

North East & Yorkshire Regional Transfusion Team Meeting

Tuesday 24th March 2026
Microsoft Teams

Present

Aimi Baird (AB)	Newcastle
Aimee Burtenshaw (ABu)	NHSBT
Andrew Charlton (AC)	Newcastle / NHSBT
Robin Coupe (RC)	NHSBT
Jay Faulkner (JF)	Leeds
Bev Ferguson (BF) - minutes	NHSBT
Wasim Hussain (WH)	NHSBT
Catrina Ivel (CI)	York & Scarborough
Marina Karakantza (MK)	Leeds / NHSBT
Sam Kershaw (SK)	Calderdale and Huddersfield
Ric Procter (RP) - Chair	South Tees
Alexandra Rosa (AR)	SHYPS / HUTH
Martin Rowlands (MR) – Deputy chair	Sheffield
Nicola Short (NS)	NHSBT
Michelle Skee (MS)	Northumbria
Matt Wilson (MW)	Northumbria

Apologies

Matt Bend (MB)	BSMS
Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM)	South Tees
Alison Muir (AM)	Newcastle
Megan Wrightson (MW)	South Tees

1.	RTT matters							
1.1	Minutes of previous meeting 12 th December 2025 accepted as a true record. Action: Post minutes onto the NBTC website							
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1.2	Sam Kershaw, Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Calderdale and Huddersfield, agreed to join the group	Closed
1.2	Alexandra Rosa Clinical Scientist – Haematology, Hull & East Yorkshire, agreed to join the group	Closed
1.2	Email inviting HTC chairs to join the group sent on 23 January 26.	Closed
1.2	MB included in invites for future meetings.	Closed
2.1	Minutes of 02 December 2025 RTC meeting circulated to RTC members	Closed
2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 Meeting invite sent to RTC members.	Closed
2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 Agenda updated as per discussion.	Closed
2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 Request Andy Adaire / John Cort give an update on AI in transfusion	Closed
2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 Karen Mead agreed to give an update on PSIRF	Closed
2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 Angela Kanny advised that there is nothing to present at the meeting.	Closed
2.2	RTC meeting – 04 March 2026 HTC report updated as per discussion	Closed
2.3	Forward cell salvage information to MR	Closed
2.3	Circulate the Patent Engagement Working Group questionnaire to RTT members for ratification prior to finalising.	Closed
3	Email Trusts for updates on any surveys included in the HTC reports for RTC.	Closed
4	Group to review current content of the regional website pages https://nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/rtc/north-east-and-yorkshire and advise JR of any changes required.	Ongoing
5	Offer funding for delegates to attend BGS / BBTS / SHOT / IBMS	Closed
6	Take having a data analyst attached to each RTC to NBTC – work in progress	Work in progress
6	Forward ideas for a project for consideration by RTT	Ongoing
7	Project plan updated to include sections on cell salvage and 5 pillars of the Transfusion Transformation Strategy	Closed

	8	Provide information on TXAims to all HTC's – no reply from Simon.	Closed
	8	Confirm if TXAims information has been circulated nationally.	Closed
1.2	Membership New members welcomed.		
1.3	Terms of Reference Version 3.0 reviewed – new members added to Terms of Reference. ACTION: BF to add when everyone's membership initiated and due to end at 3 years or 6 years) / stored centrally		
2.	RTC matters		
2.1	- Minutes reviewed from previous RTC meeting on 4th March 2026 and will be approved by Chair shortly. ACTION: circulate to RTT for review/any feedback to BF Matters arising ACTION:		
2.2	Next RTC meeting Date: Changed from 24th June to 1st July 2026 (clash with BT virtual Education event) ACTION: Circulate meeting invite to RTC members. Agenda: Education section ideas: - National Comparative Audit regional slideshow – John Grant-Casey - Angela Kanny – PCCs/micro dosing (Thrombosis update or Education presentation TBC) - Group and Save /TNO activity - Clinical Lead TNO Yorkshire to present their data - NICE Guidelines update/ TXA – in Marina's papers section - Delegate update from BGS conference attendees that RTC have funded		

ACTIONS:

- BF to update agenda as per discussion
- BF to approach John Grant-Casey and Angela Kanny to speak
- MK to approach Jeya Palan to speak
- BF to share template for delegate feedback on funded conference attendance

- **HTC report**

Add questions about electronic consent forms and mandatory transfusion training

ACTIONS:

- BF to update report as per discussion
- BF produce six monthly summary of responses to question on updates to end-to-end transfusion system for RTC/NBTC reporting.

