



East of England Regional Transfusion Committee

2024 Activity Summary Report

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Welcome to the 2024 activity summary report for the East of England. This report is the first since I started as Chair of the RTC in January 2023 and I would like to thank each and every one of the team for all your help in making this a successful year. I always look forward to our meetings as I hope you all do too. I firmly believe that as a Region we can help each other by working together on projects and sharing ideas and the resulting resources. We have had some challenges, the IBI and the on going Amber alert being some of the biggest but by working together we can make our workload lighter and more enjoyable.

I am looking forward to the next year where our planned highlights are, using simulation in education, presenting Mums, Babies and Blood as a National Education event for the NBTC and investigating how stock sharing could help us work together.

Dr Lynda Menadue, East of England RTC Chair

Education and Training

Education and training forms a huge part of all the East of England meetings during the year. Our meetings are an opportunity to learn from each other, share ideas & successes and implement positive changes.

Regional Transfusion Committee (RTC) Meetings – 3 RTC meetings were held during 2024. There was good representation at the meetings with 50 colleagues attending in January, 23 colleagues attending in May and 26 colleagues attending in October. A variety of topics were covered over the year including talks and presentations on:-

- Wrong Blood in Tube
- Cell Salvage
- Platelet Audit
- QS138 Tool



Transfusion Practitioner Meetings – 3 TP meetings were held during 2024. These meetings included a variety of presentations covering second samples, PSIRF, QS138 and wristband audits. The TP group also held two additional meetings which focused on SHOT Recommendations and Improving Education.



TADG Meetings – 3 TADG meetings were held during 2024. These meetings are the perfect opportunity for colleagues to come together to share news, case studies and receive updates on what is happening throughout transfusion labs across the region. The last TADG meeting of the year gave those in attendance the opportunity to have tours of the Component Development Laboratory, Hospital Services and Transport within the Cambridge Donor Centre.



Joint TP / TADG Meeting – The annual joint meeting was held in September. The joint meetings are a great opportunity to work collaboratively. This meeting was attended by 16 colleagues. Bloodstocks provided a talk and there was a presentation on the ‘Management of Complex Obstetric Cases’.

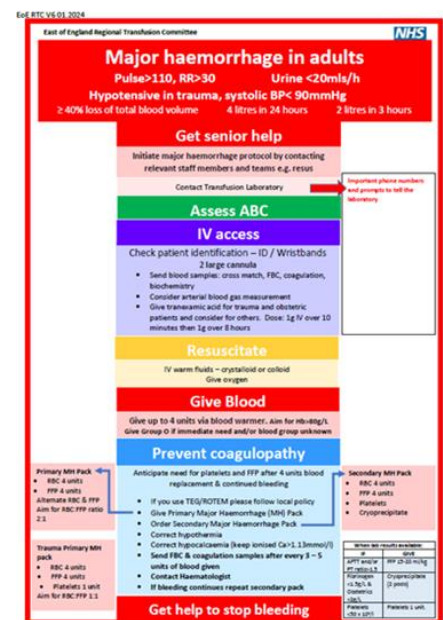
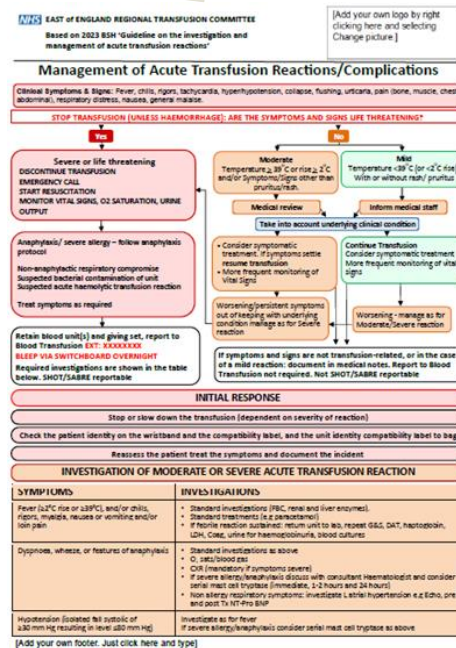
Mums, Babies and Blood – this event was another huge success. As it was held virtually, over 300 people were able to attend from all over the country. We are looking forward to running this event again in February 2025. At the time of writing this, we have already had over 750 people register their interest for this event.



Regional Initiatives and Working Groups

East of England Working Groups spent time updating regional documents for the region. This included the Major Haemorrhage in Adults Flowchart and the Management of Acute Transfusion Reactions / Complications Flowchart.

The Education Working Group meets to plan and implement training and education across the region. The group also supports the planning for education that is run as part of the NBTC national education programme.



Regional Audit

Platelet Re-Audit

During 2024 East of England completed an audit on the use of platelets. This audit was to look at the utilisation of each issue of platelets. This was a re-audit, the initial audit was carried out in 2012 with a repeat in 2014. The results from this audit will be shared at the RTC in January 2025.

FFP / Cryo Audit

There is a plan to complete an audit on the use of FFP / Cryo during 2025. Work is underway to look at previous audits and collate the information we are hoping to collect. More in depth details of this audit will be shared at the RTC in January 2025.



Planned Activity During 2025

Planned Activity for 2025

- Simulation
- The use of VR
- Stock Sharing
- Mums, Babies and Blood

Mums, Babies and Blood
Wednesday 12th February 2025, 09:00am - 13:00pm Via Microsoft Teams

• Massive Obstetric Haemorrhage
• Haemolytic Disease of the Newborn
• Case studies
• Patient Information and Consent
• Anti-D
• Blood Groups and Antibodies
• Anaemia in Pregnancy

This event is FREE
You must register for a place prior to the event
<https://forms.office.com/e/unVnPKj4Aez>
Please register using the following link or QR code

Please note that this event has run previously and therefore the programme is very similar to previous years.
It is open to hospital, community, bank, agency and student midwives.

For further information, please contact Clare Neal: EoERTC@nhsbt.nhs.uk or 01223 568906

Meeting Dates for 2025

- 30th January 2025 – RTC Meeting
- 12th February 2025 – Mums, Babies and Blood
- 25th February 2025 – TP Meeting
- 13th March 2025 – TADG Meeting
- 15th May 2025 – RTC & Education Afternoon
- 3rd June 2025 – TP Simulation Meeting
- 25th June 2025 – TADG Meeting
- 25th September 2025 – RTC Meeting
- 8th October 2025 – TP / TADG Meeting
- 27th November 2025 – TP Meeting
- 17th December 2025 – TADG Meeting

Do you have a presentation or case study you would like to share?

Is there a topic you would like to hear more about?

Please email us EoERTC@nhsbt.nhs.uk

TP Group
PSIRF and Blood Transfusion

Anti-Hrjoh-no!
Katherine Philpott
Transfusion Laboratory Manager
Cambridge University Hospitals
12/03/2024

PBM Update
RTC meeting
Previous Date
November 2023

Blood and Transfusion
Blood and Transfusion

East of England TP & TADG Meeting
Regional Issue and Wastage data
4th September 2024

Jill Caulfield – Lead Specialist, Blood Stocks Management Scheme

HTC Chair Reports
East of England RTC
26 September 2024

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East of England

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Please see our [action plan](#) for current activity or contact us at EoERTC@nhsbt.nhs.uk

Other Regions

