

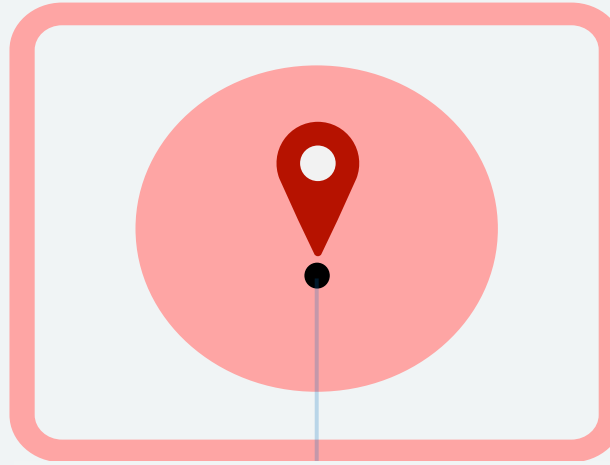
Celebrating 25 years
of the
**National Blood
Transfusion Committee**





The NBTC's History and Achievements

Celebrating
milestones, growth,
and the impact the
committee has made



Current priorities

Focussing on today's
priorities, challenges,
risks, and system
needs



The Future of the NBTC

Leading the
implementation of good
transfusion practice
through national advice
and oversight

NBTC25: The Committee's History and Achievements

NBTC established 2001

The National Blood Transfusion Committee established by the Chief Medical Officer to promote safe, appropriate transfusion practice across England.

Better Blood Transfusion v3 embedded with NBTC support 2007

National oversight supporting the consistent adoption of safer, more appropriate transfusion practice across the NHS, embedding strong governance, audit, education, traceability and haemovigilance as routine standards of care. BBT began in 1998 and developed from thereon.

2003 National governance model embedded

Creation of a coordinated structure of Regional Transfusion Committees (RTCs) and Hospital Transfusion Committees (HTCs), linking national leadership to local delivery.

2011 National audit, education and workforce capability strengthened

National leadership and coordination providing a forum for national transfusion issues, supporting audit activity and shared learning through the Regional and Hospital Transfusion Committee network.

Patient Blood Management established as a national approach

2014

NBTC promoted Patient Blood Management as a core national approach, providing leadership and advice to support evidence-based transfusion practice, alternatives to transfusion and patient involvement.

System leadership and resilience during COVID-19 and supply pressures

2021

During COVID-19 and subsequent periods of blood supply pressure, NBTC worked in close partnership with NHS Blood & Transplant and national stakeholders to provide leadership and clinical advice supporting safe practice, emergency preparedness and resilient system responses, including during Amber Alert conditions.

2019

Sustained reduction in inappropriate blood use

With support of the committee's guidance, leadership and promotion of best practice, transfusion appropriateness improved nationally, contributing to better patient outcomes and increased system sustainability.

2024

Transfusion 2024 → Transfusion Transformation and the IBI

2024 marked a point of transition. NBTC supported the conclusion of Transfusion 2024, creating the platform for Transfusion Transformation. In May 2024, the Infected Blood Inquiry published its final report, concluding that decades of systemic and avoidable failures in NHS and government decision-making caused serious patient harm.

2025

Patient voice embedded in national leadership

NBTC appointed Elisabeth Buggins CBE as Patient Co-Chair, embedding lived experience and patient perspectives at the heart of national transfusion governance and decision-making.



2026

Transfusion Transformation

NBTC and NHS Blood & Transplant partnership recognised nationally for exceptional collaboration to improve patient care, announced **Wednesday 17th June 2026**.

Transfusion Transformation Strategy is due to be launched in the **Autumn of 2026** with support from DHSC, NHSE, Royal Colleges and NBTC and NHSBT.

**NBTC's
current
priorities**

Involvement and focus on output from IBI sub-groups, e.g. Joint Blood Stocks Working Group, Benchmarking

Strengthening national and regional through new national and regional sub-groups, e.g. East of England Clinicians Meeting, Shared Care Working Group

Improving patient involvement at every tier of the NBTC reporting lines

Improvement of outreach through social media channels and streamlined communications

Extending NBTC's educational reach, consistency and availability across all regions.

**What's next?
NBTC's
Future
Priorities**

**NBTC/RTC and Model Health
Collaboration to improve
benchmarking**

**Launch and embedding of
Transfusion Transformation
upon publication**

**Strengthening national
digitisation, data and
benchmarking capability to
improve the safety, efficiency and
effectiveness of transfusion.**

**Reviewing and supporting to
address workforce challenges in
transfusion (TP framework
progress) despite lack of clear
NHS funding streams**

**Sustaining appropriate
use of blood under
system pressure**

Support your local Hospital Transfusion Committees (or equivalent), and at Regional Transfusion Committees: HTC's are the backbone of the committee; promote engagement with NHS Trust management to ensure risks are escalated and that sufficient resources are provided to support good transfusion practice.

Encourage and support patient involvement within your trust/hospital: Patients can get involved via Transfusion Care Champions and the national Patient Involvement Working group

Passionate about making positive changes in Transfusion? Join one of the committee's working groups

Are you already involved with NBTC at RTC level? Consider if you could support the regional Chairs as a deputy

Connect with the Committee on LinkedIn, YouTube and via your Regional Transfusion Committee Administrator



The 25th Birthday Maths

How we got to 25...

10 Achievements

+ **5** Current Focus Points

+ **5** Future Focus Points

+ **5** Calls to Action

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