

North East & Yorkshire Regional Transfusion Practitioner Group Meeting

Minutes

13:00 – 16:00 Tuesday 09 September 2025
Teams meeting

Present

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| • Bushra Amin (BA) | Sheffield Teaching Hospitals |
| • Aimi Baird (AB) | Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals |
| • Amanda Baxter (ABa) | Sheffield Children's |
| • Lucy Bevan (LB) | Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals |
| • Aimee Burtenshaw (ABu) | Patient Blood Management Practitioner |
| • Michelle Cairns (MC) | County Durham & Darlington |
| • Debbie Cox (DC) | North Tees and Hartlepool |
| • Rhian Edwards (RE) | Component Development Team, NHS Blood and Transplant |
| • Jay Faulkner (JF) | Leeds Teaching Hospitals |
| • Stephanie Ferguson (SF) | Leeds Teaching Hospitals |
| • Oliver Firth (OF) | Consultant Haematologist NHS Blood and Transplant |
| • Shannon Frith (SH) | Leeds Teaching Hospitals |
| • John Grant-Casey (JGC) | National Comparative Audit of Blood Transfusion |
| • Rennick Gregory (RG) | Sheffield Teaching Hospitals |
| • Alison Hirst (AH) | Airedale Hospital |
| • Catrina Ivel (CI) | York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals |
| • Juliet James (JJ) | County Durham & Darlington |
| • Emma Johnson-Kelly (EJK) | Northern Lincolnshire and Goole |
| • Michelle Lake (ML) | Calderdale and Huddersfield |
| • Caroline Mann (CM) | Nuffield Leeds |
| • Gillian McAnaney (GMc) | County Durham & Darlington |
| • Carole McBride (CMc) | Mid Yorkshire Hospitals |
| • Karen Nesbitt (KN) | Gateshead Health |
| • Janet Nicholson (JN) | North Cumbria |
| • Sue Rabett (SR) | Leeds Teaching Hospitals |
| • Emma Richards (ER) | Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals |
| • Janice Robertson (JRo) - minutes | NHS Blood & Transplant |
| • Michelle Skee (MS) | Northumbria Healthcare |
| • Faye Smith (FS) | Harrogate and District |
| • Angeline Thiongo (AT) | Sheffield Teaching Hospitals |
| • Victoria Waddoups (VW) | Rotherham Hospital |
| • Abbie White (AW) | Northern Lincolnshire and Goole |
| • Megan Wrightson (MW) | South Tees Hospitals |

Apologies

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| • Katie Douglass (KD) - Deputy Chair | Northumbria Healthcare |
| • Mark Liversidge (ML) | Barnsley |
| • Lisa McCallion (LMc) | Calderdale & Huddersfield |
| • Pauline Patterson (PP) | South Tyneside & Sunderland |
| • Julie Pozorski (JP) | Barnsley |
| • Jonathan Trattles (JT) | South Tyneside & Sunderland |

1.	Welcome, apologies for absence	
	VW welcomed the group	
2.	Education Section	
	NHSBT recall process Presented by Oliver Firth  Understanding the Recall Process.pdf	
	TXA use in bleeds – QS138 audit Presented by John Grant Casey JGC led a discussion on Tranexamic Acid use and what recent NCA audits tell us.	
	Dried Plasma Presented by Rhian Edwards Presentation is too large to share via the minutes but is available from RE if required. Please use the following link to feedback on potential demand for the components: https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/nhsbt/dried-plasma-dried-cryoprecipitate	
3.	Minutes and actions from previous meeting	
	Minutes of previous meeting, 16 June 25 accepted as a true record. Action: Post minutes onto the NBTC website and Future NHS site.	
	Minutes of March 25 meeting posted onto the NBTC website and Future NHS site.	Closed
	Post a summary of points raised by MHRA at York & Scarborough, posted onto FutureNHS platform.	c/fwd
	Summary of key points from the February 25 NTPN meeting.  NTPN Update February 2025.docx	Closed
	Escalate issue of National Discharge Framework not including Transfusion to NTPN. This will be discussed at the NTPN meeting later this week	c/fwd
	Request Bradford give an update on a recent audit on community mislabelled samples at a future meeting.	c/fwd
	Summary of key points from the June 25 NTPN meeting.  NTPN Update June 2025.docx	Closed
	Post any audits / documents onto the Future NHS site (see item 8)	Closed
	I.T. item removed from future agendas	Closed

	AB agreed to present an update on responses from the IBI inquiry, at a future meeting.	Closed
4.	PBM update Presented by Aimee Burtenshaw  PBM update .pdf PIL Unexpected Transfusion is no longer available in hard copy and is impacting in areas of the Trusts. Action: Raise with PBMP team PIL Information for people needing irradiated blood is out of stock Action: Raise with PBMP team PIL Receiving a blood transfusion. Consider including something regarding delayed transfusion reactions Action: Raise with PBMP team	

