

ANNUAL REPORT

**CELEBRATING THE
SUCCESSES OF THE REGION
DURING 2025**



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Welcome to the 2025 activity summary report for the East of England Regional Transfusion Committee

It has been a pleasure to be the Chair of the EoE RTC this year. The RTC is a hive of knowledge and passion for patient care where all members of the team can share their experience, hopefully gaining insights on how to improve care. Our meetings are a mix of face to face and virtual to account for our geographically diverse Region. Meetings for individual areas continue to be well represented with 7 other TP and TADG meetings a year separate to the RTC.

Looking forward, our Education Working Group is strong; we are contributing to the NBTC education events again with Transfusion in Haemoglobinopathy in February 2026 and are excited for the simulation session for TP's that was cancelled last year. Our topics for 2026 revolve around the medical support in transfusion. We are looking to support our haematologists in 2026 by designing a supportive learning event for haematologists on call and are reviewing our HTC Chair and Haematologist's Toolkits. Our RTC learning event is on major incidents and how the service of transfusion can be affected.

It is going to be a busy year.

Dr Lynda Menadue, Consultant Anaesthetist and East of England RTC Chair

Regional Education, Initiatives and Working Groups

Regional Transfusion Committee (RTC)

Meetings – 3 RTC meetings were held during 2025. There was good representation at the meetings with 42 colleagues attending in January, 26 colleagues attending in May and 18 colleagues attending in October. A variety of topics were covered over the year including

talks and presentations on:-

- Simulation
- Stock Sharing
- O Negative Audit
- Audits



Transfusion Practitioners Meetings - 3 TP meetings were held during 2025. One of the main topics for the TP Group was to have a meeting dedicated to simulation. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control we had to postpone this to March 2026.

TADG Meetings - 3 TADG meetings were held during 2025. Topics have included temperature mapping, implementing a LIMS system, stock sharing and audits.

TP

- TP backgrounds
- TP framework
- Electronic consent
- Changes in practice

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Joint TP / TADG Meeting - we held a joint meeting in September. There were 18 colleagues in attendance. This was a really beneficial face-to-face meeting which included a fating presentation and the use of virtual reality (VR). Attendees had the opportunity to try the VR headsets. We gave attendees the opportunity to suggest topics for 2026 meetings.

Joint TP / TADG

- Cold storage / cold boxes
- Gender issues
- Issues that impact both professions

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Education

- Case studies
- transfusion reactions
- Each hospital to present incident / learning

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TADG

- UKAS findings
- RCI Assist
- Complex case studies
- Validation post upgrades

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RTC

- Changing transfusion rates
- IBI
- SHOT Standards
- Feedback from MH simulation

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East of England RTC

Meeting Dates 2026

What meetings are taking place in the region between January and March 2026?

RTC Meeting

Wednesday 14th
January 2026,
10:00am - 13:00pm
via Microsoft
Teams

RTT Meeting

Wednesday 14th
January 2026,
13:30pm - 15:00pm
via Microsoft Teams

Transfusion in Haemoglobinopathy

Thursday 12th
February 2026,
13:00pm - 16:00pm
via Microsoft
Teams

Clinicians Meeting

Wednesday 25th
February 2026,
12:00 noon -
13:00pm via
Microsoft Teams

TADG Meeting

Tuesday 10th
March 2026,
10:00am -
12:00noon via
Microsoft Teams

TP SIM Meeting

Wednesday 11th
March 2026,
10:00am - 15:00pm,
Venue to be
confirmed

Transfusion in Haemoglobinopathy

Thursday 12th February 2026, 13:00pm - 16:00pm
Microsoft Teams Webinar

East of England RTC are pleased to be hosting this education event on behalf of the National Blood Transfusion Committee.

The programme will include the following topics:

- Red cell genotyping in haemoglobinopathy
- Case studies in haemoglobinopathy transfusion
- How to grow your red cell apheresis service
- Transfusion in TDT - a patient's perspective

This event is FREE
Please register to join this webinar using the following link
<https://tinyurl.com/3u52sar6> or QR code



Regional Audit

Results from the East of England platelet audit have been shared. The next audit that the East of England will focus on will look at the use of FFP and Cryo. Work on this audit is currently ongoing.

Useful Website Links

[East of England | National Blood Transfusion Committee](#)

[Education | National Blood Transfusion Committee](#)

[PBM YouTube](#)

Please get in touch with us via the East of England RTC email
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Do you have an idea for a future discussion or presentation that you would like to see at a future meeting?

Do you have a suggestion for a future audit?

Do you have a presentation or case study that you would like to present at a future meeting?