

# North East & Yorkshire Regional Transfusion Team Meeting

08 July 2025 via Microsoft teams

## Present

Aimi Baird (AB)	Newcastle
Aimee Burtenshaw (ABu)	NHSBT
Robin Coupe (RC)	NHSBT
Wasim Hussain (WH)	NHSBT
Catrina Ivel (CI)	York & Scarborough
Marina Karakantza (MK)	Leeds / NHSBT
Alison Muir (AM)	Newcastle
Ric Procter (RP) - <b>Chair</b>	South Tees
Janice Robertson (JR) - <b>minutes</b>	NHSBT
Michelle Skee (MS)	Northumbria

## Apologies

Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM)	South Tees
Andrew Charlton (AC)	Newcastle / NHSBT
Michelle Lake (ML)	Calderdale and Huddersfield
Brian Taylor (BT)	Sheffield
Megan Wrightson (MW)	South Tees

1.	RTT matters	
1.1	Minutes of previous meetings, 01 April 2025 accepted as a true record. <b>Action:</b> Post minutes onto the NBTC website	
	Actions	
1	Post minutes of previous meetings, 25 November 2024 onto the NBTC website	Closed
2	RTC meeting – 19 March 2025 Consider questions for formal feedback to enable the group to highlight what they would like the RTC to take forward.	Closed
3	RTC meeting – 19 March 2025 Review meeting minutes prior to circulation to RTC members	Closed
4	Produce a summary of responses to 'What are sites doing to preserve platelets stocks' question on HTC report from the November 2024 meeting.	c/fwd
5	Chris Phillips recommended Brian Hockley as a speaker for the 'OD Negative Blood Use survey update' slot.	Closed

6	Anna Mamwell agreed to speak on 'Patient and public involvement plans.'	Closed
7	Laura Baglow-Micic agreed to speak on 'The aims of the Transfusion Research Network' slot.	Closed
8	Emily Christie agreed to speak on 'Lessons Learnt from TEG usage in a DGH.'	Closed
9	Angela Kanny agreed to update on Haemostasis and Thrombosis Matters	Closed
10	RTC agenda updated as per discussion	Closed
11	Transfusion Transformation Strategy from Vicki Chalker moved to the November meeting	Closed
12	No response from Brian Taylor/ Bushra Amin at Sheffield Teaching Hospital re questions on suggested topic of Transfusion in Oncology.	Closed
13	HTC report updated as per discussion.	Closed
14	Forward any thoughts for the RTC deputy chair role to RC.	Closed
15	Offer of funding of delegate fee to attend SHOT / BBTS / IBMS circulated.	Closed
16	Project plan updated as per discussions.	Closed
<b>2. RTC matters</b>		
2.1	RTC meeting – 11 June 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes <b>Action:</b> Circulate to RTC members if no comments received from RTT members by 14 July 25.</li> </ul>	
2.2	RTC meeting – November 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date <b>Action:</b> Confirm date and circulate updated meeting invite</li> <li>Agenda <b>Action:</b> Update agenda as per discussion <b>Action:</b> Request Vicki Chalker give an update on the Transfusion Transformation Strategy <b>Action:</b> Prepare terms of reference for funded delegates presenting at the meeting</li> <li>HTC report <b>Action:</b> Update report as per discussion</li> </ul>	
2.3	Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deputy Chair RP has been contacting HTC chairs to see if they are interested in this post or know</li> </ul>	

someone that we could reach out to.  
Currently in discussions with an Anaesthetist from Sheffield.

#### 2.4 Working Groups / discussion forums

- **Cell Salvage**

The remit of the group would be to look at standardising a reporting tool based on the National Cell Salvage Action Group report and SHOT safety alerts, how we can report incidents, training and evidence the impact of cell salvage across the region.

**Action:** Advise RP if you would be interested in leading this group or if you know of any clinicians who would be interested.

- **Education**

- NBTC study day

Neonatal and paediatric transfusion

13:00 – 16:00 Wednesday 22 October 2025

Teams meeting

Programme under development

473 delegates registered to date

- Non-Medical Authorisation

Upcoming dates: 17 September / 03 December 25

Documents ratified:

- Framework for blood component transfusion v7 2025

- Template for a portfolio of evidence and competency to support non-medical staff clinical decision making 2025

- Questions - pre course learning- vevox 2025

**Action:** Circulate to working group and post onto NBTC website if no comments received from RTT members by 14 July 25.

- **Post Transfusion Advice**

Work ongoing to finalise a pathway which can be part of the existing Trust SOP or be a separate document.

Patient involvement in this project has been good.

