Purpose of the group and accountability

The London Haematology & Trauma Group supports the London Trauma System and was set up as a sub-group of the London Regional Transfusion Committee which in turn reports to the CMO’s National Blood Transfusion Committee.

The London Haematology & Trauma Group will also advise the London Trauma Steering Group in part through the provision of an annual report and hence contribute to the Trauma Governance framework (see attached diagram).

Objectives and activities of the group

The key remit of the group is to support a consistent approach to delivery of care by Transfusion Teams across all London Major Trauma Centres within the four trauma networks. This has been expanded to include other centres undergoing forthcoming MTC designation including Oxford and Cambridge.

The key activities of the group are as follows:

- Share good practice and guidelines in relation to transfusion support for trauma services.
- Develop and undertake audit projects of trauma transfusion practice.
- Support education and training across Trauma networks
- Support development of guidance for co-ordinated transfusion support as part of emergency planning
- Promote implementation of evidence based practice
- Interact with pan-London and national research infrastructure to support clinical research and participation in multi centre clinical trials in trauma-associated transfusion
- Support development of epidemiologic, public health and health services research related to trauma and the provision of transfusion services.

Membership of group and meetings

The London Haematology & Trauma Group consists of representatives from hospital transfusion teams (including haematologists, transfusion practitioners and transfusion laboratory managers), trauma teams (medical and nursing, HEMS, research fellows, managers) from the participating Major Trauma Centres and NHS Blood and Transplant. Others members are able to join the meetings by invitation or request.

The group meets quarterly with meetings rotating around participating MTCs.

There is an overall group Chair with a second co-opted chair from the centre hosting the meeting.