



# **A Decade of Better Blood Transfusion in Scotland**

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# On Your Marks...

Survey of transfusion knowledge and practice



Hospital Transfusion Committee set up (RIE)

1983



# On Your Marks...

Post of **Senior Lecturer in Transfusion Medicine**  
Academic Unit, SNBTS

Dr W. Murphy



Prof. ML Turner

1983

1989

# On Your Marks...

**Serious Hazards Of Transfusion**

SNBTS represented  
on Steering Group

DR DBL McClelland,  
founding member



1983

1989

1996

# Get Set...

Effective Use of Blood Group



Better Blood Transfusion  
Continuing Education  
Programme

1983

1989

1996

1998

# Get Set...

## NHS MEL 1999 (9) Better Blood Transfusion



### Key Recommendations:

- HTC in each Health Board
- Participation in SHOT
- Local Transfusion Policies
- In-house training in Transfusion
- Explore Cell Salvage

1983

1989

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# Get Set...



Scottish Executive Health Department (SEHD) Clinical Resources  
& Audit Group (CRAG) funding application



Safe & Effective Transfusion Study

1983

1989

1996

1998

1999

2001

# GO!

## Better Blood Transfusion Programme



Better Blood Transfusion Programme

Transfusion Practitioners  
take up post

Business case for NHSScotland  
Better Blood Transfusion Programme  
submitted to SEHD

Scottish Executive Health  
Department Letter  
*Better Blood Transfusion*  
2003(19)



