



**Minutes of the Meeting of
National Transfusion Practitioner Network (NTPN)
Working Group of the NBTC**

**Monday, 2nd March 2026
10am – 12pm**

Present (26)			
Aimi Baird	Chair	AB	Advanced Transfusion Practitioner, The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Julie Jackson	East of England	JJ	Transfusion Practitioner, James Paget University Hospital Foundation Trust, Norfolk
James Davies	London	JD	Transfusion Practitioner, Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Pascal Winter	London	PW	Transfusion Practitioner, Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust
Mary Blanton	Midlands	MB	Transfusion Practitioner, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
Ant Jackson	Midlands	AJ	Transfusion Practitioner, United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Jay Faulkner	NE & Yorkshire	JF	Transfusion Practitioner, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Vicky Waddoups	NE & Yorkshire	VW	Transfusion Practitioner, The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Bushra Amin	NE & Yorkshire	BA	Transfusion Practitioner, Laboratory Medicine Northern General Hospital, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Jonathan Ricks	South East	JRi	Transfusion Practitioner, University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
Samantha Carrington	South East	SC	Transfusion Practitioner, University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
Stuart Lord	South West	SL	Transfusion Practitioner, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Egle Gallo	South West	EG	Transfusion Practitioner, University Hospitals Bristol & Weston
Rachel Moss	ISBT TP subgroup	RM	ISBT TP subgroup of the Clinical Transfusion working party, Transfusion Practitioner at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London
Wendy McSporran	TRN	WM	Advanced Transfusion Practitioner, The Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Jennifer Rock	Transfusion Transformation	JR	Transfusion Transformation Education Specialist, NHS Blood & Transplant
Karen Mead	BBTS TP SIG	KM	Chair BBTS TP SIG, Specialist Practitioner of Transfusion, North Bristol NHS Trust
Chris Robbie	MHRA	CR	Senior Haemovigilance Specialist, MHRA
Mike Dawe	MHRA	MD	Haemovigilance Unit Manager, MHRA

Paul Davies	NCA	PD	Senior Clinical Audit Facilitator, National Comparative Audit of Blood Transfusion, NHS Blood and Transplant
Zona Kelly	Northern Ireland	ZK	Senior Haemovigilance Practitioner, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Anna Mamwell	Patient Representative	AM	Patient & Public Involvement Lead, NHS Blood and Transplant
Anwen Davies	QS138	AD	Patient Blood Management Practitioner South East, NHS Blood and Transplant
Aimee Burtenshaw	NHSBT	AiB	Patient Blood Management Practitioner North East and Yorkshire, NHS Blood and Transplant
Sasha Tidy	NBTC	ST	Operations Manager, National Blood Transfusion Committee
Caryn Hughes	SHOT	CH	SHOT Operations Manager

Apologies (5)			
Lorraine Boylan	Nursing	LB	Pre-Assessment Lead, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
Mike Desborough	TRN	MDe	Transfusion Research Network Lead, Consultant Haematologist, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Denise McKeown	Northern Ireland	DM	Regional Haemovigilance Co-ordinator/ Manager of BHSCT Haemovigilance Team
Rebecca Spiers	North West	RS	Transfusion Practitioner, Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Julie Staves	NTLM	JS	Chair NTLM group, Transfusion Laboratory Manager, John Radcliffe Hospital

Actions				
Item no	Meeting Date	Action	Owner	Status
2	13/02/2025	Core member to send biographies to Nella Pignatelli or Jane Murphy, NTPN Administrators	Core Members	Ongoing
3	02/03/2026	RTC representatives to encourage hospitals to submit NCA 2025 QS138 data to QS138 Quality Insights where applicable.	Regional TP Representatives	Completed
3	02/03/2026	Please let Anna Mamwell know if you have a patient representative or what is being done in trying to get one established within your region.	Regional TP Representatives	Completed
3	02/03/2026	SHOT colleague to join next meeting to answer queries regarding delays.	Caryn Hughes	New
4	02/03/2026	Can all regional TP chairs please promote within their regions, request for TPs to present at TP2026. Regional TPs to contact education group.	Regional TP Representatives	Completed
13	02/03/2026	AB to identify who is currently responsible for the BSH guideline, to make aware of the concerns regarding PCC underdosing and see if some information can be included.	Aimi Baird	New

