



## Confirmed minutes Team's Meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

### Present:

Tarek Almugassabi (TA)	Haematology SPR Newcastle, NHSBT
Aimi Baird (AB)	Transfusion Practitioner, Newcastle
Anna Bartholomew (ABa)	Transfusion Practitioner, Northumbria
Charlotte Bomken (CB)	Clinical lead for Transfusion, Northumbria
David Bruce (DB)	RCI, Newcastle
Laura Condren (LC)	Transfusion Technical Lead, South of Tyne
Robin Coupe (RC)	Customer Services Manager, NHSBT
Debbie Cox (DC)	Transfusion Practitioner, North Tees and Hartlepool
Sarah Dawson (SD)	Trainee Representative
Chris Elliott (CE)	Lead Scientist - Transfusion, South Tees
Anna Finuliar (AF)	Specialist Biomedical Scientist, Newcastle
Jo Gilbert (JG)	Senior BMS, CDDFT
Alison Hirst (AH)	Transfusion Practitioner, Airedale
Catrina Ivel (CI)	Transfusion Practitioner, York and Scarborough
Magda Jakubiak (MJ)	Biomedical Scientist, North Cumbria
April Joslin (AJ)	Transfusion Practitioner, Northumbria
Marina Karakantza (MK)	Consultant Haematologist, NHSBT
Charlotte Longhorn (CL)	Patient Blood Management Practitioner, NHSBT
Emily McNeill (EMc)	Specialist Biomedical Scientist, Newcastle
Chantal Morrell (CM)	Blood Transfusion Quality Coordinator, CDDFT
Alison Muir (AM)	Transfusion Manager, Newcastle
Karen Nesbitt (KN)	Transfusion Practitioner, Gateshead
Janet Nicholson (JN)	Transfusion Practitioner, North Cumbria
Ric Procter (RP) - <b>Chair</b>	A&E Consultant and Chair of HTC, South Tees
Luke Richardson (LR)	Biomedical Scientist, Newcastle
Janice Robertson (JR) - <b>Minutes</b>	RTC Administrator, NHSBT
Karen Simblet (KS)	QA Manager, NHSBT
Youssef Sorour (YS)	Consultant Haematologist, Chair of Yorkshire RTC
John Sutton (JS)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, North Cumbria
Marie Walker (MW)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, North Tees and Hartlepool
Karen Ward (KW)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Northumbria
Sue Wardle (SW)	Patient Representative
Sandra Watson (SW)	Transfusion Practitioner, CDDFT
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Sue Barnes (SB)	Senior BMS, South Tees
Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM)	Transfusion Practitioner, South Tees
Andrew Charlton (AC)	Consultant Haematologist, NHSBT
Chris Izod (CI)	Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of HTC, Gateshead
Jemma Yorke (JY)	Consultant Obstetrician and Chair of HTC, CDDFT

1.	<b>RP welcomed the group</b>	
2.	<b>Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reflections on the 2021 SHOT Symposium</b> Presented by Emily McNeill</li> <li>• <b>BBTS Conference Day 1</b> Presented by Luke Richardson</li> <li>• <b>BBTS Conference Day 2</b> Presented by Anna Finuliar</li> <li>• <b>Protocol to Guide Use of TEG in Major Surgery</b> Presented by Sarah Dawson Share TEG resources developed for use at Freeman with the group</li> <li>• <b>Research Update: Association Between Peri-Operative Allogeneic RBC transfusion and infection</b> Presented by Sarah Dawson</li> </ul> <p>Copies of presentation available from <a href="mailto:janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk">janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a> if required.</p>	SD
3.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting 09.06.21.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes confirmed. Post onto website.</li> </ul> <b>Matters arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HENE induction material for junior doctor trainees. Contact HENE to see how we can influence, improving awareness of out of hours transfusion.</li> <li>• Sharing of safety alerts across the region to be discussed with the region.</li> </ul>	JR RP
4.	<b>RTC Boundary Changes summary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions within RTT in terms of 'way forward'.</li> <li>• Propose first joint meeting in March 2022, this will allow both regions to sit in on each other's RTC meetings, to see how the other region works.</li> <li>• RTC and RTT to meet three times per year.</li> <li>• Blood Centre User Groups to remain separate. Chair of each group to report to RTC.RTT to become the education group, as per terms of reference.</li> <li>• TP group to be a subgroup shared across the region with an inclusive Non-Medical authorisers event, output to be provided to RTC.</li> <li>• Fine tuning required for shared guidelines and website pages.</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Update from NBTC / National Commissioning Group report / National Comparative Audit Team report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RP unable to attend the last RTC chairs / NBTC meeting. Feedback to be shared with the group via email.</li> <li>• Most recent output is looking towards Transfusion 2024 and how we amalgamate to RTCs / subgroups / working groups, targeting what we do as an output. RP encouraged the group to discuss this document at HTCs, if they have not already done so.</li> <li>• NCA audits remain on hold with the exception of the Audit of NICE Quality Standards (see item 11).</li> <li>• Training – introducing a rolling programme of national education sessions delivered virtually, free and open to all. <a href="#">View the programme</a></li> </ul>	RP/YS
6.	<b>Reports from HTC's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group reviewed reports submitted by HTC's.</li> <li>• LIMS system: Group noted issues with SONAR. If they do not meet the required specification, laboratories are able to look for an alternative solution.</li> </ul>	

