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NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE MEETING

Lecture Theatre, NHS Blood and Transplant, Newcastle upon Tyne
Wednesday 4th March 2020




Present:



Aimi Baird (AB)	Transfusion Practitioner, Newcastle
Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM)	Transfusion Practitioner, South Tees
Andrew Charlton (AC)	Consultant Haematologist, NHSBT
Allistair Dodds (AD) - Chair	Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of HTC, Sunderland
Chris Elliott (CE)	Lead Scientist - Transfusion, South Tees
Beth Erskine (BE)	BMS, Northumbria (Education section only)
Mo Helmy (MH)	Lower Limb Arthroplasty Registrar, North Tees and Hartlepool
April Joslin (AJ)	Transfusion Practitioner, Northumbria
Jamie Maddox (JM)	Consultant Haematologist, South Tees
Martin Maley (MM)	RCI, NHSBT (Education section only)
Sue McGeoch (SMc)	Ramsey Healthcare
Alison Muir (AM)	Transfusion Manager, Newcastle
Janet Nicholson (JN)	Transfusion Practitioner, North Cumbria
Janice Robertson (JR) - Minutes	RTC Administrator, NHSBT
Lianne Rounding (LR)	Training Co-ordinator, NHSBT
Carole Smales (CS)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, North Tees and Hartlepool
Lee Sudlow (LS)	Transfusion and Immunology Dept Manager, Gateshead
Joanne Tarran (JT)	Nurse Authorisor, North Tees and Hartlepool (Education section only)
Marie Walker (MW)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, North Tees and Hartlepool
Karen Ward (KW)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Northumbria
Sue Wardle (SW)	Patient Representative
Linda Wildberg (LW)	Ward Matron, North Tees and Hartlepool


Apologies:

Nini Anung (NA)	Consultant Haematologist, North Tees
Sue Barnes (SB)	Senior BMS, South Tees
Anna Bartholomew (ABA)	Transfusion Practitioner, Northumbria
Charlotte Bomken (CH)	Clinical lead for Transfusion, Northumbria
Jill Caulfield (JC)	Technical Manager for South of Tyne Laboratories
Robin Coupe (RC)	Customer Services Manager, NHSBT
Jo Gilbert (JG)	Senior BMS, CDDFT
Adil Iqbal (AI)	Consultant Haematologist, CDDFT
Rohit Kumar (RK)	Consultant Neonatologist, South Tees
Susanna Mathew (SM)	Consultant Haematologist, Sunderland
Helen Melsom (HM)	Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of HTC, CDDFT
Karen Nesbitt (KN)	Transfusion Practitioner, Gateshead
Annette Nicolle (AN)	Consultant Haematologist, Gateshead
Ric Procter (RP)	A&E Consultant and Chair of HTC, South Tees
John Sutton (JS)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, North Cumbria
Sandra Watson (SWa)	Transfusion Practitioner, CDDFT
Megan Wrightson (MW)	Transfusion Practitioner, South Tees

No attendance from CDDFT

1.	AC welcomed the group	
2.	Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Blood Management in Lower Limb Arthroplasty Presented by Mo Helmy • Feedback from BBTS Specialist Certificate in Transfusion Science Practice course Presented by Beth Erskine • Integrated Transfusion Diagnostics Presented by Martin Maley 	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting 07.11.19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes confirmed. Post onto website. 	JR
4.	Update from NBTC / National Commissioning Group report / National Comparative Audit Team report  NBTC Sep 2019.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group to review and contact Allistair.Dodds@chsft.nhs.uk with any comments. 	All
5.	Reports from HTC's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussed what the Trusts considered to be the 2 most important items from the HTC reports. Items included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratio of Kell positive units issued. • Reduction of number and specificity of satellite and emergency units. • Staff recruitment and retention. • Request to consider 'SHOT - managing distractions' as a local event. • Signatures on sample tubes, all but Sunderland Trust require signatures, but some would not reject the sample if label not signed. • Success from use of TARS in traceability. • HENE induction. Group has previously tried but failed to implement due to complexity of training pathway and institutions involved. • Group agreed to proceed with the survey to re-examine the data relating to O D neg units being cross transfused to prevent time expiry. 	
6.	Review of National Guidelines / Research Papers  RTC Journal Update .pdf	
7.	Haemostasis and Thrombosis Matters  Andexanet Alfa.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group agreed to a regional survey to monitor Andexanet Alfa - Ondexxya usage, AD to adapt the Idarucizumab proforma. 	AD
8.	NE and Cumbria Pathology Transformation – NHSI project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to progress to Phase 1 Procurement w/e 21st February 2020. The procurement approach will provide opportunity for prospective suppliers to raise queries and points for clarification before submitting their final response. There will be time scheduled within the plan for the individual regions to review the points for clarification and the final bid submissions ahead of regional meetings for all to consider and agree responses. A revised project plan will be issued to key regional contacts to advise of these dates. 	