Minutes

1	Welcome & Apologies	Actions
	AB welcomed all and thanked everyone for joining the meeting. Group members gave a brief introduction. Apologies were given from those listed above prior to the meeting.	
2	Minutes & Actions from previous meeting, 04/12/2025	
	Minutes These were circulated in advance of today's meeting. Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record. Actions AB asked the group to continue sending over biographies if they have not done so yet so these can be added to the NTPN contact document on the website. All other actions either completed or on the agenda.	
3	Affiliated Groups	
	Northern Ireland ~ Zona Kelly  RTP Report - Northern Ireland (M)	
	BBTS TP SIG ~ Karen Mead  BBTS TP SIG update for NTPN (Mar26).pd	
	ISBT ~ Rachel Moss - Podcasts restarting 2026 - Number 14 to be released soon. Lawrance Nyoni (TP from London originally from Kenya) and Rachel Moss discuss how the TP role would work in Africa. - Aiming for 2 papers to be written 2026/2027 - one on the role of the HTC & one on the TP role. - ISBT Webinars 2026 led by ISBT TP group include IVIG & PBM - The role of the TP by Rachel Moss. Talks given in person Oman (October 2025) & Dubai (February 2026). Next talk to Cameroon (March 2026) which will be virtual. - ISBT Kuala Lumpur 2026 will not have any TP sessions. - Planning a TP Day in Rotterdam ISBT 2027 with a definitive TP abstract category to encourage TPs to submit and attend.	
	MHRA ~ Chris Robbie Invoices have been issued now for the haemovigilance fees. Outstanding purchase order numbers have been received. This year, because of the way the process works, the invoices will go directly to your finance departments or their representatives. Hopefully should all	

	go smoothly and there will not be the need to follow up so many non-payments. Thank you everybody who was involved in getting the purchase orders. The annual summary reports have gone out. They have gone to all the organisation leads that we have recorded on Sabre.	
	NCA ~ Paul Davies Current NCA project(s) status: 2026 audit on platelet use: currently in very early planning stages, due to launch in October 2026 2026 audit on the use of prophylactic anti-D in pregnancy: recruitment ongoing, audit due to start in April 2026. Data collection should be midwife led where possible. 2025 audit of NICE Quality Standard QS138: Audit complete, national and site reports have been sent out. 2025 audit of Compliance with Major Haemorrhage Protocols: audit complete, national and site reports have been sent out. - Continue to develop the TP homepage on the clinical audit website by adding to the resources on the site, so any suggestions are welcome at any time.	
	NHSBT PBM ~ Aimee Burtenshawe Update provided: e-Learning for Health (eLFH) platform migration: - The migration remains delayed, and no new date has been confirmed. We will receive a two-week notice period prior to the transition and will circulate this information as soon as it becomes available. Patient information leaflet (PIL) for irradiated blood components: - The updated PIL is now live on the PILS webpage of the Hospitals and Science website. Hard copy, downloadable PDF, print-friendly, and screen-reader accessible versions are all available. PILs under review: <i>Iron in Your Diet</i> and <i>Information for patients with sickle cell disease who may need a blood transfusion</i> are currently being reviewed. We welcome feedback and suggested amendments via pbm.team@nhsbt.nhs.uk. Receiving a blood transfusion PIL: - This leaflet is in the final stages of review. Blood Component App update: - The updated version of the app is now live and includes the 2024 NBTC indication codes. PBM team support and engagement: - The PBM team continues to work with regions to promote awareness and provide support. Pop-up stands are available on request via your regional PBMP.	
	NTLM ~ Julie Staves No update given. Apologies sent.	
	Nursing ~ Lorraine Boylan No update given. Apologies sent.	

