

**The Chief Medical Officer's
National Blood Transfusion Committee**

Region : Yorkshire & The Humber

Chair: Robert Elshaw

HIGHLIGHT REPORT for NBTC

Date	14 th March 2012
Regional Transfusion Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active RTT, 4 meetings / year with good attendance <p><u>Consultants</u></p> <p>Dr Hans Klein, Leeds Teaching Dr Alwyn Kotze, Leeds Teaching Dr Peter Taylor, Rotherham Dr Sue Smith, York</p> <p><u>Transfusion Laboratory Managers</u></p> <p>Robert Elshaw, North Lincolnshire Hospitals</p> <p><u>Transfusion Practitioners</u></p> <p>Tina Ivel, York Tracie Taylor, Rotherham</p> <p>Above TP's TOR will expire April 2012 and will be replaced by: Stephen Shaw, Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Ruth Harding, Barnsley Caryn van der Reit, Hull</p> <p><u>NHSBT & Administration</u></p> <p>Anne Davidson, Transfusion Liaison Nurse, NHSBT Odette Colgrave, RTC Administrator, NHSBT</p> <p>Past RTT meetings: 20.07.2011 – Teleconference, 7 attended 16.11.2011 – Don Valley House, Sheffield – 7 attended</p> <p>Future RTT meetings: 02.05.2012 – Goole District Hospital</p>
RTC Membership (including RTC attendance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 15 NHS hospitals/ trusts are represented.

Does the RTC have a patient representative?	Sheila Hogeland-Wright
RTC Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 RTC meetings per year. Meetings generally well attended. <p>Past RTC meetings: 16.11.2011 Don Valley House, Sheffield – 27 attended</p>
RTC Working Groups	<p>RTC members are encouraged to take on specific roles and responsibilities within one or more of the following task groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Audit Working Group 2. TP group 3. Laboratory Managers Group 4. Nurse Authorisation Group 5. Competency Transferability Group
Education	<p>Recent events in 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.10.2011 – Optimus Prime, Sheffield (topics: long term transfusion support; avoiding unnecessary transfusions) – 140 delegates attended • 05.03.2012 Let's Talk Platelets - 60 delegates attended <p>Future events 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25.10.2012 Annual Symposium (Topics: Transfusion in the elderly / GI Bleeds)
Audits/Regional Surveys	A new audit working group has been established and their first meeting was held on 14.03.2012 to discuss future plans of regional audits.
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website is being kept up-to-date with minutes of meetings, forward meeting calendar and educational presentations.
Planned Activities for next Reporting Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.03.2012 TP Meeting • 17.04.2012 Trent Laboratory Manager's Meeting • 02.05.2012 2012 RTT/RTC Meeting – Goole District Hospital
Constraints/concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work pressure on some of our Consultant members is preventing attendance at RTT meetings whether face to face or teleconference. This is now significantly reducing the effectiveness of the RTT and is putting pressure on those who are attending. Exacerbated by the influx of new members.
Administrative support for the RTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odette Colgrave, RTC administrator has been in post now for 3 years and based at NHSBT Sheffield centre. Odette also covers the East Midlands region working 37 hours per week.
Other issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential long delay in replacing Derek Norfolk is likely to have a critical effect on the work of the RTC. • There is reluctance and lack of enthusiasm among the TLM members to produce a chair for the Leeds TLM group.