January

March

September

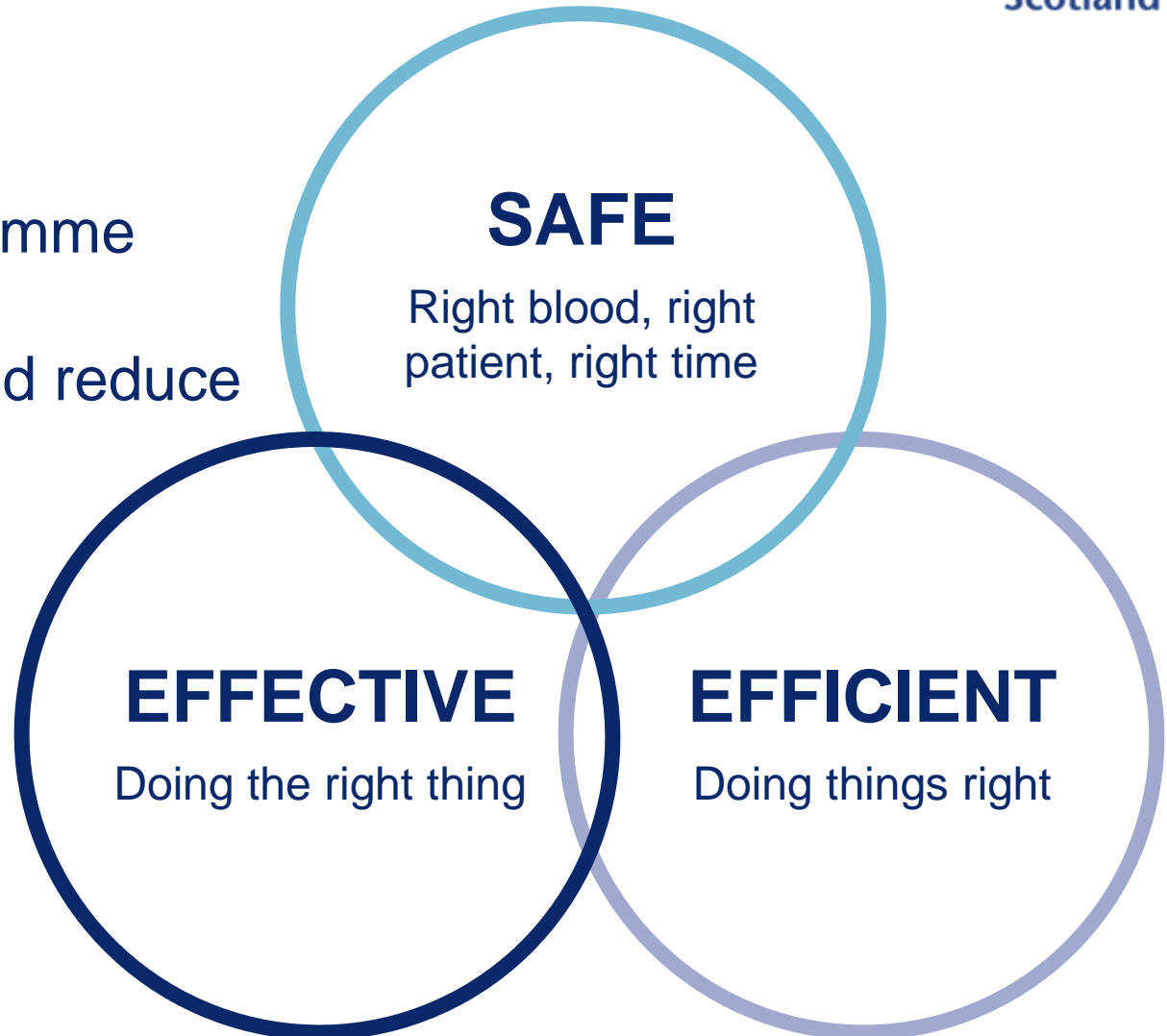
2003



# BBTP Objectives

‘Establish a programme which will promote appropriate use and reduce risk to patients’

*(NHS HDL 2003 (19))*





# BBT Programme Launch



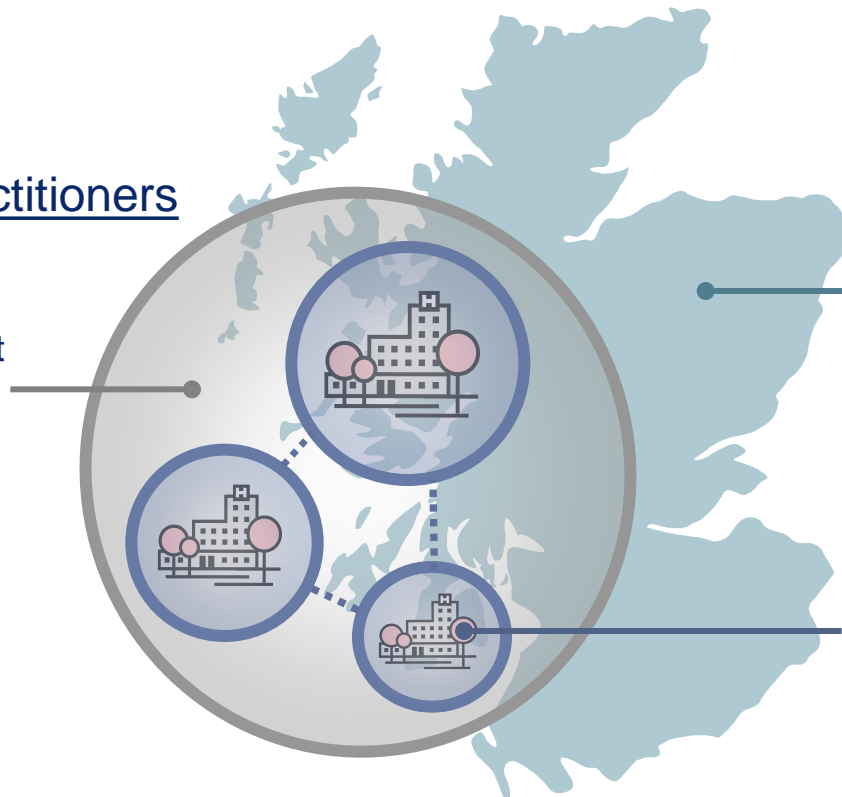
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# BBT Programme Structure

## - 2003

### Transfusion Practitioners (TP)

18 TPs in 3 teams;  
North, East and West  
(mentored by EUB  
Transfusion Nurse  
Specialists)



### Central Programme Team (CPT)

Programme Director  
2 Programme Analysts  
Office Administrator  
(based in Edinburgh)

### Hospital Transfusion Teams (HTT)

Lead Clinician  
Laboratory Manager  
Laboratory Quality Manager  
Transfusion Practitioner

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**BBTP Steering Group**



# BBT Structure – 2008

## EUB & BBTP Merge

### Transfusion Practitioners (TP)

20 TPs managed by BBT Team Leads

### Central Programme Team (CPT)

Expanded to include EUB members.

