

## Blood Centre Tour

### WHO IS THIS FOR

- NHSBT employees of all grades
- Hospital pathology laboratory staff
- Hospital nurses and associate grades
- NHSBT visitors
- Blood donors who have given significant numbers of blood donations

### Structure

3- 4 hours

### THE AIM OF THE PROGRAMME

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

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

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

### WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAMME COVER

- 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 Diagnostics & Therapeutic Services and Organ Donation & Transplantation
- A tour of selected areas of the blood centre, to visibly illustrate the working practices of difference laboratories and departments

### PRE-COURSEWORK / LEARNING MATERIALS

There is no pre-coursework to complete for this programme. You will be sent all relevant materials 4-6 weeks before your programme date.

### Course Times / Locations

09:30am – 13.30pm OR 10:00am – 14:00pm

Various NHSBT centres across England

### Further information...

To book a place on this course please complete the [registration form](#)

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