	Pathology Network - Louise Jeffries No update given. Not on call.	
	Patient and Public Involvement ~ Anna Mamwell - In light of the IBI recommendations, part of my role is to work with NHSBT colleagues to make sure the patient voice is represented across our working groups and projects. I am also working with Elisabeth Buggins, the NBTC patient representative, on developing a patient and public involvement (PPI) strategy. - To help me in this work, it would be really helpful to get a clearer picture of how patient representation is happening across the country, including within the RTCs. I have looked on the NBTC website for minutes, but I could not find them for every region therefore I would be very grateful if I could be copied in. I would be happy to attend any meetings. - If you would like any assistance in finding and recruiting a patient representative for your RTC I would be happy to help. Action: Please let Anna Mamwell know if you have a patient representative or what is being done in trying to get one established within your region.	Regional TP Representatives
	QS138 Quality Insights ~ Anwen Davies Call out points: - There is notable underuse of hospital 2025 NCA QS138 data being recycled for QS138 Quality Insights, only 55 sites have submitted their data so far. Regional representatives asked to encourage submission where data was collected at a hospital level, and a minimum of 10 cases were audited. - We will soon be reaching out to regional ambassadors (or TP chairs where an ambassador has not been identified), to gather stakeholder feedback on QS138 Quality Insights. This is to better understand our current resources and any potential opportunities to improve engagement moving forward. - NICE updated their TXA guidance and associated QS138 Quality Statement 2 on 26/02/26. QS138 Quality Insights is now under review to accommodate, users will be notified once updated. It can still be used in the interim but QS2 will reference the previous 'moderate blood loss' criterium until the change is made. Action: RTC representatives to encourage hospitals to submit NCA 2025 QS138 data to QS138 Quality Insights where applicable. Please see following presentation given at meeting for further details  NTPN QS138 Quality Insights (March 2026).pdf	Regional TP Representatives
	SHOT ~ Caryn Hughes  NTPN SHOT Update (March 2026).pdf	

	Queries from regions raised around delays. As this is not Caryn's area of expertise, suggested colleague from SHOT to join next meeting. Action: SHOT colleague to join next meeting to answer queries regarding delays.	Caryn Hughes
4	Education	
	Workbook Vicky Waddoups provided update: • Recognition of the incredibly hard work of the working groups input on this and the support from Jennifer Rock. • Workbook has two sections left to review, then will compile and consolidate for sending out for endorsement by the identified bodies – but the workbook is on track. • Plan will be to soft launch at TP2026 in July and then take to BBTS in 2027. TP2026 Sam Carrington provided an update: • Event is being held on Friday 3rd July and is face to face this year. • Registration is now open TP2026 Conference Tickets, Friday, July 3 • 9 AM - 4:30 PM Eventbrite • Currently, sending out emails to all TPs to ask experienced and newer TPs if have anything they would like to present on. Looking for some quality improvement projects and just a couple of small, short, interesting cases. Really interested to hear from everyone about what is going on. Action: Can all regional TP chairs please promote within their regions, request for TPs to present at TP2026. Regional TPs to contact education group. Other Jay Faulkner is covering the chair role for the NE&Y TP group, will also be attending the NBTC Education WG as TP representation.	Regional TP Representatives
5	Audit/Survey	
	Stuart Lord and Julie Jackson occasionally attend the IBI audit benchmarking subgroup. Nothing to report back.	
6	BSQR	
	Rebecca Spiers reported no alerts for discussion or dissemination.	
7	IT	
	James Davies provided the following update: • The “Essential standards for safe transfusion in clinical IT systems” document was sent for review to devolved nations, IBI subgroups, JPAC SACIT group and NHSE. Comments have been reviewed and now is in final proof stage with the designers. Due to be released March/April.	

	- Feedback from SHOT/SCRIPT meeting: Daedalus have announced End of Life notification for older versions of Daedalus LIMS in April 2027. Around 20% of UK labs use Daedalus LIMS, so this affects a large number of users. Will be difficult to safely plan and implement a LIMS change in this timeframe. SCRIPT are contacting NHSE about potential safety implications and will co-sign a letter from key stakeholders to the supplier. Not mentioned in meeting, but for information: - Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSSIB) in England has conducted a substantial number of investigations focused on IT-related issues within patient safety. Patient safety issues associated with electronic patient record (EPR) systems – a thematic review - SCRIPT are developing an E-Learning module for use of IT in Transfusion – to be released mid 2026. - SCRIPT IT Survey – thanks for all those that submitted responses (75 responses). Data is being analysed and expected to report within 3-6 months.	
8	Transfusion Transformation	
	Update provided by Jen Rock. Professional Development Framework for TPs Steph received constructive feedback and we are now reviewing the feedback. Over 40 replies, and for a project of this sort and from Steph's experience this a high level of engagement. The comments received were evident that many people taking the time to respond to the consultation document were not TPs. The feedback highlighted that we had a developed a basis to work from, but more clarification, contextualisation and guidance was required to help support leaders how to support staff through their career development. On initial review potentially considering: - Including the supportive/administrative role in the framework - Highlight the broad nature of the role. - Managers may view that they could have support/admin to support the TP. - Makes it clearer the expertise requirement of the TP role as be able to demonstrate the activities that the admin/support staff will not be able to undertake. - NHS working on support for unregistered staff so this work could be included into the framework without further surveys etc from the TP workforce. - Suggested Education/level - Managers wanted an example of what education/ evidence of working at a level may be required to help develop staff into roles. - Recently released frameworks have signposted this to help contextualise the development required. - Would perhaps list the suggested outcomes of the education rather than the specific courses but could provide examples.	

