

West Midland Region Hospital Transfusion Practitioners Focus Group



NHS Blood and Transplant Donor Centre, New Street, Birmingham
Thursday 01 September 2016
Confirmed Minutes

Attendees

Karine Anderson – (KA) Heart of England NHS Trust
Sarah Aston – (SA) University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust
Suzy Biggs – (SB) RTC Administrator, NHS Blood and Transplant
Michelle Budd – (MBu) University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Mary Blanton – (MBI) The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
Maxine Boyd – (MB) Chair, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
Julie Buchan – (JB) Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Karen Cooper – (KC) Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust
Tracy Clarke – (TC) Wyre Valley NHS Trust
Mandeep Dhandra – (MD) Walsall Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Georgina Gray – (GG) Derby Hospital
Jayne Khorsandi – (JK) Heart of England NHS Trust
Cathy Lim – (CL) Customer Service Manager - NHSBT
Clare Pedley – (CP) Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Alex Radford – (AR) Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital
Heather Rankin – (HR) Derby Hospital
Angela Sherwood – (AS) PBM Practitioner, NHS Blood and Transplant
Caroline Tuckwell – (CMT) The Dudley Group Of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Madeline Wheeler – (MW) The Dudley Group Of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apologies

Debbie Clinton – Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Sarah Crawford – Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust
Nicola Duncan – The Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Trust
Jayne Evans – Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust
Gill Godding – Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Pam Irving – University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust
Michelle Reeves - Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust
Antoinette Turner – George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust
Nicola Wilson – Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital

1. Welcome and Introductions

Maxine Boyd (MB) has taken over from AS as chair and welcomed everyone to the group, especially new members Georgina Gray and Heather Rankin, both from Derby Hospital. JB had suggested inviting them as the three of them had been working closely together recently.

2. Apologies

These are listed above. SB will send out a reminder to those who do send their apologies before hand, to please remind them to send a representative to the meeting, if they cannot attend.

Action: SB to email

3. Minutes and actions arising from Minutes – 15 June 2016

Jehovah Witness Policy Update – JK had requested another copy of this. It was thought this needed to be updated every 5 years, but needs clarification, specifically regarding Cell Salvage. MB will invite Roy Jackson to our meeting on 06 December 2016 to present the updates.


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Action: MBo to contact Roy Jackson

Lanyard Bedside Audit – MB said if anyone wanted to take part in this audit, please let SB know, as this with part of the SHOT recommendations.

All other actions included on the agenda.
The minutes were agreed and signed off.

4. NBTC - Requirements for Competency Assessment

- Discussions of 2 yearly and 3 yearly competency assessments took place amongst the group.
- Shrewsbury - has Learn Blood Transfusion
- Walsall – confirmed every year. MD also confirmed 2 different MHRA inspectors have given 2 different answers (Ref; Collection competency)
- Derby – every 3 years
- Wyre Valley – confirmed 2 yearly training but had experienced problems

MHRA – Collection Competency: A Conversation amongst the group took place regarding the frequency of the 'collection of blood' competency. This was raised as a query from Burton Hospital: (If the collection competency remains 2 yearly or can this now is 3yearly?)
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Action: AS will find out about this from MHRA

5. NICE Guidelines – Implementing recommendation

- MB asked the group if they had any issues to report:-
- HEFT – confirmed they had updated the trust policy with the wristband
- HEFT – algorithm in N/G/L but it requires bar scanning before it updated
- Wye Valley – had completed wristband policy audit
- Wye Valley – has no rota
- Children's – confirmed they are going ahead with electronic issue

Action: AS/SM will look at this and do a regional audit and bring to the next Audit group in Oct

6. SHOT Recommendations

Input/embed into minutes TACO audit

- Single unit to implement
- NHSBT – to produce a SHOT recommendations card

Action: AS to find out about this

- TACO checklist
- TACO biggest issues MB informed the group that a message regarding assessing TACO could be placed in 'PICS' (QE Hospital) which is an electronic system (has the potential for 'alerts' to pop up with message how to prevent TACO).
- TC said a checklist is available on the 'blood tag'.
- Discussed if this needed an audit – to confirm how this will be addressed?
- Lanyard Bedside Audit – boxes of cards with NHSBT

Action: SB will add Electronic issues to the agenda in December

Action: All to bring to next meeting in Dec (or email to SB beforehand to load onto the laptop

7. NHSBT Updates

- *NHSBT South West region* - had done a GP survey which they were happy to share with group which is imbedded herewith


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- *RTC Objectives/Workplan 2016/17* – had been updated.

