

Blood Centre Tour

This programme is intended for:

- NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) staff (All AfC bands)
- Hospital pathology laboratory staff
- Hospital nurses and associate grades
- NHSBT visitors
- Blood donors who have given significant numbers of blood donations

Length of the programme:

Approximately 3 – 4 hours
Offered as a half-day

To get the most out of this programme the attendee should:

- NHSBT staff should ensure the programme forms part of their Personal Development Plan and have attended a 'Welcome day'
- Non-NHSBT staff no pre-registration requirements

The aim of the programme is:

To provide candidates with basic knowledge relating to the functions of a blood centre.

By the end of the programme you should be able to:

- Have a greater knowledge of how historical events have contributed to the development of NHSBT
- Have a greater understanding of how NHSBT sustains the blood supply chain
- Understand the methods used during blood donation, component preparation, testing and distribution of donated blood
- Have a greater understanding of the relationship between 'patient facing' and 'donor facing' departments and how they support NHSBT activities

The programme covers the following topics (indicative content):

- A brief history of blood transfusion and how NHSBT has evolved
- A brief explanation of the purpose of blood collection and processing, testing and distribution of blood and blood products
- A brief overview of Specialist Services and Organ Donation & Transplantation provided by NHSBT
- A tour of selected areas of the Blood Centre, to visibly illustrate the working practices of different laboratories and departments

Is there an assessment as part of this programme?

No (informal observation, questions and discussion)

Core reading material to help you with this programme, (if applicable):

- NHSBT staff: Welcome day material / information

Dates and Venues:

Check OWD Calendar
<http://nhsbtweb/userfiles/file/OWD%20COURSES.xls>
(control and click your mouse point over the text)

Method of evaluation:

- Evaluation feedback from course delegates and their line managers

Contributes to KSF:

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For enquiries:

Additional Information:

If you would like to speak informally with someone about the programme, please e-mail or call on the details shown and someone from the OWD team will contact you.

Please contact the OWD team either by email Learning@NHSBT.nhs.uk or featurenet 0117921 (2) 7292