

# Confirmed

## NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE

Meeting at

Lecture Theatre, NHS Blood and Transplant, Newcastle upon Tyne


Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 @ 13:30

### Present:

Sara Avery (SA)	Transfusion Practitioner, Newcastle
Jill Caulfield (JC)	Senior Biomedical Scientist, Gateshead
Robin Coupe (RC)	Customer Services Manager, NHSBT
Allistair Dodds (AD)	Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of HTC, Sunderland
Chris Elliott (CE)	Haematology Directorate Manager, South Tees
John Grant-Casey (JGC)	Programme Manager, NHSBT (Presentations only)
Brian Hockley (BH)	Clinical Audit Manager and Data Analyst, NHSBT
Martin Maley (MM)	RCI, NHSBT
Susan Moutrey	Lead Biomedical Scientist, Nuffield Health
Jen Orr (JO)	Haematology SpR
Henning Pauli (HP)	Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of HTC, Newcastle
Dianne Plews (DP)	Consultant Haematologist and Chair of HTC, South Tees
Colin Reynolds (CR)	Pathology Operational Manager, North Tees
Janice Robertson (JR)	RTC Administrator, NHSBT - <b>Minutes</b>
Lianne Rounding (LR)	Training Co-ordinator, NHSBT
Janet Ryan (JRY)	Transfusion Practitioner, CDDFT
Yvonne Scott (YS)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Newcastle
Karen Simblet (KS)	QA Manager, NHSBT
Hazel Tinegate (HT)	Consultant Haematologist, NHSBT - <b>Chair</b>
Jonathan Trattles (JT)	Transfusion Practitioner, Sunderland
Russell Urwin (RU)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, CDDFT
Emma Ward (EW)	Transfusion Practitioner, North Cumbria
Karen Ward (KW)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Northumbria
Sue Wardle (SW)	Blood Conservation Lead
Denise Watson (DW)	Regional Lead: Patient Blood Management Team, NHSBT
Chris Williams (CW)	Consultant Haematologist, Northumbria

### Apologies:

Tina Biss (TB)	Consultant Haematologist, Newcastle
Adil Iqbal (AI)	Chair, Consultant Haematologist, CDDFT
Deborah Sains (DS)	Transfusion Practitioner, Northumbria
Irene Stable (IS)	Divisional Director, Urgent, Acute and Intermediate Care and Chair of HTC, South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust
John Sutton (JS)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Cumbria
Megan Wrightson (MW)	Transfusion Practitioner, South Tees

1.	HT explained she was acting as chair in view of AI's absence.	Action
2.	<p><b>PRESENTATIONS</b></p> <p><b>National Comparative Audit of Blood Transfusion and AFFINITIE</b> Presented by John Grant-Casey</p> <p><b>Audit of the use of Anti-D</b> Presented by Hazel Tinegate</p>	
3.	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 05.11.2014.</b> Minutes confirmed. Can be posted on website.</p> <p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPSA safer practice notice 14 review group. JW is in discussion with Craig Taylor regarding the Skills for Health Standards in transfusion, specifically related to competency training.</li> </ul>	JR
4.	<p><b>Blood Component use by RTC</b> Presented as discussed. Wastage data needs disclaimer for credits as it currently does not reflect correct figures</p>	JR
5.	<p><b>Update from NBTC</b> No update – meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March</p>	
6.	<p><b>REPORTS FROM HTC's</b></p> <p> Combined report.pdf</p>	
7.	<p><b>Clinical Quality Incidents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two febrile reactions, a possible TRALI and a change of Rh group in a patient were presented and discussed.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Haemostasis and Thrombosis matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The data from the regional survey of management of bleeding in relation to the direct oral anticoagulants (DOAC) have been collated. Shikha Chatterjee has submitted an abstract for presentation at the ISTH meeting in Toronto in June. She will also present this at the next RTC meeting in June.</li> <li>The regional guide to management of bleeding / urgent surgery in patients taking DOACs has been circulated amongst the regional haematologists and members of the RTC. This will be presented at the meeting in June so that it can be finalised.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Blood Conservation Link</b> Pre-op assessment – The North West Regional Pre-operative Anaemia Project is currently on going. It was decided to wait, review the findings and then implement if appropriate in our region. Considering setting up a working group to look at regional issues, clinicians to be invited to come and discuss various points in conservation / Patient Blood Management – group agreed to proceed with this.</p>	SW/ DW
10.	<p><b>EDUCATION AND TRAINING</b></p> <p><b>10.1 RTC Study Day 2015</b> Patient Blood Management Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Venue: The Durham Centre.</p>	

