Blood Essentials has undergone the relevant updates and is now live on our PBM H&S website education page. Please discard any previous version. Education - Hospitals and Science - NHSBT - BTT eLearning update UK wide - Sampling and collection now live on elfh and ESR. - PBM updated webpages: Please feedback and comments or suggestions using the links on the website https://hospital.blood.co.uk/patient-services/patient-blood-management/  PBM Update (NTPN 19.06.2025).pdf		
QS138 Quality Insights ~ Anwen Davies - Good engagement continuing, all regions have submitted data within the last 3 months. - Benchmarking data is improving, over 12,500 cases now entered. - Opportunities to share practice, webpage is being updated. We are looking for case studies, please get in touch to share your story niceqs138@nhsbt.nhs.uk - A coordinated approach will support further engagement. To find out more about becoming a regional ambassador, contact your PBM practitioner.  QS138 Quality Insights Update (NT)		
SHOT ~ Caryn Hughes - 9 webinars available on the website and an Anti-D webinar planned for September Educational Resources - Serious Hazards of Transfusion - Annual SHOT Symposium is being held on 11th July 2025. Final programme on the website. Please register if interested in attending. - Continue to hold joint haemovigilance workshops alongside the MHRA. Held a workshop in Wales in January, Scotland in May and the Northern Ireland workshop is being planned for November. In the process of planning 2 workshops in England in 2026. - 5 new educational videos available on the website / YouTube. - Simon Carter Graham retired in May. New Clinical Incident Specialist, Claire Wroe started joined the SHOT Team in April. - My Transfusion App is an app for patients. It is the first one in the UK based on transfusion, providing patients with all the information they need. Hoping to launch this at the symposium. - Preparation for the release of the Annual Shot Report at the symposium is currently underway. Slightly different format this year. Each chapter will have a standalone front page at the beginning covering the key findings, identify any gaps in practice, good practices along with any next steps to take with clinical practice for that specific chapter.		
MHRA ~ Mike Dawe - Changes to the yellow card have been released.		

	Patient & Public Involvement ~ Anna Mamwell - Carried out 3 patient and public involvement sessions to shape and inform the TT strategy. - o PPI members include representation from Sickle Cell, Thalassemia, blood cancers, parent of a multiple transfusion recipient baby, BAME community, Infected Blood Inquiry - o Overall positive feedback from PPI on the proposed strategy and their involvement experience - o Currently compiling overall feedback to report back to NHSBT - o Next steps to ensure feedback is aligned with the strategy	
	NCA ~ Paul Davies National Comparative Audit programme: - 2024 Audit of NICE Quality Standard QS138 – report published, now available to all sites. Data also uploaded to model hospital. Re-audit planned for October. - 2025 Major Haemorrhage Protocol audit – Data collection currently ongoing. 207 sites signed up. - 2026 Anti-D Immunoglobulin Prophylaxis audit – Start date pushed back to fit with midwife audit schedule. Now planned for April 2026. - o Pilot sites are currently being identified. If you know a midwife who would like to volunteer for the pilot, please put them in touch with the NCA team. Other news: - The “quick audit” for bedside transfusion is now ready for release. This will be published in the coming months via the practitioner login section of the NCA website.	
4	Education	
	Update provided by Emily Carpenter / Sam Carrington: - 2025 TP Education Event; looking for a date in November. This will be a smaller event than usual. - 2026 TP Education Event; early stages of planning. Looking for volunteers from either this group or TPs from regions to support and get involved in the planning / running of the event. Action: TPs to contact TPs in their region requesting volunteers to join the education group to support the planning of the 2026 TP Education Event. - Workbook; A workbook is being designed to support new TPs and will feed into the TP Framework. The steps that have been done so far have been sent for pilot. Hoping for workbook to be completed and rolled out within the next couple of months.	TPs
5	Audit / Survey	
	Stuart Lord provided an update. Audit / Benchmarking Survey; almost ready to send out. Will be sent to RTC Administrators for circulation to their regional TP Groups. Support received from Brain Hockley, Analyst / Clinical Audit Manager at NHSBT. Hoping to present data at September meeting.	