	○ Potential to highlight the investment in the role to support the clinical teams regarding advice given by the TP workforce. JR to discuss with NHSBT/NBTC and stakeholders regarding expanding the framework into a Transfusion Practitioner Workforce Development Programme rather than a stand-alone document. This would provide education links for TPs, the framework, information about development of who we worked with to develop the framework and any publications specific to the role for support. This reflects other multidisciplinary frameworks and would potentially provide further support and guidance for TPs and managers. Proposed date for launch of version 1 of the framework - 20th of June 2026. Plan for the summer is to host some workshops to understand how the framework can be used and hear what people like, dislike, indifferent etc about the framework. Thanks to everyone for their continued support. Please, if anyone wants to discuss anything regarding the framework, please do not hesitate to contact me Jennifer.rock@nhsbt.nhs.uk	
9	Transfusion Research Network	
	Update provided by Wendy McSporran The network is currently promoting the PaTRIC study, the link to the details is PaTRIC — HaemSTAR. As can be seen from the link it has already been circulated through the HaemSTAR network, so haematology SpR's may have already registered to complete audits for the study. The international study is evaluating real world transfusion practice in hospitalised patients with cirrhosis. The ask for TP's:- To check if the audit has been registered within their trust. The PaTRIC study team have provided information on their website about how to register with hospital audit departments, so hopefully it should be easy to check with audit departments if the hospital is registered. If the audit has not been registered to either, encourage the relevant medical team to register, or consider if the TP team (or lone TP!) can enter some audit data. The researchers are interested in geographical differences so they are interested in data from all sizes of hospitals, even if only 3 or 4 audits can be submitted it is all really valuable data. The audit period is March to June, but each hospital site is only asked to collect data for 2 or 3 weeks within that period so there is still time to register and collect some audit data. More details available in the link above, including who can be contacted for further advice.	
10	Infected Blood Inquiry	
	NHSE working group feedback AB noted that there is not very much feedback as has not been much movement in this area. Still waiting regarding budgets. Hopefully, have more to update at next meeting.	

11	Blood Stocks	
	AB advised no update.	
12	NTPN Webpage / Socials	
	JR provided update - Activity on LinkedIn, 58 members have been active in the last 90 days. - NTPN section of the NBTC website: A small number of updates have been uploaded. Members were reminded that if they are looking for a TP name or contact details for a specific hospital, this information can be found under the <i>Documents and Resources</i> section. Two spreadsheets are available there: one listing NTPN members and another containing contact details for TPs who have agreed to share their information. Both documents are password protected.	
13	RTP Matters	
	Please see the following submitted RTP reports for updates:  RTP Report - East of England (March 2026).pdf  RTP Report - London (March 2026).pdf  RTP Report - Midlands (March 2026).pdf  RTP Report - North East & Yorkshire (March 2026).pdf  RTP Report - South East (March 2026).pdf  RTP Report - South West (March 2026).pdf Stuart Lord from South West region raised concerns about PCC underdosing for anticoagulation reversal due to thrombosis risk, noting one local case and similar queries from other TPs nationally. No formal guidance exists supporting staged or reduced dosing. Action: AB to identify who is currently responsible for the BSH guideline, to make aware of the concerns regarding PCC underdosing and see if some information can be included. Aimi Baird highlighted the North East region is seeing quite a few MHRA inspections. Ant Jackson mentioned in the Midlands region, some trusts were challenged by inspectors for not declaring 100% traceability. In these cases, notes recorded that units were given, but donation numbers were missing. Inspectors told those trusts that documented evidence of transfusion was sufficient, even without donation numbers, to count as 100% traceable. This conflicted with long-standing understanding across the network that donation numbers are required for full traceability.	Aimi Baird
14	AOB	
	TP Uniforms Stuart Lord asked if this is something being actioned as a group. Jen Rock highlighted that the video showed the most updated uniform which was the wine / navy colour worn by practitioners from multidisciplinary backgrounds.	

15	Date and time of next meeting	
	Friday 5 th June 2026, 2pm – 4pm via MS Teams	