9.	<p>Education and Training</p> <p>9.1 RTC Study day 2020. 20:20 Vision - The Future of Transfusion Wednesday 14th October 2020, 09:30 – 16:00 The Durham Centre, Durham, DH1 1TN</p> <p>9.2 Patient Blood Management Practitioner Update</p> <p> PBM update.pdf</p> <p>NE PBMP substantive vacancy is expected to be advertised within the next couple of weeks, group to encourage local staff to apply.</p> <p>9.3 Scientific and Technical Training</p> <p> External Customers Programme.pdf</p> <p>PITS course in May currently has 4 delegates registered and STPS in Oct has 3 delegates registered. LR advised Trusts to apply, funded places will be available but allocation to be confirmed. Advanced Transfusion Masterclass is not currently funded. South Tees advised funding available for education within Trusts and KW advised that Northumbria has accessed funding via CWD. PTP students can be funded. Please advise Lianne.Rounding@nhsbt.nhs.uk of any topics / preferred dates for future courses.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
10.	<p>Audit</p> <p>10.1 National Audits 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit of Patient Blood Management in Paediatric Surgery (Spring 2020) • Survey of use of FFP, cryoprecipitate, PCC and fibrinogen concentrate (Spring 2020) • Audit of NICE Quality Standards (Autumn 2020) <p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-audit of the medical use of blood Autumn 2019 <p>2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit of maternal anaemia Autumn 2018 (interim report sent out to hospitals). Full report awaited. • Audit of FFP and cryoprecipitate in children and neonates Spring 2018 (interim report sent out to hospitals). Full report awaited. • Audit of massive haemorrhage Autumn 2018 (interim report sent out to hospitals). Full report awaited. <p>Reports from previous audits are available at http://www.nhsbtaudits.co.uk/</p> <p>10.2 Regional Surveys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstetric Blood Use in East Midlands, Yorkshire & The Humber and North East RTC Regions. Interim report circulated. Full report to be presented at the RTC meeting in June 2020. 	
11.	<p>REPORTS FROM RTC GROUPS</p> <p>11.1 Transfusion Practitioners Group Meeting held 5th November 2020 sponsored by Pharmacosmos, key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Caring for Patients Who Are Jehovah's Witnesses Group felt that patients refusing blood get a better deal as more information is 	

	<p>given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on NHSBT Blood Assist App Demo • Presentation on Patient consent for Blood Transfusion - An Audit review • Project plan includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving communication • TP competency document • Creating a clinical audit data base to share audit information and resources. • Non-Medical Authorisation of Blood Components. South Tees Trust hosted courses with applicants from Sunderland and Newcastle Trusts attending. <p>11.2 Newcastle Blood Centre Users Group</p> <p>Meeting held 12th February 2020 sponsored by Sarstedt, key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened with session with Helen Briggs to review comments raised on the regional LIMS specification. • Presentation from Victoria Tuckley on the 2018 SHOT report which provoked an interesting discussion on how far we should go to check patient's previous history. • Joint presentation by Alex Hogan from RCI and Gemma Smithson from NUTH on the Integrated Transfusion Diagnostics pilot that is due to start imminently. • Sarstedt transfusion products. <p>Key issues from the business part of the meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement on emergency O Neg specification • Removal of faxes – are our plans robust enough? • Plans to develop a regional concessionary release protocol <p>11.3 NBTC Laboratory Managers Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O Neg Usage Group – 4 representatives have joined – first meeting next month. • NHSBT looking internally again at return of O D Neg. • Concern re UKAS inspections and variability of dates between inspections • Leeds have been awarded monies to introduce vein to vein traceability, including sampling, supported by MHRA comments. • Seeking clarification from CSL re comment about storage of Rhophylac – continuously at 2-8°C including transportation. • Virtual blood centre tour launching soon. • Withdrawal of faxes – to be discussed in more detail at F2F meeting in March • Still working through competency document for TLM and senior staff. • National 'Transfer of Blood' policy has been reviewed. • OBOS – age of blood box to be removed. • CQC attending next BCC meeting – alignment of accreditation and regulatory requirements. <p>11.4 MHRA Blood Consultative Committee</p> <p></p> <p>Report from March 2020 Blood Consultat</p>	
12.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW asked what measures were in place to deal with the Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation. <p>Post meeting note:</p> <p>NHSBT is closely monitoring the Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation to put in place proportionate and precautionary measures where necessary. So far this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHSBT's National Emergency Team meeting at regular intervals to review actions against the current risk • Updating Donor Selection Guidelines in line with JPAC advice • Updating procedures for handling any symptomatic donors • Refreshing NHSBT's Pandemic Response Plans and Supporting Guidance • Increasing NHSBT's understanding of supply chain touchpoints in China • Ensuring consistent and timely communications for staff, donors and customers 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforcing the importance of Hand Hygiene Techniques • Enabling HR Direct Support for staff so that guidance can be provided for those who have been travelling to affected areas or who may have come into contact with the virus • Exploring any future requirement for NHSBT to enable Convalescent Plasma Therapy 	
13.	Date and time of next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2020 meeting cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. • 4th November 2020 	