

The Update for June 2025

RCI Assist launched 12 May Drop-in sessions are running from July to September

[RCI Assist](#) is a support tool to guide hospital laboratory staff to either refer a sample to RCI or process it in-house.

The tool was successfully launched last month and links to access it are available on both Sp-ICE and OBOS.

The drop-in sessions are an hour, and you can attend as many as you want to, and pop in and out of sessions at your convenience.

Visit the [National Blood Transfusion Committee website](#) to see dates and to book.

Helen Thom - RCI Development Lead, Transfusion 2024

Online Blood Ordering System (OBOS): version 10.1.0 release on 22 June 2025 Details of changes in the release

The changes include:

1. A link for users to access RCI Assist.
2. Restricted access to the 'Max blood age' tick box in line with the Joint Statement from NHS Blood and Transplant, National Blood Transfusion Committee, United Kingdom Thalassaemia Society and Sickle Cell Society issued in November 2023. This statement is published on the [Clinical guidelines webpage](#), under the red cell transfusion and red cell immunohaematology section.

The user guide, training presentation and practice orders have been updated and are available on the [OBOS webpage](#).

Craig Wilkes - Lead Specialist Scientist, Process Improvement, Clinical Services

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Customer satisfaction survey results for Spring 2025

Thank you to the hospitals which took the time to complete the survey.

We collate and share the information across NHSBT which means we can focus on and improve service in the right areas to fit hospitals' needs.

Read the results on the [customer satisfaction survey webpage](#).

Inga Willett - Customer Service Manager, Hospital Customer Service

Blood Transfusion Training (BTT) sampling and collection pathway modules now available on e-Learning for Healthcare (e-LfH) and Electronic Staff Record (ESR)

The UK and Ireland Blood Transfusion Network are delighted to announce that the BTT sampling and collection pathway modules are now available on elearning for health and ESR.

The modules are designed for staff working in specific areas of practice, with education tailored to these targeted processes.

The content is also included in the full Essential Transfusion Practice module for healthcare professionals.

Charlotte Longhorn – Patient Blood Management Practitioner, Patient Blood Management Team

Blood Essentials has been updated and is now available

Blood Essentials has been reviewed and is now published on the Patient Blood Management [education webpage](#).

We apologise for any inconvenience caused due to the document not being available while it was under review.

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Blood Essentials

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Blood Essentials

A comprehensive education and reference tool covering all elements of the transfusion process.

Available here:
[Hospitals and Science website](#)

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