6	BSQR	
	Rebecca Spiers highlighted the following to ensure everyone is aware and has them in their groups: - SHOT Safety Standards, recently released. - IBI Statement from the Government - Red Alert currently being avoided. - January's Anti-D SHOT safety notice - recap	
7	IT	
	James Davies provided the following update: - Creating a critical standards document for the transfusion part of EPRs and Blood Tracking. Have an expert group looking at this and what should be included in the document. Have approached the SCRIPT Group from SHOT who are very supportive and have said they would endorse any document. Next steps are to finalise the document, take it back to SCRIPT to see if they wish to publish it separately or amend their existing documents to include the points from this document. - Haemonetics Webinar on 8th July 2025 Log in Blood Management Technologies Webinar Platform - Posters at all major conferences about experiences with cyberattacks.	
8	Transfusion Transformation	
	Update provided by Jen Rock. <u>Transfusion Transformation</u> Still waiting for the final strategy to be released. Version 12 has been sent back to NHS England. Do not think it will be released until September. <u>TP Professional Development Framework</u> - The webinars were attended by over 40% of the TP workforce - which is really encouraging for a project of this type. Thank you to all that attended. Link to the highlights of the sessions can be found on the NPTN website - RTC admin colleagues have shared this to all TPs. - The Padlet's have received responses from a cross section of TPs-some sections have received more feedback than others. The threads of Practice receiving fewer responses - but there will be opportunities later for the TPs to feedback. Thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute. - Meeting in London on the 24th of June with Steph Tempest, Wendy and Rachel. - Hopefully by the end of the meeting we will have agreed the values and purpose statement and agreed the format of the framework and started to synthesise the first section. The working group TPs will be invited to respond initially and shortly after that the sections will be sent to the wider TP group to review and respond. This will be repeated for every section of the framework to ensure that the framework is developed for the TPs with the TPs. - Recently contacted IBMS and RCN to update with progression and enquire about endorsement and both have been supportive and providing feedback on what the next steps will be to achieve this. Consider what other professional bodies to engage with. - Consider who we would like to provide a foreword and statements of support. Suggested that it would be good to have a joint statement from nursing/scientific professionals within NHSE. Anna Mamwell patient rep has	

	already agreed to provide a statement of support - consider who else. Patient support and awareness will be key. The patient/public awareness for IPC helped to embed the framework. - Transfusion Transformation - hoped that the TP framework will transfer over to this strategy as part of the workforce capacity and capability Pillar. <u>Working Stream Feedback</u> Nothing to feedback.	
9	Transfusion Research Network	
	Wendy McSporran provided an update. - No outcomes or any actions required from TPs from recent meeting. - Next meeting, mid-July. - Starting to look at funding for future research projects.	
10	Infected Blood Inquiry	
	Overall update provided by Aimi Baird for all work streams. Government response published last month and is available. All recommendations have been either accepted in full or accepted in principle. One of the major issues that has come from all the working groups is to meet all these recommendations, there needs to be a lot of resources including financial resources. Overarching IBI Group have said that each work stream needs to look at what they can actually manage to achieve without any additional resources and to try to make some improvements towards the recommendations. Final decision on budget due by the end of the month.	
11	Blood Stocks	
	Regular fortnightly updates held jointly with NTPN / NTLMS.	
12	NTPN Webpage / Socials	
	Attached update provided by Jonathan Ricks  Webpage and Social Media Update AJ advised that other working groups are looking at producing a secure area within their section of the website and asked the group if this is something they wanted? And if we had this, what would it be used for? Potentially could have a database for TPs. Alternatively, could have a password protected Excel spreadsheet which has been trialled between the group. NP explained how this would work. NP suggested the use of Future NHS for this group. This would create a workspace for NTPN members which would allow for confidential file sharing.	
13	RTP Matters	

	Please see the following submitted RTP reports for updates:  RTP Report - London (June 2025).  RTP Report - Midlands (June 2025).  RTP Report - South East (June 2025).pdf  RTP Report - South West (June 2025).pdf James Davies from London region asked if anyone knew of any national / local guidance on: - Minimum safety criteria for where patients are transfused as finding more patients are being transfused in corridors or escalation areas. - Minimum safety requirements for patients being transferred between hospitals that are having a transfusion in the ambulance. Please forward any guidelines onto JD. Wendy McSporran added that this is just not transfusion as all types of care are being delivered in corridors. Action: AB to feedback to NBTC concerns regarding minimum safety criteria for patients being transfused / receiving care in corridors.	
14	AOB	
	None raised.	
15	Date and time of next meeting	
	Thursday 11 th September 2025 Timings and if meeting is to be face to face or virtual to be confirmed.	