	<p><b>10.2 Nurse Authorisation Education Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haematology / Oncology Nurses - 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015. Excellent feedback, 12 delegates attended</li> <li>• Guideline and competency documents have been reviewed, group agreed to ratification of documents.</li> </ul> <p><b>10.3 Introduction to Coaching and Action Learning Sets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Venue – NHSBT Newcastle 2 one day events - places available</li> </ul> <p><b>10.4 Transfusion Matters for Neonates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Venue Allergate House, Belmont, Durham In collaboration and funded by the Northern Neonatal Network</li> </ul> <p><b>10.5 Nurse Authorisation Advanced Critical Care Practitioners – Feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitated by Suzy O’Neil at Newcastle Hospitals Event well evaluated. Aim to run event every other year, in line with their training</li> </ul> <p><b>10.6 Practical Introduction to Transfusion Sciences (PITS)</b> 2 events in 2014 – feedback good. February event cancelled due to lack of numbers, possibly due to cost. May / October 2015 events funded – 1 space left for October event. 2 events scheduled for 2016. SPITS – request to schedule 1 event per year in Newcastle. Jill Creswell to be informed of interest. Portfolio Training for Training Officers - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015, Sheffield Blood Centre, £100 per delegate. The course is aimed at Training Officers supporting students. Advise LR if interested in this course. If sufficient numbers, may put event on in Newcastle.</p> <p><b>11. AUDIT</b></p> <p><b>11.1 Red Cell Immunohaematology Survey</b> Data collection complete. 77 cases received. Report available prior to next RTC meeting</p> <p><b>11.2 Suggestions for future surveys</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Use of IT in transfusion</b> Organisational survey. The usefulness of this was discussed and it was agreed that some items may be of benefit in MHRA inspections etc. HT will contact John Barker re auditable standards</li> <li>• CE suggested looking at a system to show events affected (or not) by current training of taxi drivers. This would show MHRA that comments are taken seriously. Add to HTC report.</li> </ul> <p><b>11.3 National Audits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anti-D Report</b> now available on your homepage</li> <li>• <b>Audit of Sickle Cell Disease</b> Ongoing. South Tees and Newcastle submitted data</li> <li>• <b>Age of Blood Study</b> Report now available. Will be presented at ISBT London</li> <li>• <b>2015 PBM Surgical Audit</b> Commencing April 2015, repeat in summer 2016.</li> </ul> <p><b>12. REPORTS FROM RTC GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>12.1 Transfusion Practitioners Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed the Nurse Authorisation documents</li> <li>• Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May, NHSBT</li> </ul> <p><b>Feedback from PBM conference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In depth review by Megan Wrightson</li> <li>• Presentations are available on the H&amp;S website</li> </ul>	<p>JR</p> <p>LR</p> <p>All</p> <p>HT</p> <p>JR</p>
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<http://hospital.blood.co.uk/patient-services/patient-blood-management/>

**Assistant Transfusion Practitioners Group:**

- Next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March, will include a blood centre tour at Sheffield

**12.2 Newcastle Blood Centre Users Group**

- Due to the repair of the walk in fridge, Manufacturing had been unable to process cryo. Fridge has now successfully passed its simulated and normal temperature mappings and returned to use. Manufacturing have also increased platelet pooling production. To enable this they have altered normal daytime working hours to allow production to continue longer to complete platelet pooling.
- NHSBT is looking at the possibility of developing a liquid plasma component for use by hospitals.
- Coded comments on reports to change, feedback welcome.
- Availability of HbS negative units - Not on shelf outside of paediatric stock. Group agreed this should be addressed due to change in population, HT to look at the supply of the sickle negative units, with consideration of NHSBT protocols and current guidelines.
- Regional consensus for major haemorrhage packs, 4:4:1. Should include Tranexamic acid and co-ordinator. Group agreed a regional protocol should be developed (virtual), YS to take forward

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**12.3 MHRA Blood Consultative Committee**

- Future meetings will be annually (October); MHRA will be issuing a newsletter to the committee members in near future.
- Incident Reporting / Ensuring Compliance. CE drafted communiqué for circulation to chief executives / risk governance. Group invited to give comments / solutions, these to be forwarded to CE. Add item to June RTC meeting agenda.

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**Maintaining quality  
management systems**

**12.4 NBTC Laboratory Managers Group**

Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.

- Supplier audits – to be hosted on the JPAC website with annual rolling update
- Recall Events – updated documents still do not address issue of hospitals receiving a closing letter for all events. However, upgrade to pulse scheduled for September 2015 will give reason for recall
- Xmatters messaging trial raised a number of issues, further work is needed
- Transport boxes – significant discussion and concerns raised about new transport boxes and how this will impact hospitals moving blood with patients. Suggestion that NHSBT look at leasing boxes to customers
- Survey of appropriate use of O neg – results drafted and recommendations being formulated
- Sampling requirements from grouping and crossmatching in neonates – Regional policy from Yorkshire and The Humber following request from Embrace. Proposal to adapt as a national policy and consider expanding to all samples
- UKAS inspections – group to act as a central repository for feedback / evidence from inspections, especially those seen as 'left field'. These can then be fed back nationally to UKAS.

**13. AOB**

- Hazel Tinegate and Cath Chapman will be retiring at the end of May 2015. HT to be replaced when funding found from Trust (joint with NHSBT), cover

	<p>by duty 'on call' rota. Cover for RCI and SpR to be looked at.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Voting Pads – Group agreed these were both expensive and difficult to use. Preference for delegates to be given regional photos on laminated cards, which would be held up to show responses.</li><li>• RTC Chair – term of office coming to an end. Letter to be sent to HTC chairs asking for expressions of interest.</li><li>• Patient admitted to DMH, not noted as needing irradiated products. Newcastle Hospitals implemented system for transplant patients – shared care. Impossible to ensure unless we produce a National database.</li><li>• BH. Cell salvage survey – report being finalised</li><li>• BH. Pathology reorganisation UK TLC putting together a survey</li></ul> <p><b>14. Date and time of next meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015</li><li>• 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015</li></ul>	JR
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