Confirmed

NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE
Regional Transfusion Team Meeting

Wednesday 7th November 2018

Present

- Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM)
- Andrew Charlton (AC)
- Robin Coupe (RC)
- Allistair Dodds (AD) - chair
- Alison Muir (AMu)
- Janice Robertson (JR) – minutes

Apologies

- Cheryl Kempton (CK)
- Andrea Marshall (AM)

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<td>1. Minutes of previous meeting 25.09.18</td>
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<td>- Minutes were agreed as true record. Post on website as “Confirmed”.</td>
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<td>- Matters arising</td>
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<td>- Haemostasis and Thrombosis link - awaiting response from Jamie Maddox, AD to chase up.</td>
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<td>2. RTC Matters</td>
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<td>- RTC meeting 07.11.18</td>
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<td>- System of Trust representative reporting on 2 items from the HTC report went well, repeat at the next meeting.</td>
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<td>- Move ‘Review of National Guidelines / Research Papers’ item to an earlier time slot on agenda.</td>
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<td>- As the meeting tends to run over time, suggest 1pm start for next meeting - AC to chair until AD arrival.</td>
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<td>3. Education</td>
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<td>- TP/BMS study day</td>
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<td>- AM requested consideration from RTC in principle to fully or partially fund a study day for TP/BMS staff on ‘Writing for Publication – abstracts &amp; posters’ through NHSBT. Aim to get staff writing about regional projects/initiatives etc to raise profile and possible submission to conferences/ symposiums which may result in complimentary delegate places. Places currently £100 per delegate, looking at 12 – 15 delegates and trying to get a BOGOF deal with NHSBT. The group agreed to this but may ask for £30 contribution per delegate. AMu to discuss possibility of funding for delegates with Newcastle Trust and report back.</td>
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<td>- Non-Medical Authorisation</td>
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<td>- South Tees running in house day for ACCPs. Newcastle sending 4 ACCPs to East Midlands regional NMA – regional Non-Medical Authorisation</td>
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- Guideline Document currently 'out of date', due for review Jan 2018. NUTH aware and raised at HTC 5th Nov – Governance issue. Policy review to be discussed at next TP meeting.
- Re visit possibility of a regional course at next TP meeting.

4. **Audit / Survey**

**National Audits**
- Audit of O Negative - Summer 2018 (laboratory manager audit only)
- Audit of FFP and cryoprecipitate in children and neonates - Spring 2018
- Audit of massive haemorrhage - Autumn 2018
- Audit of maternal anaemia - November 2018 (Obstetricians only).
Reports are available at [www.nhsbtaudits.co.uk](http://www.nhsbtaudits.co.uk)

**Regional Surveys**
- **Usage of Idarucizumab – antidote for Dabigatran**
  Consider a poster for SHOT / BBTS 2019. AD to contact Nikki Redding.
- **Obstetrics Blood Use Audit**
  Inter-regional collaboration with EM and Y&H RTC’s, NW RTC to be approached.
- **‘Where do A Neg Platelets go’ survey.**
  RTC agreed to proceed with this survey. Incorporate ‘decision as to what to stock / what effects your decision to stock A neg platelets’ into the proforma.

5. **Blood Conservation Link**

- Hospital Stock Management Group. October meeting cancelled. Contacted BSMS for an interactive VANESA session. Currently piloting a day in London which could possibly replace the BSMS roadshows. If the event is a success, NE RTC has priority for the next event.

6. **Website**

- Paragraph on the conclusions of the TACO audit, posted onto the website.
- Remove: NCA PBM in Surgery 2016 Re-audit Executive Summary
- AD to compose an item on AAGBI cell salvage for peri-operative blood conservation 2018.
- AC to compose an item on AAGBI anaesthesia and peri-operative care for Jehovah’s Witnesses and patients who refuse blood.

7. **Budget**

- Smeera Nair from Gateshead Trust has not confirmed she will be taking up the offer of funding to attend the RCPath - Advances in transfusion medicine symposium, 22nd / 23rd November 2018.
- 2 delegates offered 50% funding for the 2019 BBTS Specialist Certificate in Transfusion Practice course.
- Group agreed to fund lunch at the next NBCUG meeting.

8. **Project plan**

- Update to include TP/BMS study day, ‘Where do A Neg Platelets go’ survey and Obstetric Blood Use Audit.

9. **AOB**

- On completion of the ‘Where do A Neg Platelets go’ survey, look at ‘quantify the scale of issues with phenotyped products’. Were they sourced from local stock, NHSBT Newcastle or imported from another stock holding unit?

10. **Date and time of next meeting.**

- 2pm Thursday 10th January 2019. NHSBT Newcastle.