

North East & Yorkshire Regional Transfusion Team Meeting


12 December 2025
Friarage Hospital; Northallerton


Present


Matt Bend (MB)	BSMS
Aimee Burtenshaw (ABu)	NHSBT
Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM)	South Tees
Andrew Charlton (AC)	Newcastle / NHSBT
Robin Coupe (RC)	NHSBT
Wasim Hussain (WH)	NHSBT
Catrina Ivel (CI)	York & Scarborough
Marina Karakantza (MK)	Leeds / NHSBT
Ric Procter (RP) - Chair	South Tees
Janice Robertson (JR) - minutes	NHSBT
Martin Rowlands (MR) – Deputy chair	Sheffield
Michelle Skee (MS)	Northumbria
Matt Wilson (MW)	Northumbria

Apologies

Aimi Baird (AB)	Newcastle
Alison Muir (AM)	Newcastle
Victoria Waddoups (VW)	Rotherham
Megan Wrightson (MW)	South Tees

1.	RTT matters	
1.1	Minutes of previous meetings, 08 July 2025 accepted as a true record. Action: Post minutes onto the NBTC website	
	Actions	
	Minutes of previous RTT meeting, 01 April 2025, posted onto the NBTC website	Closed
	Summary of responses to 'What are sites doing to preserve platelets stocks' question on HTC report from the November 2024 meeting.  Platelet stock sharing- RTC Nov 24.	Closed
	RTC meeting minutes, 11 June 2025, circulated to RTC members.	Closed

	RTC meeting, date confirmed updated meeting invite circulated.	Closed
	RTC meeting – December 2025 Agenda updated as per discussion	Closed
	Vicki Chalker agreed to give an update on the Transfusion Transformation Strategy at the next RTC meeting.	Closed
	Prepare template for presentations for funded delegates presenting at RTC meetings.	Closed
	HTC report updated as per discussion.	Closed
	MK to lead the cell salvage group.	Closed
	Non-Medical Authorisation documents for ratification circulated to working group and posted onto NBTC website.	Closed
	Patient stories from requested from the TP group for inclusion in the bulletin	Closed
	Ideas request from HTC chairs regarding what funding would benefit the Trusts	Closed
	Forms survey sent 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.	Closed
	Patient Engagement Working Group set up, chaired by LJ.	Closed
	Summary of Transfusion thresholds in fractured neck of femur emailed to HTC chairs.  Transfusion threshold for fracture	Closed
	RTT project plan updated as per discussions.	Closed
	MS added to RTT distribution list.	Closed
1.2	<p>Membership</p> <p>The group discussed membership of the RTT.</p> <p>Action: Invite Sam Kershaw, Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Calderdale and Huddersfield, to join the group</p> <p>Action: Invite Alex Rosa, Clinical Scientist – Haematology, Hull & East Yorkshire, to join the group</p> <p>Action: Invite HTC chairs to join the group.</p>	

	Action: Include MB in invites for future meetings.
1.3	<p>Terms of Reference Version 2.0 agreed</p>  <p>NE&Y RTT ToR v2.pdf</p>
2.	RTC matters
2.1	<p>RTC meeting – 02 December 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes Action: Circulate to RTC members
2.2	<p>RTC meeting – March 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date 04 March 2026 Action: Circulate meeting invite to RTC members. Agenda Action: Update agenda as per discussion Action: Request Andy Adaire / John Cort give an update on AI in transfusion, at the March 26 RTC meeting. Action: Request Karen Mead gives an update on PSIRF, at the March 26 RTC meeting. Action: Ask Angela Kanny if there is anything she would like to present at the meeting. HTC report Action: Update report as per discussion
2.3	<p>Working Groups / discussion forums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: forward information to MR Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NBTC study day Neonatal and paediatric transfusion 13:00 – 16:00 Wednesday 22 October 2025 425 attended (lower than expected attendance possibly due to the clash with the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards: From Paper to Practice webinar) Delegates evaluated the event at 4.73 out of 5 and 50% of delegates would change an aspect of practice as a result of the conference. 473 delegates registered to date. Non-Medical Authorisation Upcoming dates: 03 March / 17 June / 10 September / 02 December 26 Patent Engagement Working Group

Terms of reference



Patient Engagement
Working Group ToR v

The group is producing a poster to advertise the group within Trusts along with a questionnaire to access the service the patient received. Trusts call rollout to bespoke areas if they so choose.