3. **Working Groups / discussion forums**

- **Cell Salvage**

MR has had some names for people interested in being involved but needs more and going to chase Trusts and then work with group on what want to look at.
Next steps to define goals taking into account steer from UK Cell Salvage Group,

- **Education**

- **NBTC education event:**

TI updated that the topic and date confirmed: TACO and acute transfusion reaction management – April 2027. Next Education Working Group meeting May 2026.

- **Non-Medical Authorisation**

TI updated on upcoming dates: 3rd March (9 attended)/ 17th June / 10th September / 2nd December 26

- **Patent Engagement Working Group**

ER updated on recent activity

ACTION: For next RTC in July Working Group asked to deliver a presentation update of outputs

- **Transfusion Bulletin** – usually published once a year in January

ACTION: All to share success stories with Aimee Burtenshaw

4.	Regional Surveys
	Summary of hospital reports included in minutes of RTC 4/3/26 ACTION: RC to share summary of blood provision to private hospitals/services and Oneq conservation.
5.	Website
	Action: Group to review current content of the regional website pages https://nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/rtc/north-east-and-yorkshire and advise BF of any changes required.
6.	Budget
	- Have funded 9 places at Shot Symposium in July and BGS Conference in April in last week. Any other conferences – please get in touch with BF. - Room hire and lunch for in-person Regional meetings/Working Groups is available - Travel funded by exception.
7.	Quality Improvement Projects
	Next steps on Benchmarking project by MB. MB asked following on from the RTC presentation about regional benchmarking it would be good to know if the RTT had any additional thoughts/comments and questions? Does Ric want me to bring back updates to the next call & is there anyone specific on the RTT that I can work with to run ideas/thoughts past in advance? ACTION: MB to bring update at next RTT. Email Ric for guidance.
8.	RTT Project Plan
	Project plan reviewed at RTC. ACTION: BF to make some minor updates and publish on NBTC website.
9.	Any other business
	- RTC Chairs and NBTC meetings were held on 23rd March 2026. ACTION: RP to share written summary. - MK – National Committee of Jehovah Witnesses have approved pre-operative donation. Outside remit of hospital accreditation. Only NHSBT can collect and store blood – currently don't provide this service. Direct to JPAC statement - linked provided in meeting chat: Position Statements

10.	Date of next meetings:
	Tuesday 14th July 2026 (2-3.30pm) and Wed 9th Dec 10am-4pm (in person)

RTT Action List – March 2026

Min. No	Action	By Whom
1.1	Post minutes of December 2025 meeting onto the NBTC website	BF
1.1	Provide information on TX Acid guidance to all HTC's as no reply from Simon.	RP
1.1	Take having a data analyst attached to each RTC to NBTC – work in progress	RP
1.2	Add when everyone's membership tenure for group (3 years or 6 years) to Terms of Reference / store centrally in NBTC SharePoint site	BF
2.1	Circulate minutes of 4 th March 2026 RTC meeting to RTC members once reviewed by RTT members	BF
2.2	RTC meetings – 1 st July and 3 rd November 2026 Circulate meeting invite to RTC members.	BF
2.2	RTC meeting – 1 st July 2026 Update agenda as per discussion.	BF
2.2	RTC meeting – contact speaker 1 st July 2026 – Angela Kanny	BF
2.2	RTC meeting – contact speaker 1 st July 2026 – John Casey-Grant	BF
2.2	RTC meeting – contact speaker 1 st July 2026 - Jeya Palan	MK
2.2	Share template for delegate feedback on funded conference attendance	BF
2.2	RTC meeting – 1 st July 2026 Update HTC report as per discussion	BF
2.2	Produce six monthly summary of responses to question on updates to end-to-end transfusion system for RTC/NBTC reporting.	BF

3	For next RTC in July Patient Engagement Working Group asked to deliver a presentation update of outputs	LJ
3	Any success stories welcomed – send to Aimee Burtenshaw	All
4	Produce summary of responses to HTC report questions on blood provision to private hospitals/services and Oneg conservation.	BF/RP
5	Group to review current content of the regional website pages https://nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/rtc/north-east-and-yorkshire and advise BF of any changes required.	All
7	Group would like MB to bring update at next RTT for further discussion. MB to email Ric for guidance.	MB
8	Make some minor updates to Project Plan and publish on NBTC website	BF
9	Share written summary of RTC Chairs and NBTC meetings held on 23 rd March 2026	RP
10	Send invites for next RTT meetings	BF
10	Organise venue and catering for 9 th Dec 2026 in person RTT	BF