### Hospital Transfusion Teams (HTT)

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## Scottish Clinical Transfusion Advisory Committee

## Education and Training

### In the beginning...

- Which members of staff require education?
  - No Training Needs Analysis
  - Variation of staff groups involved
- How do we manage training records?
- Difficulty accessing staff / venues / equipment
- eLearning introduced late 2004





## *Learn blood transfusion (LBT)*

### And now...

- Two original *LBT* modules have grown
  - 3 Core modules & 6 Specialist modules
  - More in development
- 80% of staff complete training online
- Currently **74%** of relevant NHSS staff have valid training in Module 1



# Did You Know?

- 🔴 Since 2004 over 78,000 NHSS staff have completed the *LBT* module: Safe Transfusion Practice



- 🔴 Placed end to end, they would stretch from the foot of Ben Nevis to the summit 100 times!

# Safe

## Haemovigilance



**BBT promote active participation in the UK haemovigilance system**

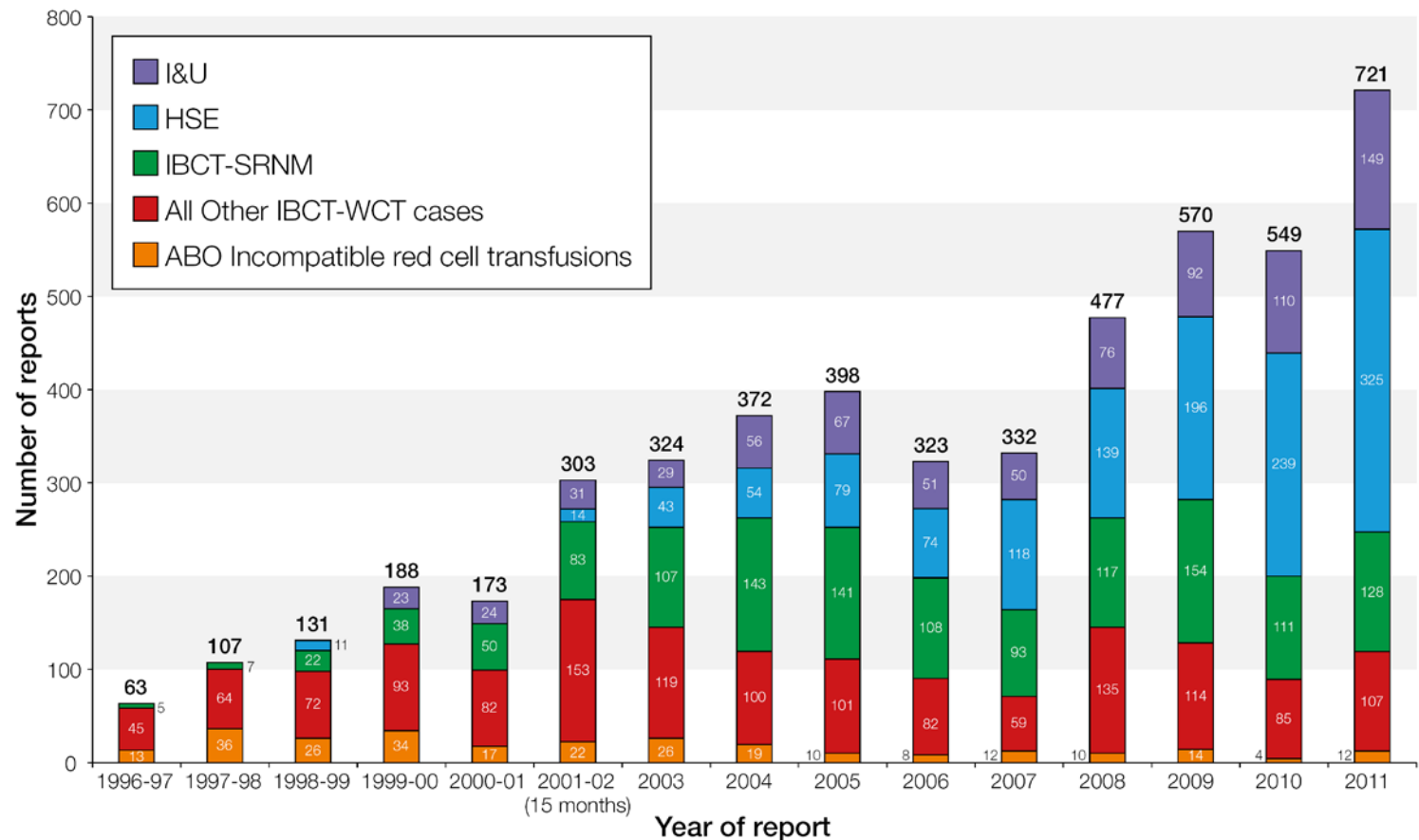
- 🔴 10% SHOT reports from NHSS
- 🔴 Since 2001 the total number of SHOT reports has doubled
- 🔴 ABO Incompatible transfusions have gone down from 7% to 2%
- 🔴 A sign of an effective haemovigilance system