- **Transfusion Bulletin** (share information on safety alerts and best practice)

Next bulletin January 2026

**Action:** Request patient stories from the TP group for inclusion in the bulletin.

#### 4. Audit / Survey

##### NCA Audits

- **Upcoming audits**

Autumn 2025 - 2025 Audit of NICE Quality Standard QS138

Spring 2026 - Anti-D audit

- **Currently recruiting for**

2025 Major Haemorrhage Protocol audit

- **Latest reports published:**

2024 Audit of NICE Quality Standard QS138

2022 Audit of Patient Blood Management in Elective Paediatric Surgery

2022 Audit of Acute Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding and the use of Blood

**National Comparative Audit of Blood Transfusion website:**

<https://hospital.blood.co.uk/audits/national-comparative-audit>

## **Regional Audits / Surveys**

- None planned.

## **5. Website**

- Group to review current content of the regional website pages <https://nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/rtc/north-east-and-yorkshire> and advise JR of any changes required.

## **6. Budget**

- **Action:** Request ideas from HTC chairs regarding what funding would benefit the Trusts

## **7. Quality Improvement Projects / Alignment of Policies**

Questions included on the July HTC report forms

- 'Historically NHSBT representatives have been invited to your HTC meetings. What benefit do you see in that representation?' most Trusts noted that they felt attendance would be beneficial but did not state what that would look like. As the PBMP can not attend all HTC meetings the group felt that we should produce a summary on stock management / customer related issues / benchmarking of wastage to other hospitals  
**Action:** Produce a forms survey to HTC chairs outlining that although attendance at HTC meetings would be beneficial, PBMPs do not have the capacity to attend every meeting. Requests for input into projects would be on a request basis. Ask what they would like from NHSBT and in what format.
- What is the best and most effective way to get patient stories into training? Looking to use patient stories in medical education meetings, incident reviews and regional newsletter. Patients can aid reviewing patient information leaflets and patient specific pathways.  
**Action:** Request RTT training rep develop a patient working group along with a TP lead, to look at what is the best and most effective way to get patient stories into training.
- Transfusion thresholds in fractured neck of femur. Variation noted in the thresholds applied pre-operatively on the basis of the Association of Anaesthetists guidelines. This differs from NICE/BSH thresholds. How wide spread is the use of this? Are there trust specific policies in place? Most trusts did not have a specific policy and were following NICE, but several have a threshold of 90-100.  
**Action:** Summary embedded in RTC meeting minutes. Trusts to consider is this informed consent, is this in the patient's best interest or to ambulate earlier and prevent bed days?

## **8. RTT Project Plan**

- Transfusion Transformation outputs – to be updated to 5 key pillars for delivery of change, when strategy is released.  
**Action:** Update as per discussions.

## **9. Any other business**

- MS advised that she would like to be a permanent member of the group

**Action:** Add MS to RTT distribution list.

**10. Date of next meeting**

- To be confirmed.

## RTT Action List

Min. No	Action	By Whom
1.1	Post minutes of previous RTT meeting, 01 April 2025, onto the NBTC website	JR
1.1	Produce a summary of responses to 'What are sites doing to preserve platelets stocks' question on HTC report from the November 2024 meeting.	RP
2.1	Circulate RTC meeting minutes, 11 June 2025, to RTC members if no comments received from RTT members by 14 July 25.	JR
2.2	RTC meeting – November 2025 Confirm date and circulate updated meeting invite	RP/JR
2.2	RTC meeting – November 2025 Update agenda as per discussion	JR
2.2	RTC meeting – November 2025 Request Vicki Chalker give an update on the Transfusion Transformation Strategy	JR
2.2	RTC meeting – November 2025 Prepare terms of reference for funded delegates presenting at the meeting	RP/JR/ ABu
2.2	RTC meeting – November 2025 Update HTC report as per discussion	JR
2.4	Advise RP if you would be interested in leading the cell salvage group or if you know of any clinicians who would be interested	All
2.4	Circulate Non-Medical Authorisation documents for ratification to working group and post onto NBTC website if no comments received from RTT members by 14 July 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework for blood component transfusion v7 2025</li> <li>Template for a portfolio of evidence and competency to support non-medical staff clinical decision making 2025</li> <li>Questions - pre course learning- vevox 2025</li> </ul>	JR

2.4	Request patient stories from the TP group for inclusion in the bulletin	JR/ABu
6	Request ideas from HTC chairs regarding what funding would benefit the Trusts	RP/JR
7	Produce a forms survey to HTC chairs outlining that although attendance at HTC meetings would be beneficial, PBMPs do not have the capacity to attend every meeting. Requests for input into projects would be on a request basis. Ask what they would like from NHSBT and in what format.	RP/JR
7	Request RTT training rep develop a patient working group along with a TP lead, to look at what is the best and most effective way to get patient stories into training.	RP
7	Email HTC chairs re: summary of Transfusion thresholds in fractured neck of femur Trusts to consider is this informed consent, is this in the patient's best interest or to ambulate earlier and prevent bed days?	RP
8	Update RTT project plan as per discussions.	JR
9	Add MS to RTT distribution list.	JR