

Northern Ireland Transfusion Committee (NITC) Important Update:

**Changes to 'Right patient; right blood' e-learning platform, March 2024.**

To:

Chief Executives H&SC Trusts in Northern Ireland

Chief Executive Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

Chairs of HTCs in H&SC Trusts

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Private Sectors, Hospices, Agency Suppliers, Northern Ireland Universities, Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS), Universities

**LearnPro Contract Ending:**

The Northern Ireland (NI) contact with LearnPro, which provides 'right patient; right blood' e-learning, will end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. At contract end, users in NI will no longer be able to access their training details or certificates on the LearnPro website. Those this will effect include, but not necessarily limited to, nursing & midwifery staff, medical staff, laboratory staff and portering staff.

**Action:** *All staff must download, save and print their own training certificate(s) prior to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to ensure evidence of their training is available when required. Please disseminate this information to all staff in your organisation.*

At this time, there is no change to frequency of staff being required to update their training. Training will continue as described below.

**New elearning platforms:**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, there will be two platforms available to access elearning:

For all Trust staff: the Blood Transfusion eLearning modules will be available via the NI eLearning platform 'LearnHSCNI'.

For non-Trust staff: i.e. those that do not have access to LearnHSCNI e.g agency staff, the Blood Transfusion eLearning modules will be available via eLearning for Health (eLFH); Please note there may be a fee associated with accessing these Blood Transfusion modules for non-Trust staff who do not meet the eligibility criteria for free access.

The 8 modules available on both platforms are:

1. Essential Transfusion Practice (equivalent to our previously known "safe transfusion practice" module)
2. Transfusion reactions
3. Blood components (equivalent to our previously known "Blood Components and Indications for Use" module)
4. Cell salvage
5. Consent for transfusion
6. Use of Anti-D Immunoglobulin in Pregnancy
7. Good manufacturing practice
8. An introduction to laboratory practice

New Blood collection and Phlebotomy modules will be available in June 2024, with local arrangements in place in the interim.

For any queries regarding these changes please contact Denise McKeown, Regional Haemovigilance Co-ordinator - [Denise.Mckeown@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:Denise.Mckeown@belfasttrust.hscni.net)

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