



Grŵp Goruchwylio Iechyd Gwaed Cenedlaethol
Blood Health National Oversight Group

Blood Health National Oversight Group (BHNOG)

The story so far.....

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Terms of Reference

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It is owned by NHS Wales

It endorses the principles of patient blood management (PBM) which focus on a multi-disciplinary approach to implementing evidence-based transfusion practice

A national leadership group: Blood Health National Oversight Group (BHNOG) has been established to oversee and through the work of the Blood Health Team drive delivery of the BHP to realise expected outcomes

Blood Health National Oversight Group (BHNOG) Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The Blood Health National Oversight Group (BHNOG) was established in 2017 to oversee the implementation of the new Wales National Blood Health Plan (BHP). The remit of the BHP is to initiate and implement transfusion based best practice to ensure safe and appropriate transfusion. The BHNOG is responsible for leading these changes in Wales working collaboratively with Health Boards (HBs) and Welsh Government (WG).
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2. Aim

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3. Governance

The BHNOG is accountable to WG via the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and will submit an annual report. The BHNOG is recognised by WG as an expert advisory group in the field of transfusion and related matters. It has the authority to develop, and with WG representative agreement, implement blood health initiatives that ensure a safe supply and appropriate use of blood in Wales.

The BHNOG is responsible for the governance and direction of key work streams /Task & Finish groups required to deliver the BHP.

- 3.1. Work streams will meet on an ad-hoc basis at the discretion of each work stream lead.
- 3.2. Work stream leads will be appointed by BHNOG Chair and will serve a minimum of 12 months in post.
- 3.3. The work stream lead will be responsible for delivering progress reports at each BHNOG meeting and work stream outcomes based on a 12-month review cycle.

The BHNOG will also oversee the work of the following committees to achieve the objectives of the BHP:

- Hospital Transfusion Committees (HTC)
- All Wales Transfusion Practitioners Group (AWTPG)
- All Wales Transfusion Laboratory Managers Group (AWTLMG)

Blood Health Plan



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Issue Date: 27 September 2021

STATUS: ACTION and INFORMATION

CATEGORY: QUALITY & SAFETY

Title: NHS WALES BLOOD HEALTH PLAN

Date of Expiry / Review: September 2023

Action required by: September 2021

For Action by Health Boards/ Trusts:

Chairs
Chief Executives
Board Secretaries
Secretary to the Board Secretary Group
Medical Directors
Directors of Nursing
Directors of Therapies & Health Science
Director of Planning
Renal Teams
Directors of Public Health
Infection Control Doctors and Nurses
Hospital Chief Pharmacists

For Information:

DG/Chief Executive NHS Wales
Deputy Chief Executive NHS Wales
Chief Scientific Officer
Chief Pharmaceutical Advisor
Professional and Policy Leads
DHSS Operations Team
DHSS Comms Team
DHSS Digital Team
NHS Direct Wales
WSSP for distribution to GP practices,
Community Pharmacies and General Dental
Practices

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Enclosure(s): NHS Blood Health Plan