## Haemovigilance

Figure 4.3

Incorrect blood components transfused (IBCT) either due to wrong component (WCT) or where special requirements were not met (SRNM), handling and storage errors (HSE), showing the number that resulted in ABO-incompatible transfusions



# Effective



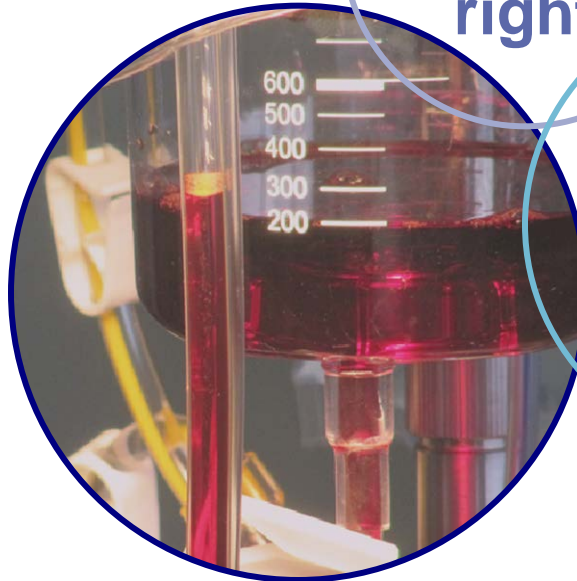
# Efficient

**Maximum Surgical Blood Ordering Schedule** - helping clinical teams to use blood appropriately

**Doing things right**

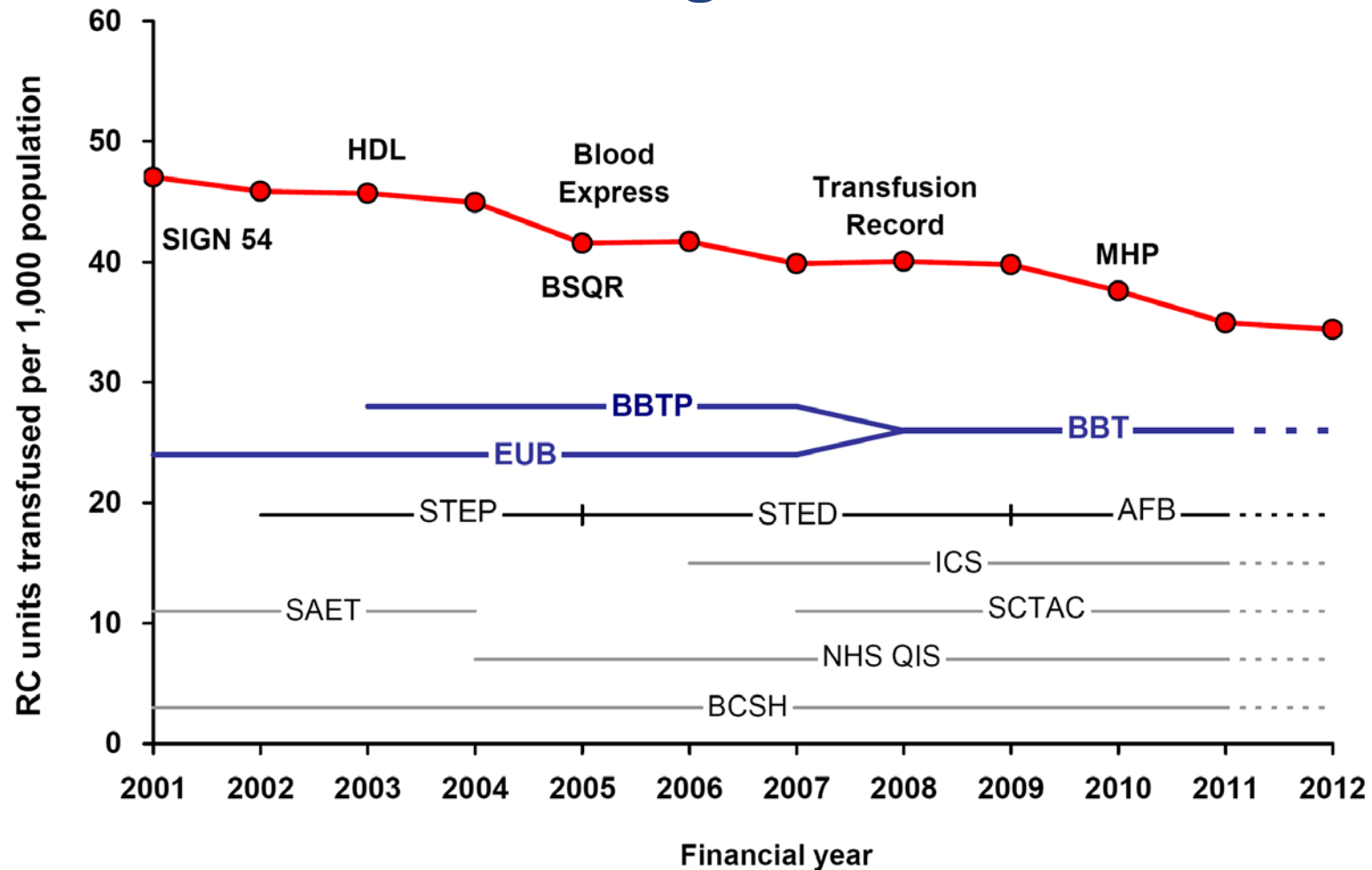
**Blood Conservation Practitioner** - dedicated to promoting alternatives to transfusion

