

Newsletter

June 2023

Pre-operative Anaemia Stakeholder Meeting

The Blood Health National Oversight Group hosted the Perioperative Anaemia Stakeholder conference on 15th June 2023. 54 health care professionals representing Health Boards across Wales came together to support the implementation of the All Wales Perioperative Pathway. Guest speaker Professor Chris Jones - Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Wales (pictured below with members of the team) highly commended the programme and highlighted how effective anaemia management will bring value to patients in terms of outcomes and experience.



Supported by Value in Health Wales, the Perioperative Anaemia team - consisting of Dr Caroline Evans (Clinical lead), Stephanie Ditcham (Programme Lead) and Chris Jones, Krystle Towell and Joanne Gregory (Regional Anaemia Clinical Coordinators) are now moving to the next phase of the programme with the aim of supporting process change across all health boards. In addition a Patient Blood Management (PBM) training package for medical and health care professionals is being developed and implemented across Wales.

To read more about the anaemia work click [here](#) or to discuss specific issues/ideas please contact us at: WBS.bloodhealthteam@wales.nhs.uk

Annual Report

The 2022 – 23 BHNOC Annual report is now available to read on the BHNOC website. The report identifies the key pieces of work completed by BHNOC during 2022 – 23 and the priorities for the future.

Once again, we would like to thank all those people who have supported BHNOC over the last 12 months particularly workstream leads and stakeholders from the transfusion community across Wales.

Working collaboratively has ensured that we not only meet the challenges of transfusion but build on previous work to deliver ambitious projects which improve quality and safety in transfusion.

Whilst it is appreciated that there is still much work to be done it is great to recognise the progress that has been made.

Diolch to everyone involved.



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Senior Student Assistantship (SSA) Programme

May 2023 saw the annual SSA programme delivered to over 400 5th year Medical students from across Wales.

The programme is run at each HB and is delivered as a half day transfusion education programme consisting of four key stations:

- ◆ Adverse Event
- ◆ Decision to Transfuse
- ◆ Play your Cards Right
- ◆ Pre-Transfusion Sampling Competency Assessment

Each station is designed to be interactive with the emphasis on the practical application of transfusion knowledge. Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive with 97% of those who responded confirming that they found the session both informative and applicable to practice. Students were asked to complete a self assessment evaluation of their transfusion knowledge pre and post completion of the programme and in every key objective identified an improvement in knowledge was recorded.

[For a summary report of the SSA programme please click here.](#) A full report and analysis is available from your Hospital Transfusion Team.

Student quotes from SSA 2023:

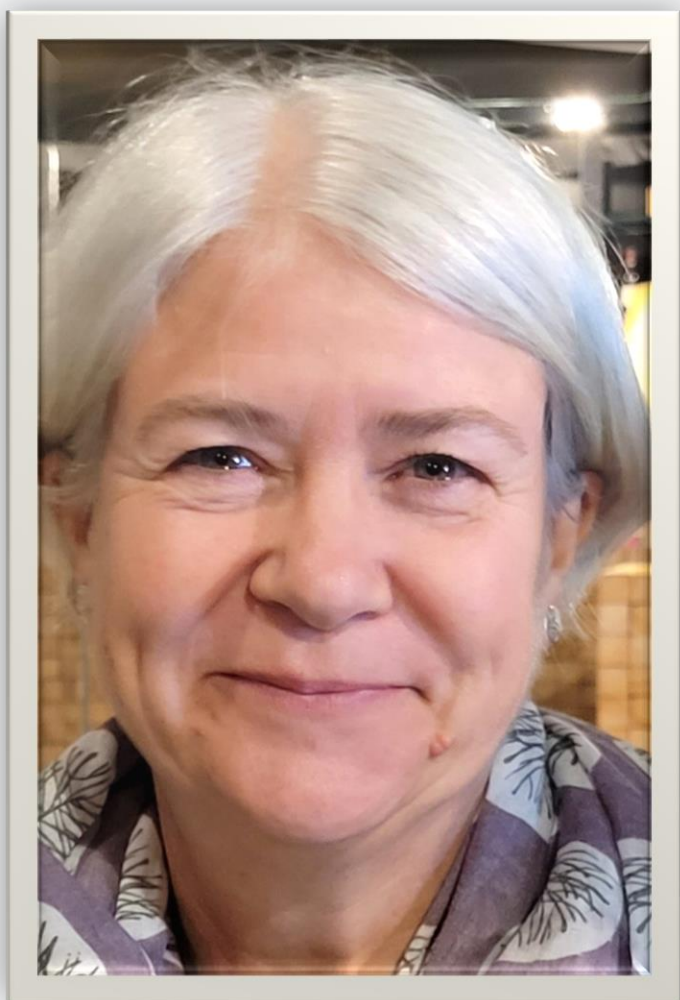
'Honestly some of the best teaching I have had, very creative and engaging. Really interactive and thoroughly enjoyed all the sessions'

'Very useful training day, feel much more confident in blood transfusions and management of reactions'

'During the blood transfusion teaching day, I was able to discuss all the aspects of transfusion with the experts in the field, which maximised my learning'



BHNOG Education Strategy Group



We are pleased to announce that the BHNOG Education Strategy Group has now been approved and will be chaired by Sarah Beuschel, Transfusion Practitioner, ABUHB.

The group will review the current BHNOG education Strategy, defining priorities and workplans for the coming 12 months. Transfusion education is an integral part of the BHNOG's overall strategic direction, and it is envisaged that the work of this group will be instrumental in providing focussed awareness of transfusion to healthcare professionals across Wales thereby improving practice and safety.

For more information on the Education Strategy and the Education Strategy Group Terms of Reference please click [here](#)

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