7.	<b>Review of National Guidelines / Research Papers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematic review of clinical guidelines related to intra-operative transfusion of RBC. Copy of presentation available from <a href="mailto:janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk">janice.robertson@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a> if required.</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Haemostasis and Thrombosis Matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update</li> </ul>	
9.	<b>NHSBT updates</b>  PBM  PBM update .pdf  Customer Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication circulated on 20th October flagging concerns in regard to stock levels for group O D RBC's. Concerns remain about our stock levels, although we are not asking Trusts to implement Emergency Blood Management Plans at this stage, it is important you ensure arrangements are in place. Look out for further updates via the normal channels.</li> <li>Thank you to all laboratory managers who completed the Hospital Satisfaction Survey. Results indicated a high level of satisfaction, overall scores: 9.1 at national level / 9.6 for Newcastle centre. The only dissatisfaction was for IBGRL at Filton.</li> <li>Rolling review of scheduled delivery services scheduled for Newcastle in February 2022. Aim is to address underutilised delivery slots and take on board request for amended delivery provision.</li> </ul>	
10.	<b>Education and Training</b>  <b>10.1</b> 20:20 Vision - The Future of Transfusion Wednesday 13th October 2021 via Team's. Good, varied range of speakers and topics. Feedback very good. <b>10.2</b> Scientific and Technical Training  SciClinTraining-Update e Oct 2021.pdf	
11.	<b>Audit</b>  <b>11.1 National Audits 2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audit of NICE Quality Standards. Details circulated, data collection in progress.  <b>Post meeting note:</b> Interim report due January 2022  <b>Audits for 2020 have been postponed due to COVID-19:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audit of Patient Blood Management in paediatric surgery</li> <li>Survey of use of FFP, cryoprecipitate, PCC and fibrinogen concentrate</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Audit of Blood Sample Collection &amp; Labelling 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-audit of the medical use of blood Autumn 2019. Full report awaited.</li> </ul> Reports from previous audits are available at <a href="http://www.nhsbtaudits.co.uk/">http://www.nhsbtaudits.co.uk/</a>  <b>11.2 Regional Surveys</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obstetric Blood Use in East Midlands, Yorkshire &amp; The Humber and North East RTC Regions. Full report awaited.</li> </ul>	
12.	<b>REPORTS FROM RTC GROUPS</b>  <b>12.1 Transfusion Practitioners Group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary meeting held to look at way forward, communication to be circulated in next few weeks.</li> </ul> <b>12.2 Newcastle Blood Centre Users Group</b>	

	<p>Meeting held via TEAMS on 6th October 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interesting update on Electronic Data Interchange with NHSBT given by Gary Cavanagh. Now we just need to wait for the Unified Test List to include Blood Transfusion.</li> <li>• Following updates from NHSBT the remainder of the meeting focused on updates from hospitals and how we support each other through a number of issues not least the national tube crisis. For the first time ever, the meeting finished ahead of schedule as everyone seems to be suffering from virtual meeting fatigue and are keen to get together face-to-face.</li> <li>• Staff retention and training remains a big concern.</li> <li>• The key issue from the region to be raised at the next NBTC TLMs meeting is related to the use of EDN. As part of our highlight reports we looked at the use of EDN across the region and were keen to understand benefits and obstacles. It would be useful to know NHSBT position on use of EDN and VMI and what the plans are moving forward. Some Trust have issues with implementation due to security concerns involving the use of FTP.</li> </ul> <p><b>12.3 NBTC Laboratory Managers Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on national project 'Use of O D Pos to adult males in trauma and HEMS'. Region is compliant.</li> <li>• Stocking of AB red cells Discussed with BSMS and NHSBT with a view to developing national guidance</li> <li>• Update from Chris Philips: Reminder that stock levels remain vulnerable and are being monitored closely.</li> <li>• Fuel crisis: NHSBT is a priority customer and have been assured that they will not be affected by shortages</li> <li>• Update from Mark Williams re SPICE: Working to resolve issues around the system being able to run on the 'Edge' platform. Most functionality does work but issues around opening pdf documents.</li> <li>• Update from Julie Staves NHSi networks are developing basic standards for networks re: Transfusion Requirements. Summary of guidance aimed at higher level pathology managers as they do not have a transfusion background. Aim is to have guidance out by end of the year.</li> <li>• Next meeting 17th November 2021 - please advise <a href="mailto:karen.ward@nhct.nhs.uk">karen.ward@nhct.nhs.uk</a> of any other issues that you would like raising.</li> </ul>	
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CB requested suggestions to increase Clinician engagement at HTC's. Group agreed this is a long-standing problem. Suggestion to share guidance with other departments, look at requesting involvement from trainees and inviting representatives to attend clinical sections only.</li> </ul>	
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2022 – date to be confirmed.</li> </ul>	