

# North East & Yorkshire Regional Transfusion Practitioner Group Meeting Minutes

13:00 – 16:00 04 November 2025

In-person meeting - Darlington Arena, Neasham Road, Darlington, Co Durham, DL2 1DL



## Present



- Bushra Amin (BA) Sheffield Teaching Hospitals
- Tracey Ashley (TA) Bradford Teaching Hospitals
- Aimi Baird (AB) Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals
- Lucy Bevan (LB) Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals
- Anthony Blandford (ABI) Haemonetics
- Joanne Bowden (JB) Hull & East Yorkshire
- Aimee Burtenshaw (ABu) Patient Blood Management Practitioner, NHSBT
- Michelle Cairns (MC) County Durham & Darlington
- Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM) South Tees Hospitals
- Victoria Chong-Cave (VCC) County Durham & Darlington
- Robin Coupe (RC) Customer Service Manager, NHSBT
- Lisa Creaser (LC) York & Scarborough Teaching Hospitals
- Rebekah Croucher (RC) York & Scarborough Teaching Hospitals
- Katie Douglass (KD) - **Deputy Chair** Northumbria Healthcare
- David Emmitt (DE) Hull & East Yorkshire
- Jay Faulkner (JF) Leeds Teaching Hospitals
- Laura Field (LF) Hull & East Yorkshire
- Andrew Fletcher (AF) NHSBT
- Ren Gregory (RG) Sheffield Teaching Hospitals
- Faye Hilla (FH) Harrogate and District
- Carolyn Hippey (CH) Bradford Teaching Hospitals
- Alison Hirst (AH) Airedale Hospital
- Catrina Ivel (CI) York & Scarborough Teaching Hospitals
- Jasmin Jaimon (JJ) Gateshead Health
- Raheela Khalid (RK) Nuffield Leeds
- Michelle Lake (ML) Calderdale & Huddersfield
- Caroline Mann (CM) Nuffield Leeds
- Gillian McAnaney (GMc) County Durham & Darlington
- Carole McBride (CMc) Mid Yorkshire Hospitals
- Lisa McCallion (LMc) Calderdale & Huddersfield
- Nita Mistry (NM) Bradford Teaching Hospitals
- Karen Nesbitt (KN) Gateshead Health
- Janet Nicholson (JN) North Cumbria
- Pauline Patterson (PP) South Tyneside & Sunderland
- Sue Rabett (SR) Leeds Teaching Hospitals
- Emma Richards (ER) - **Deputy Chair** Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals
- Janice Robertson (JRo) - **minutes** NHS Blood & Transplant
- Krishab Sharma (KS) York & Scarborough
- Michelle Skee (MS) Northumbria Healthcare

- Janice Smith (JS) Gateshead
- Victoria Waddoups (VW) - Chair Rotherham Hospital
- Abigail Wagstaffe (AW) North Lincs & Goole

### Apologies

- Amanda Baxter (ABa) Sheffield Children's
- Anessa Birader (ABi) Leeds Teaching Hospitals
- Debbie Cox (DC) North Tees and Hartlepool
- Victoria Dowson (VD) North Tees and Hartlepool
- Laura Duffy (LD) Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals
- Stephanie Ferguson (SF) Leeds Teaching Hospitals
- Shannon Frith (SF) Leeds Teaching Hospitals
- Juliet James (JJ) County Durham & Darlington
- Emma Johnson-Kelly (EJK) North Lincs & Goole
- Mark Liversidge (ML) Barnsley Hospital
- Jill Parkinson (JP) Bradford Teaching Hospitals
- Julie Pozorski (JPo) Barnsley Hospital
- Angeline Thiongo (AT) Sheffield Teaching Hospitals
- Jonathan Trattles (JT) South Tyneside & Sunderland
- Helen West (HW) Bradford Royal Infirmary
- Rachael Wilkinson-Hall (RWH) Sheffield Teaching
- Megan Wrightson (MW) South Tees Hospitals

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, apologies for absence</b>
	VW welcomed the group
<b>2.</b>	<b>Education Section</b>
	<p><b>Stand up for sickle cell disease quiz</b> Presented by Andrew Fletcher</p>  <p>Stand Up for Sickle Cell Disease.pdf</p>
	<p><b>Anaemia, you're breaking my heart - You're growing in complexity daily</b> Presented by Andrew Fletcher</p>  <p>Anaemia, you're breaking my heart - fc</p>
	<p><b>Case study - Inadvertent RBC transfusion to Jehovah's witness with advanced directive</b> Presented by Pauline Patterson</p>  <p>Inadvertent RBC transfusion to Jehoval</p>
	<b>TEG Haemostasis Management Solutions</b>

