## **Newcastle Blood Centre User Group**

Meeting at

Lecture Theatre, NHS Blood and Transplant, Newcastle.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

## Present:

Jill Caulfield (JC) Robin Coupe (RC) Chris Elliott (CE) - Chair Cheryl Kempton (CK) Joanne Lawson (JL) Nicola Main (NM) Martin Maley (MM) Janice Robertson (JR) - minutes Yvonne Scott (YS) Karen Simblet (KS) Hazel Tinegate (HT) Emma Ward (EW) Karen Ward (KW)

## **Apologies:**

Jonathan Boxshall (JB) Anne Duncan (AD) Paula Hope (PH) John Sutton (JS) Carol Thompson (CT) Denise Watson (DW) Anne Varey (AV)

No representation from North Tees

1.	CE welcomed the group.	
2.	Presentation IgA deficiency: it will all come out in the wash Presented by Hazel Tinegate	
	NHSBT initiative for extended blood group testing of haemoglobinopathy patients Presented by Robin Coupe	
	Minutes of previous meeting 01.10.14 Minutes confirmed. Can be posted onto website.	JR
3.	Matters arising MHRA / CPA records at BCC. Trusts to ensure they meet legal requirements. Chief Executive to ensure enough staff to manage investigations. CE to compose report for RTC. KS to circulate temperature mapping presentation to group	CE KS
4.	NHSBT Departmental Updates Manufacturing – Carol Thompson Due to the repair of the walk in fridge, Manufacturing are currently unable to process cryo. Stockpiling in process, ready to restart as soon as the fridge has successfully passed its simulated and normal temperature mappings and returned to use. Manufacturing have also increased platelet pooling production again from this week. They are now expected to produce up to 40 platelet pools a day. To enable this they have altered normal daytime working hours to allow production to continue longer to complete platelet pooling.	

	RCI – Martin Maley	
	• Request for boxes to be labelled for either RCI or H&I to ensure prompt attention by NHSBT. Looking at label template.	
	<ul> <li>Coded comments on report to change, feedback welcome.</li> <li>Changing automation to IH1000 next month</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Extended working day - Introduced 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Flow through lab is much improved. On call premium after 9pm.</li> </ul>	
	UKAS inspection July / August / September	
	New set of charges for RCI tests, this is negotiable.	
	<b>Clinical</b> Hazel Tinegate and Cath Chapman will be retiring at the end of May. Cover will be via National Teams until replacement in post.	
	Quality – Karen Simblet	
	No update	
	<b>Transport</b> Electronic delivery notes - To run along side paper forms until all site live. Problems	
	arising when no stylus provided in some cases.	
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5.	Customer Service Update	
	Customer Service	
	Update report.pdf	
6.	Trust / Hospital Reports	
	Combined report.pdf	
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7.	Patient Blood Management Team	
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	PBM Report Feb	
	2015. pdf	
8.	NBTC Laboratory Managers Group Meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2015.	
	• Critical supplier list to be placed on the TAG/TLM section of the NBTC area of	
	the JPAC website	
	<ul> <li>Funded places on NHSBT training courses to help with skill mix deficit. Distribution of places via RTC's</li> </ul>	
	MHRA Blood Consultative Committee	
9.	No update.	
	Future meetings will be annually (October), MHRA will be issuing a newsletter to the	
	committee members in near future.	
10.	АОВ	
	• CE. Availability of HbS negative units - Not on shelf outside of paediatric stock.	
	Most cases ordered day prior to need. More detailed information on specific cases is required. CE and YS to forward case information to MM.	CE/YS KW
	KW to take to next NBTC Laboratory Managers Group meeting.	rvv
	• AD. Regional consensus for major haemorrhage packs. Newcastle using 4:4:1	
	<ul> <li>South Tees and Sunderland moving to 4:4:1 soon. Should include Tranexamic acid and co-ordinator.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>CE. PITS and SPITS courses are being supported by HENE so labs can send</li> </ul>	
	staff and claim the money back from regional funding. This should help us get	
	staff on these courses. Need to gather indicative numbers as a region so that we can cement this allocation into regional funding. Also need to provide indicative	
	numbers to NHSBT. Forward your Trust numbers by Tuesday 24th February.	All
	• HT. Decision to screen blood for sickle. Screen donors from ethnic groups and	
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	those with unusual phenotypes. To be looked into further.	HT VS
		HT YS

use by hospitals.

11.	<b>Date and time of next meetings</b> Wednesday 14th May 2015 at 13:00 Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 13:00 Lecture Theatre, Newcastle Blood Centre.