Nuffield Leeds No report submitted	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust  Rotherham.pdf	Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust  Sheffield Childrens.pdf
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  Sheffield Teaching.pdf	South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  South Tees.pdf	South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trusts  South Tyneside & Sunderland.pdf
York & Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  York & Scarborough.pdf		
Summary of reports Items highlighted on the summary were discussed during the meeting.  Highlight report summary.xlsx Action: Share 'How to collect blood in an emergency' document on FutureNHS Action: Share 'Protocol for blood provision for ECMO patients' on FutureNHS Action: Share 'Cell salvage document' on FutureNHS Action: Feedback at future meeting on issues with an increase in duplicate samples when only one or no sample is required.		
6.	Non-Medical Authorisation update	
	2025 dates: 17 September / 03 December - If you would like to join the working group or have any questions or queries, contact catrina.ivel1@nhs.net	
7.	National TP network (NTPN) feedback	
	2025 TP Education Event; 19 November 2025 PBM including blood shortage planning, PBM developments, alternatives to transfusion and case study learning. 2026 TP Education Event is in the initial stages of planning. The group is looking for volunteers to support and get involved in the planning / running of the event. - Thanks given to JN for raising the profile of TPs. JN is stepping down as NTPN representative which opens up an opportunity for someone from this group to join the NTPN. If you are interested, please contact. Action: Consider the role of NTPN representative and forward any expressions of interest to AB/VW	

	- Watch out for a series of soundbites for all Transfusion Practitioners across England from Jennifer Rock, Transfusion T2024 Education Lead. Please forward any feedback to jennifer.rock@nhsbt.nhs.uk - LinkedIn NTPN group Action: Consider joining the NTPN group on LinkedIn. - Concerns to be raised with NTPN include – guidance for minimum safety criteria for transfusions performed outside of typical ward areas (corridors etc) – safety for patients being transferred – recent update on national discharge guidance omits transfusion, despite SHOT recommendations.	All
8.	FutureNHS	
	FutureNHS is an excellent tool which will save group members time and effort if we all engage with it. It is a closed site in which group members can talk openly, share and learn from each other. Action: Engage with the FutureNHS site on a regular basis to respond to any questions / post your own and post any audits, documents, pathways, policies, guidelines. If you are not currently a member of FutureNHS and would like to join the group, please contact Janice.Robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk	All
9.	Any other business	
	- Request from NE&Y RTC for a TP lead to join the regions Patient Working Group. The role would include inputting on local patient advice leaflets, regional patient pathways, discharge and advice, develop and standardise ways to deliver and access patient stories for staff training and education. Obtaining patient opinions and reviews of transfusion associated harms and errors, and their general experiences around transfusion and to input into some of the education topics and events. Action: Consider the role of TP lead of the Patient Working Group and forward any expressions of interest to janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk - Vacancy for a deputy chair of the NE&Y TP group. Thanks given to MW for her contribution to the group during her time as deputy chair of the group and congratulations to KD our current deputy chair, who is expecting a baby in January 2026. Action: Consider the role of deputy chair of the group and forward any expressions of interest to janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk - JR will be retiring on 06 February 2026. Notice has been given in the hope that a replacement may be in place in time for a handover. - NE&Y TP group logo. The group agreed that it would be good to have a logo. Action: Organise a pole to see which of the logos is preferred and discuss further at the November meeting. - AH asked if the region is still using the 'Regional Competency Assessment & Assessor Guidance Notes, Obtaining (and Labelling) Venous Blood Samples.' Most of the region were not aware of this document.	All All JR

	 NEY Obtaining (and labelling) Venous Bloc Action: Organise a pole to see what each Trust is doing via FuturesNHS.	VW
10.	Date of next meeting	
	10:00 – 16:00 Tuesday 04 November 2025 – In person at Darlington Arena, Neasham Road, Darlington, Co Durham, DL2 1DL	

Action List

Item No	Action	By
3	Post minutes of previous meeting, 16 June 25 onto the NBTC website and Future NHS site.	JR
3	Post a summary of points raised by MHRA at York & Scarborough, posted onto FutureNHS platform.	CI
3	Escalate issue of National Discharge Framework not including Transfusion to NTPN.	AB
3	Request Bradford give an update on a recent audit on community mislabelled samples at a future meeting.	MW
5	Share 'How to collect blood in an emergency' document on FutureNHS	ABa
5	Share 'Protocol for blood provision for ECMO patients' on FutureNHS	AB
5	Share 'Cell salvage document' on FutureNHS	ER
5	Feedback at future meeting on issues with an increase in duplicate samples when only one or no sample is required.	SR
7	Consider the role of NTPN representative and forward any expressions of interest to AB/VW	All
7	Consider joining the NTPN group on LinkedIn	All
8	Engage with the FutureNHS site on a regular basis to respond to any questions / post your own and post any audits, documents, pathways, policies, guidelines.	All
9	Consider the role of TP lead of the Patient Working Group and forward any expressions of interest to janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk	All
9	Consider the role of deputy chair of the NE&Y TP group and forward any expressions of interest to janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk	All
9	Organise a pole to see which of the groups logos is preferred	JR
9	Organise a pole to see what each Trust is doing regarding competency assessments via FuturesNHS.	VW