	Presented by Anthony Blandford	
	 NE & Y TP Meeting TEG presentation Nov	
	<b>SHOT webinar</b> The group joined the SHOT-NCA Webinar – From audit to action: Driving safety through shared learning <b>Action:</b> Send list of attendees to SHOT to obtain certificates of attendance	
	<b>Legalities behind consent in relation to blood transfusions</b> Presented by Aimi Baird	
	 Legislation and Consent.pdf	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes and actions from previous meeting</b>	
	Minutes of previous meeting, 09 September 2025, accepted as a true record. <b>Action:</b> Post minutes onto the NBTC website and Future NHS site.	
	Minutes of previous meeting, 16 June 25 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.	Closed
	Issue of National Discharge Framework not including Transfusion, escalated to NTPN.	Closed
	Request Helen West, Bradford, give an update on a recent audit on community mislabelled samples at a future meeting.	c/fwd
	Share 'How to collect blood in an emergency' document on FutureNHS	c/fwd
	'Protocol for blood provision for ECMO patients' shared on FutureNHS	Closed
	'Cell salvage document' shared on FutureNHS	Closed
	Issues with an increase in duplicate samples when only one or no sample is required survey via reports in section 4.	Closed
	Consider the role of NTPN representative and forward any expressions of interest to AB/VW Post meeting note: BA has agreed to be the NTPN representative	Closed
	Consider joining the NTPN group on LinkedIn	Closed
	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.	Closed
	Janet Nicholson has agreed to be TP lead of the Patient Working Group.	Closed
	Emma Richards has agreed to be deputy chair of the NE&Y TP group.	Closed
	Organise a pole to see which of the groups logos is preferred	c/fwd
	A pole to see what each Trust is doing regarding competency assessments was posted on FutureNHS.	Closed

4. Highlight reports		
<p>Airedale NHS Trust</p>  <p>Airedale.pdf</p>	<p>Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust</p>  <p>Barnsley.pdf</p>	<p>Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p>  <p>Bradford.pdf</p>
<p>Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust</p>  <p>Calderdale &amp; Huddersfield.pdf</p>	<p>County Durham &amp; Darlington NHS Foundation Trust</p>  <p>Co Durham &amp; Darlington.pdf</p>	<p>Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p>  <p>Doncaster &amp; Bassetlaw.pdf</p>
<p>Gateshead Health NHS Trust</p>  <p>Gateshead.pdf</p>	<p>Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust</p>  <p>Harrogate.pdf</p>	<p>Humber Health Partnership Inc. Hull &amp; East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire and Goole</p>  <p>Humber Health.pdf</p>
<p>Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust</p>  <p>Leeds.pdf</p>	<p>Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust</p>  <p>Mid Yorks.pdf</p>	<p>Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p>  <p>Newcastle.pdf</p>
<p>North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust</p>  <p>North Cumbria.pdf</p>	<p>North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust</p>  <p>North Tees.pdf</p>	<p>Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>No report submitted</p>
<p>Nuffield Leeds</p> <p>No report submitted</p>	<p>The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust</p>  <p>Rotherham.pdf</p>	<p>Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>No report submitted</p>
<p>Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p>  <p>Sheffield Teaching .pdf</p>	<p>South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p>  <p>South Tees.pdf</p>	<p>South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trusts</p>  <p>South Tyneside and Sunderland.pdf</p>

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

#### Key focus:

- Training and SHOT safety standards Incidents - communication and awareness, MH setting/ emergency components; a few SRNM events - shared care form going to help this?
- QS138 - majority registered, but few entering data  
**Action:** Include a live demo / work through to support staff Inspections on the agenda for the next meeting.
- North Cumbria - recent inspection, any findings or actions could be loaded to the Futures site for wider learning Audit - Co Durham/ Darlington - TACO audit noted - very thorough; wider access please can this be loaded onto futures?  
**Action:** upload any findings / what to expect, onto FutureNHS
- Sample rejections - mix of activity across the region, in the report for awareness, but overall reporting into reject analysis.
- Annual report - mix of response - majority of Trust have annual or equivalent report, TP/BTM/HTC chair all compile reports, mainly fed back into patient safety or governance steering groups within the Trust.
- Issues/ comments: Pressures remain to be staffing pressures and the financial support from Trusts. - no improvement; recognise BDGH good practice with initiative with laboratory staff in brining clinical awareness to the laboratory team.
- **Action:** Add 'What is going well' to template for reports.