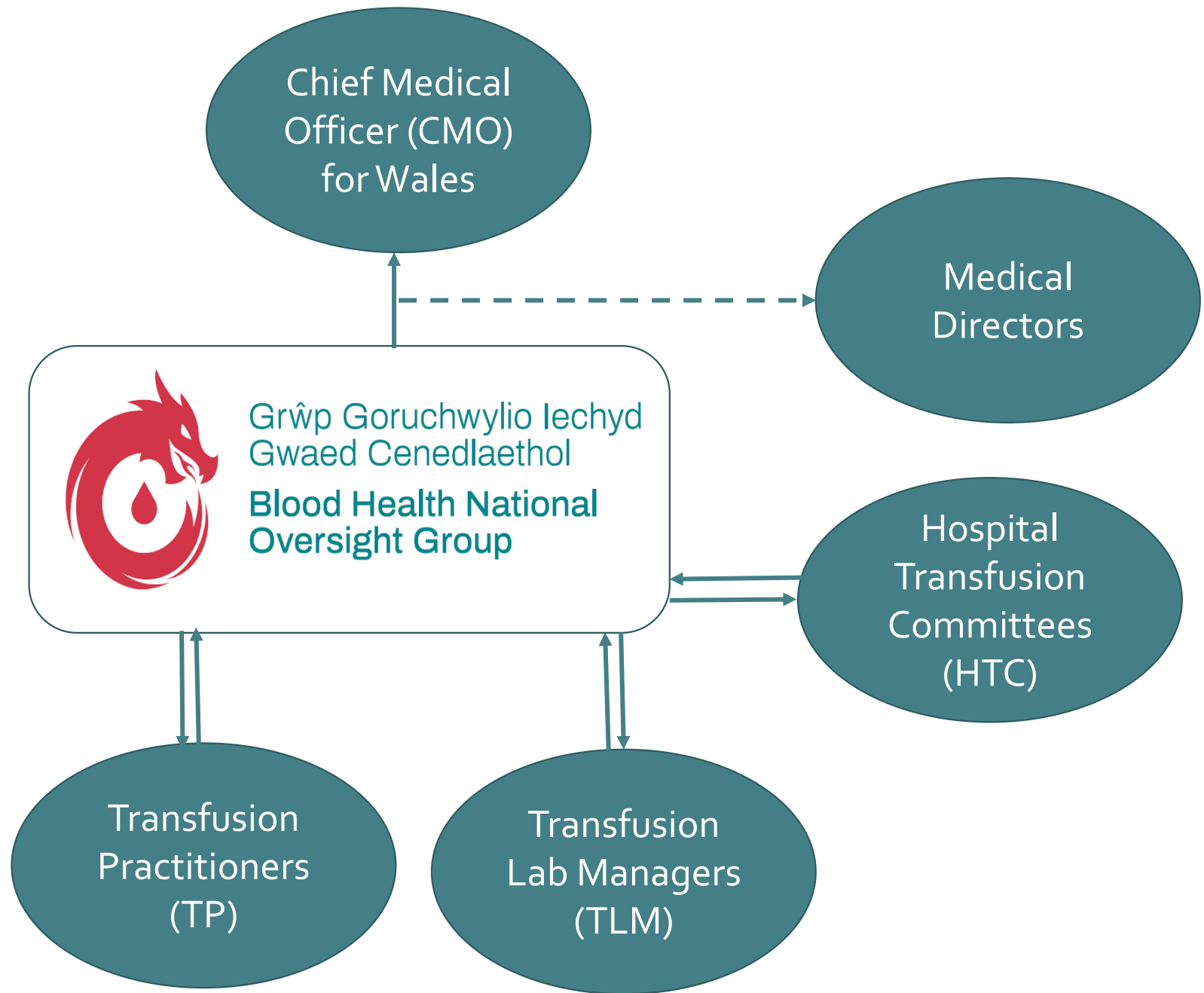
BLOOD HEALTH PLAN 2021



BHNOG Reporting Structures



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BHNOG /BHP Relationships

Health Board & Hospital Transfusion Committees

- ◆ The *majority* of Health Boards now have a HTC
- ◆ All Health Board HTC Chairs are now members of the BHNOG
- ◆ A clear emphasis, the Blood Health plan is our plan, incumbent on us all to deliver
- ◆ Becoming an integral part of HB Hospital Transfusion Committees. Establishing the link between the HTC and the BHNOG /BHP to drive improvement and initiatives across the HB setting.
- ◆ Sharing performance data between Health Boards generating a national team approach to achieve the best outcomes for patients and the optimal use of the donors' gifts
- ◆ Looking at opportunities to review and where appropriate challenge current practice to improve blood use e.g. in COVID policy change to use O D positive units in emergency settings (e.g. the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service - EMRTS) for specific patient groups thus allowing us to conserve O D negative stocks.