- *RTC Audit Group* – needed a few extra volunteers from other trusts' other than Dudley Group and NHSBT. Three have been gratefully received and accepted by the group. (Julie Buchan, Burton, Kathryn Wood, HEFT and Dr Richard Whitmill, WNX).

Action: MB to ask Dr Whitmill

- *O Neg / Red Cell and A Neg* – it was confirmed had a big differential in pricing. An email proposal will come out and you will have a very short period of time to respond to it to highlight any issues, the feedback will be presented to the RTC Chair's meeting in London.

Action: All to respond to email coming out shortly

Action: All to consider saving O neg

- *"Campaign to Save one O Neg / A Neg A week"* - Shrewsbury confirmed they had stopped stocking these.
- *WM Cell Salvage on website* – Information for Trainers and Candidates had been updated on JPAC website – link as follows:-
- <http://www.transfusionguidelines.org/uk-transfusion-committees/regional-transfusion-committees/west-midlands/education-resources>
- *West Midlands Cell Salvage Group* – the next meeting to be held on Friday 16 September 2016 and Birmingham New Street. It was requested that SB send out minutes to TPs

Action: SB will send out

8. RTC Conference – Wednesday 02 November 2016 – “A Day at the Movies” – Post Grad Centre followed by the RTC Board meeting.

We will be discussing:-

- SHOT recommendations
- Patient or student nurse to present
- A series of videos' and links
- Presentations from UHCW and others
- BCSH Guidelines updates

Programme is currently being updated. Please encourage all staff and colleagues to attend to keep these free educational up at their maximum numbers.

9. RTC Audit Updates

NCA homepage - All TPs said they would let NHSBT know if you can access “Out of Hours Audit” online. AS will speak to JGC and re-clarify regarding the discussing and sharing of information within the AFFINITI programme

Action: AS to email John Grant-Casey (JGC)

10. PBM SHOT recommendations

It was agreed that all trusts' would bring updates to present/discuss at the next meeting

Action: SB will email and ask TPs for case studies to present

11. Alexion – provided a Presentation to the group on Ultra Rare Disease Awareness.



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12. TP Conference Date – April/May 2017

The top venues' to consider are as follows:-

- **Children's Hospital – Friday 28 April 17 (date held)**
 - SB had visited and was a good price for venue and room
 - Is a good location near 3 train stations
 - Car parking is close (NCP) but is at extra cost
 - The negatives are it's a smaller lecture theatre (maximum hold is 120)
 - No extra charge for sponsors
- **HEFT – Friday 19 May 17 (date held)**
 - AS and SB had visited and it was a good venue with competitive prices
 - Delegates can confirm parking online via the HEFT website (34 free)
 - The negatives are that they are not close to a train station and would have to pay extra for sponsors (£65 per station)
- **Burton Upon Trent Town Hall – Friday 19 May 17 (date held)**
 - Excellent prices for venue and food

- Negatives are there is no train station, people would have to drive - car parking extra
- **North Staffordshire Conference Centre (Stoke On Trent) Friday 19 May 17 (date held)**
 - Excellent prices for venue and food
 - Negatives again no train station close delegates would have to drive at extra charges
- **Shrewsbury and Telford Conference** – was not available for any dates
- **Worcestershire Hospital** – Date Held for but considered too close to Bank Holiday so will cancel
- **The Priory Rooms –19 May 17** (Date cancelled as at our maximum budget)
- **Warwick Hospital** – not big enough (on holds 90 maximum)



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TPs discussed the potential titles, as follows:-

- Transfusion Matrix
- Medical Non Bleeding Patient

Topics to discuss/present should include:-

- GPs referrals
- Indictors for transfusion
- Stem Cells
- MOD
- RePhill Stating – October 2016 – to update
- HEP E - New guideline – (Suzy Morton to update?)
- TACO / Fluid Balance
- Appropriate Use of Blood
- SHOT – Taco
- 5 point practice improvement
- Primary care referral / non bleeding
- (Catherine Griffiths – speaker?)
- Dr Pancham (Sickle cell – guidelines)

Action: CL to ask

Action: TP Organising Committee (TPOC) consists of Mary Blanton, Sarah Crawford, Angela Sherwood and Suzy Biggs

Action: SB to email conference details out to TPOC 2017.

13. Case Study Presentation

By TP, Michelle Budd, from QEHB.



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14. Albumin Presentation

By TP, Tracy Clarke at Hereford.



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15. AOB / Open Discussions

None presented

16. Dates for 2016 confirmed as follows:

- TP Meeting - Tue 06 December – Birmingham New Street. Christmas arrangements to be discussed.