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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.	• 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 every 2 years or earlier if required / national guidance is updated.	FS, CN	Ongoing	Documents which are currently under review. • Toolkits – these have been renamed 'A Practical Guide and Resources for HTC Chairs and Consultant Haematologists' ***Final versions being added to NBTC website.***
	Audits	TP Group to run benchmarking audits twice a year as a rolling programme RTC and TADG to look at regional audits that would be beneficial for the region	TP Group RTC / TADG	Ongoing	• Benchmarking will include using the QS138 tool, O Neg benchmarking and transfusion practice • Major Haemorrhage Audit as discussed at October 2026 RTT ***TADG to discuss. Add to May 2027 RTC***

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	Promote work from the region	Promote the work of the region through publications / journals. BBTS / IBTS	RTC	Ongoing	• Chairs of sub groups to discuss at meetings ○ WBIT, Benchmarking audits, MBB programme, toolkits, O Negative, major haemorrhage protocols • Produce RTC annual report and circulate to hospitals
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	Paediatrics Toolkit – ***ongoing***
	WBIT	To create a "dashboard" of regional WBIT incidents	TP Network	Ongoing	TP Group reviewed the WBIT tool in February 2025 ***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 and look further into whether data is available elsewhere.***
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		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		***Discussing at October 2026 Education Working Group.***

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	Support and Encourage Major Haemorrhage Simulation		RTC, TP, TADG, Education Working Group	Ongoing	Individual hospitals / trusts and RTC working groups to feed back at RTC examples of major haemorrhage simulation they have been involved in.
	RTC meetings	To identify topics and engage speakers for items of educational interest to members	RTT HL team	Ongoing	Consent has been a focus at meetings during 2026. ***Future subjects to consider are Maternal Anaemia.***
	TP Training	To discuss at TP Meeting	FS, CN, TP Chair		***Discuss at November 2026 meeting.***
	Mums, Babies and Blood	Hold national study day via Microsoft Teams	RTT RTC		***Plan for 2027 or 2028*** ***Is this beneficial alongside the NBTC programme? Look at what subjects are being covered.***
	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	***February 2027***
	RTC Education Event	Education event for East of England RTC	RTT		Taken place in May 2026. ***Next taking place in 2027 alongside an RTC – subject to be confirmed.***
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.

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		• 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 meetings as required Continue to discuss at TADG meetings to promote.