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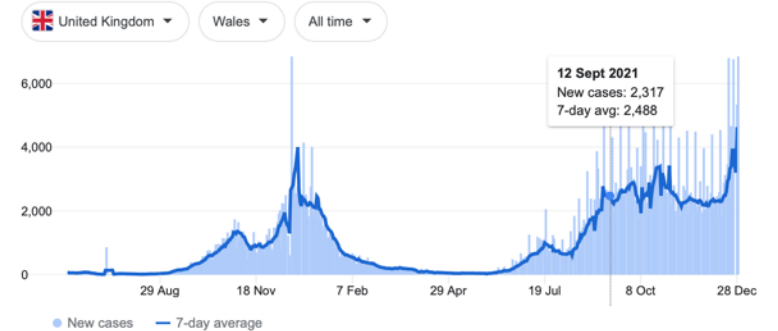
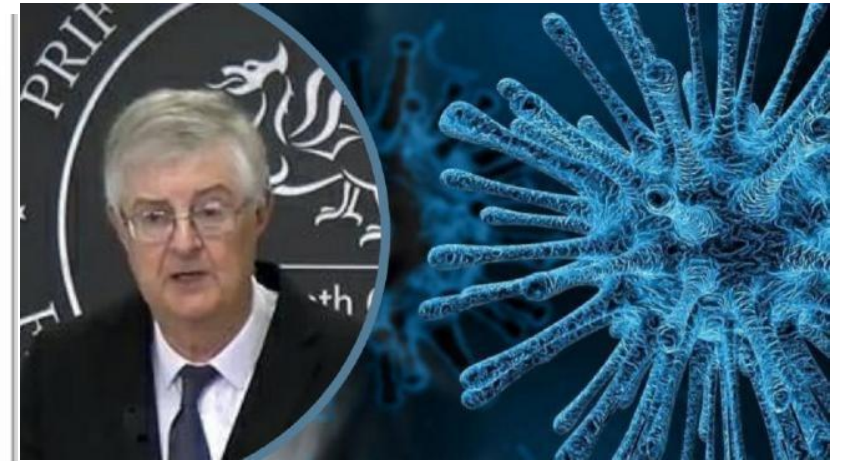
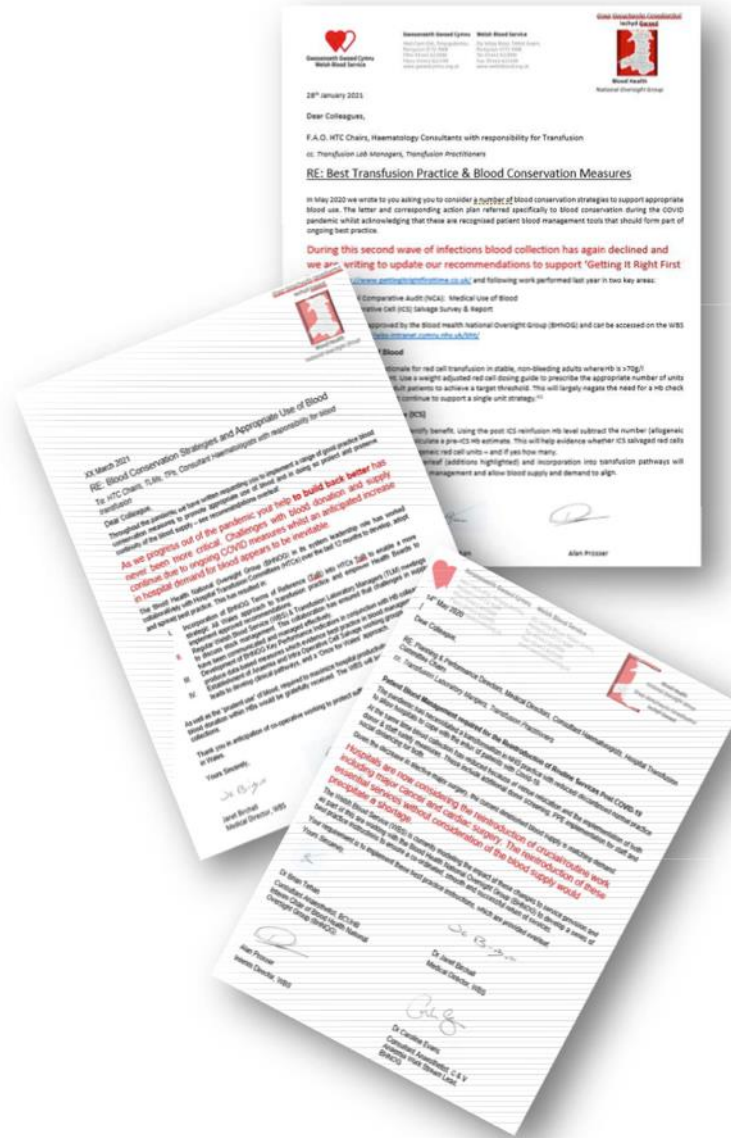
Our Labs

- Transfusion Practitioners and Transfusion Lab Managers represented on BHNOG
- Development of a competency framework for Transfusion Practitioners, approved by BHNOG December 2021
- The development of a collaborative agile approach across the clinical supply chain.

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Key BHNOG Workstreams

Appropriate Use of O D Neg



Anaemia Management



Appropriate Use of Platelets



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Other Groups

- Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT)
- Major Haemorrhage Working Group:
- Intra- Operative Cell Salvage (ICS)



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SHOT 2020 recommendations

Serious Hazards Of Transfusion

SHOT

3 Key recommendations

- Prevent Transfusion delays
- Reduce the risk of errors associated with Laboratory IT
- Effective incident investigation

SHOT 2020 gap analysis - Wales

	All Wales			
		Compliant %	Partially compliant %	Non Compliant %
Key recommendation 1		70	25	5
Key recommendation 2		73	20	7
Key recommendation 3		67	33	0
	Overall	70	26	4

SHOT 2020 gap analysis - Wales

- SHOT working group to issue individualised Health Board actions plans with responses required against any non compliances for the main standards.
- Follow up gap analysis scheduled May 2022 to determine whether change has occurred.

Going forward...



Laboratory Information Network Cymru (LINC) & Vein to Vein (V2V) Assurance
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- Implementation of the LINC All Wales programme
- Development of a full V2V solution for Wales allowing full tracking of blood to every patient

Today



Future Nurse, Future Midwife

- Development of a standardised transfusion education programme for all student nurses and midwives for all HEIs in Wales



BHN OG Website & Transfusion Patients & Professionals (TPP) website

- Current development of BHN OG website
- Future development (2022) of TPP website

Today

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Thoughts for Today

