

# **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE SAFETY OF BLOOD, TISSUES AND ORGANS (SaBTO)**

## **Biographies of SaBTO members**

### **Professor James Neuberger**



#### **Chair**

Prof James Neuberger qualified from Oxford and did general medical training in London and Leeds. After 10 years at the Liver Unit, Kings College Hospital London, he moved to Birmingham as a Consultant Physician in the Liver Unit, where he continues to work in clinical liver disease and transplantation. He was then Associate Medical Director in Organ Donation and Transplantation from 2008 until 2016. Prof Neuberger has published extensively on aspects of liver disease and transplantation. He has been an editor of Transplantation and Associate Editor for the Journal of Hepatology.

### **Dr Susan Brailsford**

#### **Consultant in Epidemiology and Health Protection**

Dr Susan Brailsford is a Consultant in Epidemiology and Health Protection at NHSBT/PHE.

### **Professor John Cairns**

#### **Health economist**

Professor John Cairns is Professor of Health Economics at the Department of Public Health and Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Since 2003 he has been a member of the NICE Appraisal Committee.

**Dr Akila Chandrasekar**



**Consultant in Transfusion**

Dr Akila Chandrasekar is a Consultant in Transfusion Medicine in NHS Blood and Transplant and is the Clinical Lead for Tissue Services. She is a member of UK Blood Transfusion Service (UKBTS) Joint Professional Advisory Committee (JPAC) and is the chair of JPAC Specialist Advisory Committee on Tissues and Cellular Therapy Products (SAC TCTP). She is on the NHSBT Public Health England Epidemiology steering group.

**Dr Paul De Sousa**



**Regenerative Medicine specialist**

Dr Paul De Sousa is a Reader in the Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences at the University of Edinburgh. He co-founded a not-for-profit company, Roslin Cells Ltd, established for the derivation, banking and good manufacturing practice translation of stem cell research, serving as a director, Chief Scientific Officer and Person Responsible for its Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority licence. He serves on the scientific advisory board of academic organisations and is a non-executive director of a commercial stem cell contract research organisation, Roslin Cellab

**Dr Rachel Hilton**



**Nephrologist**

Dr Rachel Hilton is a Consultant Nephrologist at Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust where she is also Service Lead in Nephrology. She is a member of her trust's Organ Donation Committee, the NHSBT Kidney Advisory Group and the UK Renal Registry Transplant Study Group. She currently chairs the Clinical Trials Committee of the British Transplantation Society, and the Transplantation Clinical Study Group of the UK Kidney Research Consortium. She is a former member of the British Transplantation Society Ethics Committee and was a founder member of her trust's Clinical Ethics Advisory Group. She is on the Editorial Board of the journal Transplantation. Her clinical and research interests include kidney transplantation, living kidney donation, viral infection in transplant recipients, kidney disease in patients with HIV and ethical concerns related to transplantation.

**Mrs Gill Hollis**



**Patient Representative**

Gill Hollis worked in the investment industry for 20 years after graduating in Law. She suffers from lymphangioliomyomatosis (LAM), which led her to require a lung transplant in 2004. She is a committee member and former chair of the patient support group LAM Action, and a member of the Scottish Transplant Group and her local NHS Organ Donation Committee.

**Mrs Catherine Howell**



**Nurse**

Catherine is the Chief Nurse for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services for NHS Blood and Transplant. In this role she is responsible for the strategic delivery and management of Therapeutic Apheresis Services; a national function which provides life-saving and life-enhancing therapeutic apheresis services within the NHS. As part of her portfolio, Catherine is also responsible for leading the Diagnostic and Therapeutics Directorate Clinical Governance agenda and she also undertakes a Corporate Nursing Leadership role

### **Professor Richard Knight**



#### **Prion disease specialist**

Richard Knight is an honorary Consultant Clinical Neurologist based at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, with a personal chair in Clinical Neurology at the University of Edinburgh. He is the current Director of the UK National CJD Surveillance Unit with research interests in the clinical features, diagnosis and epidemiology of prion disease.

### **Dr Lynn Manson**



#### **Haematologist**

Dr Lynn Manson is a Consultant Haematologist for the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service and is based in the regional clinical transfusion medicine centre in Edinburgh. She is SNBTS lead for therapeutic apheresis and has been a stem cell collection facility inspector for JACIE since 2010. She also acts as a Human Tissue Authority Independent Assessor for the RIE living organ transplantation team.

### **Professor Alison Murdoch**



**IVF/Fertility/Stem cell specialist** Professor Alison Murdoch is Professor of Reproductive Medicine, Consultant Gynaecologist and head of Newcastle Fertility Centre at Life (Newcastle Hospitals NHS Trust). She is a previous Chair of the British Fertility Society and member of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics. She is a member of the UK Stem Cell Forum that advised on the procurement and derivation of embryonic stem cells for therapeutic use.

**Dr Chas Newstead**



**Renal Physician**

Dr Chas Newstead has been a Consultant Renal Physician in Leeds for twenty years. He has contributed to the development of several guidelines mostly under the auspices of the British Transplantation Society. He has influenced the allocation rules for deceased donor renal transplantation and live donor renal transplantation in the paired exchange scheme.

**Mr James Powell**



**Transplant services**

Mr James Powell is a Consultant Transplant Surgeon at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and an Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh. He specialises in liver, renal and pancreas transplantation. Currently he attends the NHSBT Liver Advisory Group as a representative of the Scottish Liver Transplant Unit and is a member of the NHSBT Liver Advisory Core Working Group. Previously he sat on the Scottish National HepatoPancreaticoBiliary Network Board

**Professor Richard Tedder**

**Microbiologist / Bacteriologist / Virologist**

Professor Richard Tedder is Professor of Medical Virology at University College London, Consultant Virologist to the National Blood Service and Head of the Blood Borne Virus Unit in The Centre for Infections, Health Protection Agency at Colindale. He is Member of the Department of Health Advisory Group on Hepatitis and the Standing Advisory Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Infections of the National Blood Service.

**Dr Stephen Thomas**



**Interim Assistant Director for Manufacturing Development**

Dr Stephen Thomas is the Interim Assistant Director for Manufacturing Development, in the Blood Supply Directorate of NHS Blood and Transplant. His background is in the laboratory evaluation of the safety and quality of blood products and blood components, and he is Secretary of the Standing Advisory Committee on Blood Components. From 2011-13 he was seconded to the post of NHSBT Safety Programme Coordinator, which included a role working within the Department of Health on the secretariat of SaBTO.

**Dr Lorna Williamson**



**Medical Director, Blood services**

Lorna Williamson has been Medical and Research Director of NHS Blood and Transplant since 2007, after 20 years as Lecturer then Reader in Transfusion Medicine at the University of Cambridge. With a long interest in blood safety, she chaired the group which established the UK haemovigilance scheme Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT) in 1996, and is a member of its Steering Group. She has also chaired the UK Standing Advisory Committee for Blood Components, and the UK Blood Services Prion Reduction Working Group.

She chaired the Royal College of Pathologists Transfusion Medicine Committee from 2010-2014 and is now a member of the Executive of the European Blood Alliance.