The group should consider if there is anything specific from IBI that would need to be included.

Work ongoing to finalise a pathway for reporting transfusion reactions after discharge, which can be part of the existing Trust SOP or be a separate document.

Patient representative is reviewing the patient information leaflet and the questionnaire that we have developed in order to validate the information given.

The TPs will not be requested to compile this data.

Action: Circulate the questionnaire to RTT members for ratification prior to finalising. The RTC would need to report on findings of the group to the NBTC

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

Next bulletin January 2026.

3. Regional Surveys

- Via HTC report forms

Action: email Trusts for updates on any surveys.

4. Website

- **Action:** 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.

5. Budget

- 2026/27 budget is expected to remain at the level of previous year

Action: Offer funding for delegates to attend BGS / BBTS / SHOT / IBMS

6. Quality Improvement Projects



How will Transfusion
Transformation delive

RP noted that this presentation served as evidence of consideration of the benchmarking project rather than a detailed proposal. The aim is to define how systems can adapt and deliver meaningful change through regional collaboration.

The discussion included a review of the RTC Chair's remit, including identifying and benchmarking Trust performance through external quality assessments and data collection on transfusion practices and patient experience.

There is currently no agreed set of national KPIs for transfusion performance. The suggestion is that RTCs begin developing regional indicators, which could later inform a national framework. The group explored starting with small, achievable targets for 2026, building toward a rolling project model to expand scope over time. Each region should focus on specific topics while sharing outcomes nationally. The approach should

emphasize learning from high-performing trusts and providing support rather than criticism to those underperforming.

- Review available datasets (QS138, NCA, SHOT) to identify the most practical starting points. Consider how to look at QS138 data regionally.
Model health will not house NCA data as we need annual data.
Suggested subject was massive haemorrhage
Action: Take having a data analyst attached to each RTC to NBTC.
- Project could be BSMS data,
Waste – massive variation nationally / how far is deviation from target / what support can we give / single unit transfusion.
IBI benchmarking is tasked with sharing info with model health / working on how to share data nationally / what we can do to support Trusts
Action: Forward ideas for consideration by RTT.

7. RTT Project Plan

- Project plan reviewed
Action: Update cell salvage and 5 pillars sections.

8. Any other business

- TXAIMS is a national quality improvement project which aims to increase the use of Tranexamic Acid in major surgery in accordance with NICE Quality Statement 138
Action: Provide information on TXAims to all HTC
Action: Confirm if TXAims information has been circulated nationally.

9. Date of next meeting

- 2pm 24 March 2026.

RTT Action List

Min. No	Action	By Whom
1.1	Post minutes of July 2025 meeting onto the NBTC website	JR
1.2	Invite sam.kershaw@cht.nhs.uk Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Calderdale and Huddersfield, to join the group	RP
1.2	Invite alexandra.rosa@nhs.net Clinical Scientist – Haematology, Hull & East Yorkshire, to join the group	RP
1.2	Invite HTC chairs to join the group.	RP
1.2	Include MB in invites for future meetings.	JR
2.1	Circulate minutes of 02 December 2025 RTC meeting to RTC members	JR

2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 Circulate meeting invite to RTC members.	JR
2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 Update agenda as per discussion.	JR
2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 Request Andy Adaire / John Cort give an update on AI in transfusion	RP
2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 Request Karen Mead gives an update on PSIRF	RP
2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 Ask Angela Kanny if there is anything she would like to present at the meeting.	JR
2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 Update HTC report as per discussion	JR
2.3	Forward cell salvage information to MR	RP
2.3	Circulate the Patent Engagement Working Group questionnaire to RTT members for ratification prior to finalising.	MK/JR
3	Email Trusts for updates on any surveys included in the HTC reports for RTC.	RP
4	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.	All
5	Offer funding for delegates to attend BGS / BBTS / SHOT / IBMS	JR
6	Take having a data analyst attached to each RTC to NBTC.	RP
6	Forward ideas for a project for consideration by RTT	MB
7	Update cell salvage and 5 pillars sections of the project plan.	JR
8	Provide information on TXAims to all HTCs	RP
8	Confirm if TXAims information has been circulated nationally.	AC