

East of England RTC Action Plan 2026

Main objective	Activity	Action/Aim	Responsibility	Date	Status
Quality improvement and development	Sharing inspection experience	Invite hospitals to provide feedback on recent inspections by regulatory bodies.	EoE TADG	Ongoing	Creating a spreadsheet of how laboratories have resolved issues raised during inspections to help others.
	Provide up to date regional information via website and 'futures' pages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News and Calendar • Education Events • Regional Toolkits • Minutes and Agendas 	CN	Ongoing	Regular updates made. RTC Minutes added to website when approved at next meeting.
	Pathology Networks	To support hospitals by providing an open forum & escalating concerns where necessary	EoE TADG RTC	Ongoing	Standard agenda item at both RTC and TADG meetings
	Regional Documents	To provide updates of regional documents and toolkits every 2 years or earlier if national guidance is updated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toolkits RTC/RTT <i>Transfer of blood and shared care are now national documents.</i>	FS, CN	Ongoing	Documents which are reviewed 2 yearly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toolkits – HTC Chair and Consultant Haematologists Toolkit currently under review – will be shared with wider NBTC
	Audits	TP Group to run benchmarking audits twice a year as a rolling programme	TP Group	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benchmarking will include using the QS138 tool, O Neg benchmarking and transfusion practice
		RTC and TADG to look at regional audits that would be beneficial for the region	RTC / TADG		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFP / Cryo Audit – currently ongoing TADG to feedback data at October RTC
	Promote work from the region	Promote the work of the region through publications / journals. BBTS / IBTS	RTC	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs of sub groups to discuss at meetings

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Improvement of patient provision and safety	Adult MH including Trauma ATR Paediatric MH	To conduct 2 yearly review on all regional policies and guidelines.	RTT	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma flowchart currently with Trauma Network • Paediatrics and Adult – being discussed at RTT June 2026
	WBIT	To create a “dashboard” of regional WBIT incidents	TP Network	Ongoing	TP Group reviewed the WBIT tool in February 2025 <i>This is only used by a few hospitals in the region so is currently difficult to use for benchmarking. ? promote wider use across the region.</i>
Education & training	Education sub-group	Education Working Group to assist hospitals in the training of junior doctors and other staff groups by collecting and collating transfusion education resources	LM DF CN RTT		Staff groups identified; existing presentations, algorithms and guidelines identified. Likely platform identified. The group aims to meet every 8 - 12 weeks
	SpR Training	To promote transfusion training with SpRs. Create tool for use in region and ? nationally.	RTT / Education working Group		<i>Discussing at June 2026 RTT and Education Working Group.</i>
	Support and Encourage Major Haemorrhage Simulation		RTC, TP, TADG, Education	Ongoing	Individual hospitals / trusts and RTC working groups to feed back at RTC examples of major haemorrhage simulation they have

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			Working Group		been involved in. TP group dedications the March 2026 meeting to cover simulation.
	RTC meetings	To identify topics and engage speakers for items of educational interest to members	RTT HL team	Ongoing	RTC to focus on consent at October 2026 RTC. Other subjects to consider are Maternal Anaemia.
	TP Training	To discuss at TP Meeting	FS, CN, TP Chair		<i>Create a plan at June 2026 TP meeting</i>
	Mums, Babies and Blood	Hold national study day via Microsoft Teams	RTT RTC		<i>Plan for 2027 Is this beneficial alongside the NBTC programme?</i>
	Major haemorrhage in patients receiving anticoagulation or antiplatelet agents (including avoiding delays in transfusion)	NBTC National Study Day hosted by East of England RTC via Microsoft Team	RTT RTC	Booked for 2027	<i>February 2027</i>
	RTC Education Event	Education event for East of England RTC	RTT		Taken place in May 2026. <i>Next taking place in 2027 alongside an RTC.</i>
Component Management	Contingency / Blood Shortage Framework	To have a framework in place to follow if alerts are issued i.e. amber alert.	RTT		Contingency plan in place for meetings / extraordinary meetings if any alerts are issued.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor regional usage and wastage Regional actions to follow any NBTC component projects East of England set up spreadsheet of stock sharing around the region 	RTT / RTC TADG	Ongoing	Review at 2026 meetings Continue to discuss at TADG meetings to promote.