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#### PBM update

Presented by Aimee Burtenshaw




PBM update .pdf

- **Action:** QS138 - clarify what is required for and if data could be transferred across platforms.
- **Action:** Forward any success stories to ABu
- The group agreed that a 6-weekly Drop-In for TPs with the regional PBMP would be an innovative idea.
- The group agreed to sending on the results of the amber alert survey.

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#### Non-Medical Authorisation update

- This event aims to give delegates an understanding of the criteria and knowledge needed to authorise a blood component correctly
- 2025 dates: 03 December

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026 dates will be released in December 2025.</li> <li>• If you would like to join the working group or have any questions or queries, contact <a href="mailto:catrina.ivel1@nhs.net">catrina.ivel1@nhs.net</a></li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>National TP network (NTPN) feedback</b>	
	 <p>National Transfusion Practitioner Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action:</b> Volunteers needed to facilitate TP2026 – if interested please contact <a href="mailto:aimi.baird@nhs.net">aimi.baird@nhs.net</a> or <a href="mailto:victoria.waddoups@nhs.net">victoria.waddoups@nhs.net</a></li> <li>• <b>Action:</b> QS138 Insight Tools – request for regional champion for NE&amp;Y – if interested please contact <a href="mailto:aimi.baird@nhs.net">aimi.baird@nhs.net</a> or <a href="mailto:aimee.burtenshaw@nhsbt.nhs.uk">aimee.burtenshaw@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a></li> <li>• <b>Action:</b> Forward any issues to raise with NTPN to <a href="mailto:aimi.baird@nhs.net">aimi.baird@nhs.net</a></li> </ul>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>FutureNHS</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We again request that you 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.</li> <li>• If you would like to join the groups site, please contact <a href="mailto:Janice.Robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk">Janice.Robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a></li> </ul>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Group Logo</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VW will be going on maternity leave from February 2026. <b>Action:</b> Consider the role of NE&amp;Y TP group chair, and forward any expressions of interest to <a href="mailto:janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk">janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a></li> </ul>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of next meetings</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be confirmed</li> </ul>	

## Action List

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2	Send list of attendees of the SHOT-NCA Webinar – From audit to action: Driving safety through shared learning to SHOT, to obtain certificates of attendance	JR
3	Post minutes of September meeting onto the NBTC website and Future NHS site.	JR
3	Request Helen West, Bradford, give an update on a recent audit on community mislabelled samples at a future meeting.	NM
3	Share 'How to collect blood in an emergency' document on FutureNHS	ABa
3	Organise a pole to see which of the groups logos is preferred	JR
5	Include a live QS138 demo / work through to support staff Inspections by ABu onto the agenda for the next meeting	JR
5	Upload any findings / what to expect, from recent inspection onto FutureNHS	JN
5	Add 'What is going well' to template for reports.	JR
5	QS138 Clarify what is required and if data could be transferred across platforms.	ABu
5	Forward any success stories to <a href="mailto:aimee.burtenshaw@nhsbt.nhs.uk">aimee.burtenshaw@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a>	All
7	Volunteers needed to facilitate TP2026 – if interested please contact <a href="mailto:aimi.baird@nhs.net">aimi.baird@nhs.net</a> or <a href="mailto:victoria.waddoups@nhs.net">victoria.waddoups@nhs.net</a>	All
7	QS138 Insight Tools – request for regional champion for NE&Y – if interested please contact <a href="mailto:aimi.baird@nhs.net">aimi.baird@nhs.net</a> or <a href="mailto:aimee.burtenshaw@nhsbt.nhs.uk">aimee.burtenshaw@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a>	All
7	Forward any issues to raise with NTPN to <a href="mailto:aimi.baird@nhs.net">aimi.baird@nhs.net</a>	All
10	Consider the role NE&Y TP group chair, and forward any expressions of interest to <a href="mailto:janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk">janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a>	All