

## Confirmed

## NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE MEETING

TEAMs Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Present:

Nini Anung (NA) Consultant Haematologist and Chair of HTC, North Tees and

Hartlepool

Aimi Baird (AB)

Charlotte Bomken (CB)

Helen Briggs (HB)

Transfusion Practitioner, Newcastle

Clinical lead for Transfusion, Northumbria

Lead Project Manager, Newcastle

Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM) Transfusion Practitioner, South Tees

Jill Caulfield (JC)

Technical Manager for South of Tyne Laboratories

Andrew Charlton (AC) Consultant Haematologist, NHSBT

Debbie Cox (DC) Transfusion Practitioner, North Tees and Hartlepool

Robin Coupe (RC) Customer Services Manager, NHSBT

Allistair Dodds (AD) - Chair Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of HTC, Sunderland

Chris Elliott (CE) Lead Scientist - Transfusion, South Tees

Lise Estcourt (LE) Consultant Haematologist, Clinical Lead for the NCA in Blood

Transfusion, Director of NHSBT Clinical Trials Unit, NHSBT

Kelly Fisher (KF) Hospital Services, NHSBT

Hyun Gyu Ku (HGK) F2 Doctor, North Tees and Hartlepool

Mostafa Helmy (MH)

Lower Limb Arthroplasty Registrar, North Tees and Hartlepool

Adil Iqbal (AI) Consultant Haematologist, CDDFT

Chris Izod (CI) Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of HTC, Gateshead

April Joslin (AJ) Transfusion Practitioner, Northumbria

Charlotte Longhorn (CL) Patient Blood Management Practitioner, NHSBT

Jamie Maddox (JM) Consultant Haematologist, South Tees

Martin Maley (MM) RCI, NHSBT

Susan McGeoch (SMc) Anaesthetic & Recovery ODP, Ramsay Health Care

Alison Muir (AM) Transfusion Manager, Newcastle Jane Murphy (JM) RTC Administrator, NHSBT

Karen Nesbitt (KN)

Transfusion Practitioner, Gateshead

Janet Nicholson (JN)

Transfusion Practitioner, North Cumbria

Pauline Patterson (PP)

Transfusion Practitioner, South of Tyne

Henning Pauli (HP)

Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of HTC, Newcastle

Chelsea Ridsdale (CR) OD - Scientific Training Officer, NHSBT

Janice Robertson (JR) - Minutes RTC Administrator, NHSBT

Lianne Rounding (LR) OD Scientific Consultant, NHSBT

Jo Shorthouse (JS) Patient Blood Management Practitioner, NHSBT

Karen Simblet (KS) QA Manager, NHSBT

Carole Smales (CS) Senior BMS, North Tees and Hartlepool

John Sutton (JS) Transfusion Laboratory Manager, North Cumbria

Marie Walker (MW) Transfusion Laboratory Manager, North Tees and Hartlepool

Sandra Watson (SWa) Transfusion Practitioner, CDDFT

Linda Wildberg (LW) North Tees and Hartlepool

Callum Wright (CW) Haematology SPR Newcastle, NHSBT

**Apologies:** 

Sue Barnes (SB) Senior BMS, South Tees

Clive Graham (CG) Consultant Microbiologist and Chair of HTC, North Cumbria

David Hay (DH) Trainee Representative

Annette Nicolle (AN) Consultant Haematologist, Gateshead Susanna Mathew (SM) Consultant Haematologist, Sunderland

Chantal Morrell (CM) Blood Transfusion Quality Coordinator, CDDFT Ric Procter (RP) A&E Consultant and Chair of HTC, South Tees

Lee Sudlow (LS) Haematology Manages, South of Tyne

Karen Ward (KW) Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Northumbria

Sue Wardle (SW) Patient Representative

1.	AD welcomed the group	
2.	Presentations	
	<ul> <li>Convalescent plasma update         Presented by Lise Escourt     </li> <li>Update on Patient Blood Management in Lower Limb Arthroplasty         Presented by Mo Helmy and Hyun Gyu Ku     </li> </ul>	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting 04.03.20.  Minutes confirmed. Post onto website.  Matters arising  Regional survey to monitor Andexanet Alfa - Ondexxya usage, proforma to be reviewed. East Midlands and Yorkshire & The Humber RTC's approached to	JR AD/JM
4.	participate.  Update from NBTC / National Commissioning Group report / National	
	RTC Chairs Meeting NBTC Meeting September update.pd update September 20  AD voted against the realignment of RTC borders, reducing from 10 to 7 regions. The NBTC has formally begun the process of realigning regions.	
	<ul> <li>North East to combine with Yorkshire &amp; The Humber region.</li> <li>AD's objection included concerns about increased group size reducing effectiveness, centralisation, marginalisation of the NE transfusion community, loss of an independent voice at NBTC. It is likely that there will be a feeling of local disempowerment from the expansion. Ad was concerned about the progression to a centralised educational spine based hosted by NHSBT that is unlikely to influence the core groups whose change in practise might lead to better patient outcomes e.g. physicians, surgeons and anaesthetists. AD was reassured (by the secretary and deputy chair of the NBTC) that subgroups could be formed to maintain a local touch and called on colleagues join the RTT to allow the group to be quorate.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>AD resigned as Chair of the NE RTC as of this meeting, Appointment of a new chair not confirmed.</li> <li>AC thanked AD on behalf of the group, for his excellent work to promote and highlight transfusion issues.</li> </ul>	
5.	Reports from HTC's	
	Group reviewed reports submitted by HTC's.	
6.	Review of National Guidelines / Research Papers	

