



Blood and Transplant

NHSBT Board Meeting:

A Patient Perspective: Driven Driver

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1. Introduction

This story is about Alfonso Renford, a member of our logistics team responsible for delivering blood to hospital trusts. His story will be shared via a video at the Board. Alfonso was involved in a serious road traffic accident which required the transfusion of 100 units of blood, which was critical in saving his life. Alfonso has consented to his story being shared with the Board and has indicated that he is happy to be contacted should we need further engagement with him. Alfonso continues to work for NHSBT, delivering blood supplies to the point of use across the country.

1. The story

On 21 January 2021, Alfonso was *'happily enjoying his job as usual listening to music on radio'* on route to deliver blood supply to one of the local hospitals when he was involved in a near fatal road accident which left him fighting for his life. Among other injuries, Alfonso had sustained 15 injuries to his lower limbs which took significant time to treat and recover from. During his 8 month long stay in hospital, he received 100 units of blood.

Whilst in hospital, Alfie expressed his intentions to return to work, delivering blood, having seen first-hand how life saving NHSBT services can be. Fortunately, Alfonso has now recovered and has come back to work following treatment and intense physiotherapy. He continues to deliver blood across the country and says that the *'commitment hasn't changed'*.

This story highlights the crucial work that NHSBT continues to carry out saving and improving more lives. This video was taken at his speech given at the NHS Together awards and he continues to encourage others to donate blood. It demonstrates the extraordinary commitment and dedication our colleagues show to continually support our mission.

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