

Confirmed

NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE MEETING

TEAMs Meeting
Wednesday 4th November 2020



Present:

Nini Anung (NA)	Consultant Haematologist and Chair of HTC, North Tees and Hartlepool
Aimi Baird (AB)	Transfusion Practitioner, Newcastle
Charlotte Bomken (CB)	Clinical lead for Transfusion, Northumbria
Helen Briggs (HB)	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)
 Clive Graham (CG)
 David Hay (DH)
 Annette Nicolle (AN)
 Susanna Mathew (SM)
 Chantal Morrell (CM)
 Ric Procter (RP)
 Lee Sudlow (LS)
 Karen Ward (KW)
 Sue Wardle (SW)

Senior BMS, South Tees
 Consultant Microbiologist and Chair of HTC, North Cumbria
 Trainee Representative
 Consultant Haematologist, Gateshead
 Consultant Haematologist, Sunderland
 Blood Transfusion Quality Coordinator, CDDFT
 A&E Consultant and Chair of HTC, South Tees
 Haematology Manages, South of Tyne
 Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Northumbria
 Patient Representative

1.	AD welcomed the group	
2.	Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convalescent plasma update Presented by Lise Escourt • Update on Patient Blood Management in Lower Limb Arthroplasty Presented by Mo Helmy and Hyun Gyu Ku 	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting 04.03.20. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes confirmed. Post onto website. Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional survey to monitor Andexanet Alfa - Ondexxya usage, proforma to be reviewed. East Midlands and Yorkshire & The Humber RTC's approached to participate. 	JR AD/JM
4.	Update from NBTC / National Commissioning Group report / National Comparative Audit Team report <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  RTC Chairs Meeting September update.pdf </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  NBTC Meeting update September 20 </div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AD voted against the realignment of RTC borders, reducing from 10 to 7 regions. The NBTC has formally begun the process of realigning regions. North East to combine with Yorkshire & The Humber region. • 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. • AD resigned as Chair of the NE RTC as of this meeting, Appointment of a new chair not confirmed. • AC thanked AD on behalf of the group, for his excellent work to promote and highlight transfusion issues. 	
5.	Reports from HTC's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group reviewed reports submitted by HTC's. 	
6.	Review of National Guidelines / Research Papers	

	major-haemorrhage-audit-key-findings.pdf Reports from previous audits are available at www.nhsbtaudits.co.uk 11.2 Regional Surveys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obstetric Blood Use in East Midlands, Yorkshire & The Humber and North East RTC Regions. Interim report circulated. Awaiting full report. Survey of hospital transfusion laboratory stock management during the COVID-19 pandemic. 	
12.	REPORTS FROM RTC GROUPS 12.1 Transfusion Practitioners Group Group has not met since last RTC meeting 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 style="list-style-type: none"> COVID response Novoseven – use off license for the bleeding patient has dropped significantly, most Trusts are reviewing stock holding Cancellation of NEQAS exercises and local response 'Procedure for the Transfer of Blood Components Between Hospitals' to be circulated to the group for comment. If no comments received by 20th November, consider RTC ratified and post onto the website. 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. 12.3 NBTC Laboratory Managers Group Face to face meeting cancelled due to COVID and replaced with regular TEAMS catch ups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main focus of discussion has been on management of blood stocks during the pandemic and what we can do to support NHSBT. 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. A document on specification of emergency red cells has been produced on behalf of the group. <div data-bbox="363 1563 411 1624" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>What should you use as emergency red cell</p>	JR JR All
13.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 5th 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 3rd March 2021 	