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	RTC	
	Guideline+Journal Up	
	Share document with HTC chairs.	JR
7.	Haemostasis and Thrombosis Matters	
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8.	NE and Cumbria Pathology Transformation – NHSI project	
	PDF PDF	
	Replacement LIMS	
	progress update.pdf	
9.	NHSBT updates	
	PDF PDF	
	PBM update.pdf Customer Services	
	update.pdf	
	The PBM toolkit is available via <a href="https://hospital.blood.co.uk/pbm-toolkit/">https://hospital.blood.co.uk/pbm-toolkit/</a>	
10.	Education and Training	
	10.1 20:20 Vision - The Future of Transfusion	
	Due to covid-19 restrictions the event will now take place on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at The Durham Centre.	
	10.2 Scientific and Technical Training	
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	Scientific and Clinical Training update.pdf	
	<ul> <li>Currently reviewing the PITS On-line Course. Any feedback from managers / training officers as well as the learners would be most welcome. Please</li> </ul>	
	forward to Lianne.Rounding@nhsbt.nhs.uk	
	Please advise <u>Lianne.Rounding@nhsbt.nhs.uk</u> of any topics / preferred dates	
	for the next course.	
11.	Audit	
	11.1 National Audits	
	<ul> <li>2020 – audits have been postponed due to COVID-19</li> <li>Audit of Patient Blood Management in Paediatric Surgery</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Survey of use of FFP, cryoprecipitate, PCC and fibrinogen concentrate</li> </ul>	
	Audit of NICE Quality Standards	
	Audit of Blood Sample Collection & Labelling	
	2019	
	Re-audit of the medical use of blood Autumn 2019. Full report awaited. 2019.	
	<ul> <li>2018</li> <li>Audit of Management of Maternal Anaemia and Iron Deficiency, report</li> </ul>	
	available https://nhsbtdbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-	
	corp/19996/2018-maternal-anaemia-audit-summary.pdf	
	Audit of FFP and cryoprecipitate in children and neonates Spring 2018 (interim	
	report sent out to hospitals). Full report awaited.	
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	major-haemorrhage-audit-key-findings.pdf Reports from previous audits are available at www.nhsbtaudits.co.uk	
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	11.2 Regional Surveys	
	<ul> <li>Obstetric Blood Use in East Midlands, Yorkshire &amp; The Humber and North East RTC Regions.</li> <li>Interim report circulated. Awaiting full report.</li> <li>Survey of hospital transfusion laboratory stock management during the</li> </ul>	
	COVID-19 pandemic.	
12.	REPORTS FROM RTC GROUPS	
	<ul> <li>12.1 Transfusion Practitioners Group Group has not met since last RTC meeting</li> <li>12.2 Newcastle Blood Centre Users Group Following cancellation of the May meeting due to COVID the group met via TEAMS in September. Issues discussed included: <ul> <li>COVID response</li> <li>Novoseven – use off license for the bleeding patient has dropped significantly, most Trusts are reviewing stock holding</li> <li>Cancellation of NEQAS exercises and local response</li> <li>'Procedure for the Transfer of Blood Components Between Hospitals' to be circulated to the group for comment. If no comments received by 20<sup>th</sup> November, consider RTC ratified and post onto the website.</li> <li>Tentative plans were made to hold a full day face-to-face meeting at the Durham Centre in February 2021, however due to the on-going pandemic this has been cancelled and replaced with a TEAMS business meeting in February and TEAMS Transfusion Bites meeting in March. The Transfusion Bites meeting will be purely educational, we are hoping that each Trust in the Region will give a 15-minute presentation – sharing knowledge and experiences and encouraging junior members to participate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>12.3 NBTC Laboratory Managers Group  <ul> <li>Face to face meeting cancelled due to COVID and replaced with regular TEAMS catch ups.</li> <li>Main focus of discussion has been on management of blood stocks during the pandemic and what we can do to support NHSBT.</li> <li>A separate working group focusing on use of O D Pos in adult males has held inaugural meeting. Some members of this group are involved in weekly discussions with NHSBT colleagues on bloodstocks. KW requested that everyone advise her of any local intelligence re: changes to demand that can be fed back to NHSBT.</li> <li>A document on specification of emergency red cells has been produced on behalf of the group.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	JR JR
	What should you use as emergency red cell	
13.	AOB	
13.	QA Newcastle – currently supporting the Convalescent plasma project, in particular supporting our pop-up centre which is due to open in Stockton on Tees on 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2020. Barnsley site has just had a successful MHRA inspection recently, no other MHRA inspection expected in this region at this time.	
14.	Date and time of next meeting	
	Wednesday 3rd March 2021	