Supporting clinical and laboratory teams to make best use of the donor's gift



**Account for Blood** - providing national data to support clinical practice and stock management

# Efficient Reducing Blood Use

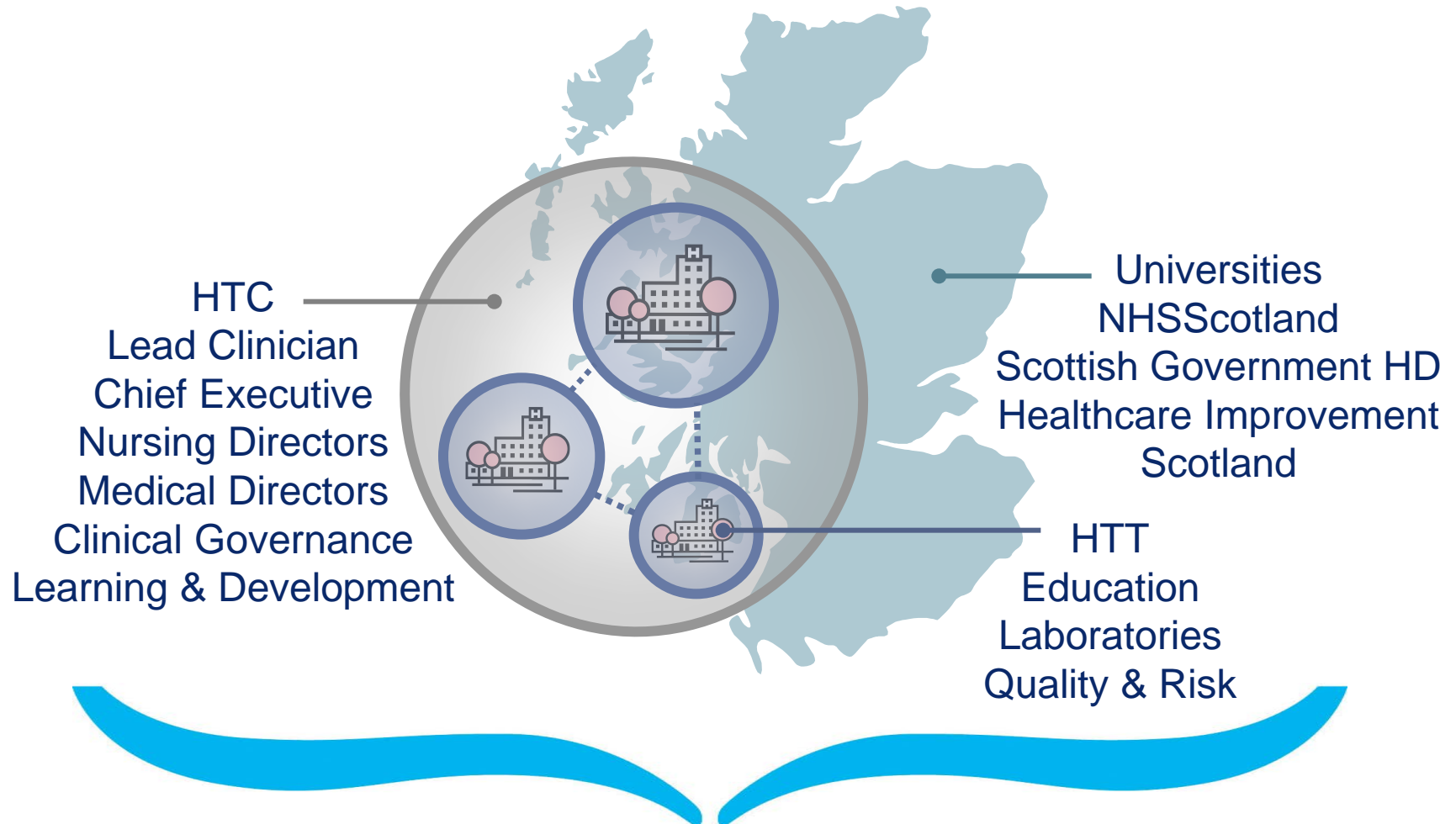


# Did You Know?

- Since 2003 we have saved 105,000 litres of blood through reduced use
- Equivalent in volume to 4.2 million drams of whisky – one for every adult in Scotland!



# Relationships – Local



# Relationships – National



# Relationships – International

**Conference Presentations  
& Attendance**

**International  
Journal Publications**

**International Audits  
& Clinical Trials**

**EU Optimal  
Blood Use Project**

**Global reach of  
transfusion elearning**

**Reciprocal Visits  
& Networking**







# Better Blood Transfusion The Future





# Better Blood Transfusion The Future



- 🔴 Ensure that NHSScotland has enough blood to meet the transfusion needs of patients in Scotland by focusing on:
  - 🔴 Gaining insight into the clinical context in which blood components are used
  - 🔴 Optimising blood component stock management
  - 🔴 Continuing to support safe, effective and appropriate transfusion

