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# NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE MEETING



TEAMs Meeting  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021


**Present:**

Charlotte Bomken (CB)	Clinical lead for Transfusion, Northumbria
Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM)	Transfusion Practitioner, South Tees
Andrew Charlton (AC)	Consultant Haematologist, NHSBT
Laura Condren (LC)	Transfusion Technical Lead, South of Tyne
Debbie Cox (DC)	Transfusion Practitioner, North Tees and Hartlepool
Sarah Dawson (SD)	Trainee Representative
Chris Elliott (CE)	Lead Scientist - Transfusion, South Tees
Joanna Fawcett (JF)	F2 doctor, Gateshead
Mo Helmy (MH)	Lower Limb Arthroplasty Registrar, North Tees and Hartlepool
Stephanie Jones (SJ)	Specialist Biomedical Scientist, North Tees and Hartlepool
April Joslin (AJ)	Transfusion Practitioner, Northumbria
Caroline Kennedy (CK)	Biomedical Scientist, Newcastle
Rohit Kumar (RK)	Consultant Neonatologist, South Tees
Joanne Lawson (JL)	Blood Sciences Manager, CDDFT
Charlotte Longhorn (CL)	Patient Blood Management Practitioner, NHSBT
Jamie Maddox (JM)	Consultant Haematologist, South Tees
Karen Nesbitt (KN)	Transfusion Practitioner, Gateshead
Janet Nicholson (JN)	Transfusion Practitioner, North Cumbria
Pauline Patterson (PP)	Transfusion Practitioner, South Tyneside and Gateshead
Henning Pauli (HP)	Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of HTC, Newcastle
Ric Procter (RP) - <b>Chair</b>	A&E Consultant and Chair of HTC, South Tees
Chelsea Ridsdale (CR)	OD - Scientific Training Officer, NHSBT
Janice Robertson (JR) - <b>Minutes</b>	RTC Administrator, NHSBT
Karen Simblet (KS)	QA Manager, NHSBT
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
Sandra Watson (SW)	Transfusion Practitioner, CDDFT
Linda Wildberg (LW)	Ward Matron, North Tees and Hartlepool

**Apologies:**

Sue Barnes (SB)	Senior BMS, South Tees
Anna Bartholomew (ABa)	Transfusion Practitioner, Northumbria
David Bruce (DB)	RCI, Newcastle
Robin Coupe (RC)	Customer Services Manager, NHSBT
Allistair Dodds (AD)	Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of HTC, Sunderland and South Tyneside
Alison Muir (AM)	Transfusion Manager, Newcastle
Sue Wardle (SW)	Patient Representative

1.	<b>RP welcomed the group</b> Post meeting note: Welcome to Sarah Dawson, our new Trainee Representative.	
2.	<b>Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Out of Hours Transfusion Audit - Gateshead</b> Presented by Joanna Fawcett Request for the traffic light poster to be shared with the group.</li> <li>• <b>COVID and VTE</b> Presented by Jamie Maddox</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting 03.03.21.</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>• Regional survey to monitor Andexanet Alfa has been shelved.</li> </ul>	JR
4.	<b>Update from NBTC / National Commissioning Group report / National Comparative Audit Team report / RTC Boundary Changes</b>  National Blood Transfusion Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Boundary Re-Alignment</b> Request for HTC's to complete Boundary Re-Alignment Feedback Form. Group feel it is important to maintain an independent feedback structure. Request clinical and laboratory input. Meeting scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021</li> <li>• Amalgamation of PILs in progress.</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Reports from HTC's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group reviewed reports submitted by HTC's.</li> <li>• North Cumbria Discussed and noted by the RTC that no BloodTrack system is in place and this is currently mitigated by staff performing manual traceability. The group agreed this carries a non-sustainable risk and may not fully comply with blood tracing legislation. It has been raised by the HTC but with little trust support.</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Review of National Guidelines / Research Papers</b>  Research updates for RTC june21.pptx	
7.	<b>Haemostasis and Thrombosis Matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update given in item 2.</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>NHSBT updates</b> PBM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New resources from SHOT SHOT Safety Notice 01: Emergency preparedness in the transfusion laboratory in case of total power outage <a href="https://www.shotuk.org/resources/current-resources/">https://www.shotuk.org/resources/current-resources/</a> SHOT Safe transfusions in haemopoietic stem cell transplant recipients <a href="https://www.shotuk.org/safe-transfusions-in-haemopoietic-stem-cell-transplant-recipients/">https://www.shotuk.org/safe-transfusions-in-haemopoietic-stem-cell-transplant-recipients/</a></li> <li>• London RTC are holding an event for World Blood Donor Day, 14th June 2021. Guest speakers from the Sickle Cell Society and National BAME Health &amp; Care Award 2021 winners. Registration via <a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jxsa4VKPCEaPdkZ_8dNMIrV3KY5yKa5Aiv_lhXiRE2RUMjlaWDFNODhWNkhRTENETVROV0xDtZm0OC4u">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jxsa4VKPCEaPdkZ_8dNMIrV3KY5yKa5Aiv_lhXiRE2RUMjlaWDFNODhWNkhRTENETVROV0xDtZm0OC4u</a></li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biomedical Scientist Empowerment and Discussion Group event 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Understanding Anti-G. Aimed at newly qualified BMS's and those that are new to transfusion science. Please encourage colleagues to submit individual registrations using the following link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jxsa4VKPCEaPdkZ_8dNMImJM_dhC66IKn-w38leG4XxUQlpGUVU2UFoyUUEwN1RUMIMwQVM1UUINRyQIQCN0PWcu">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jxsa4VKPCEaPdkZ_8dNMImJM_dhC66IKn-w38leG4XxUQlpGUVU2UFoyUUEwN1RUMIMwQVM1UUINRyQIQCN0PWcu</a> Once registered, the registrant will automatically receive an invite each month to the sessions.</li> <li>Annual SHOT Virtual Symposium will be held 14th-15th July 2021 <a href="https://www.shotuk.org/annual-shot-symposium/">https://www.shotuk.org/annual-shot-symposium/</a></li> <li>eLearning - anaemia &amp; maternal anaemia available via <a href="https://hospital.blood.co.uk/patient-services/patient-blood-management/education/">https://hospital.blood.co.uk/patient-services/patient-blood-management/education/</a> A 3 part package providing a straightforward introduction to anaemia and tailored modules for primary and secondary care, available certified and non-certified. A 2 part package introducing maternal anaemia and appropriate management (certified and non-certified) is also available.</li> <li>PBM benchmarking tool, under development.</li> </ul> <p>Customer Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Education and Training</b></p> <p><b>09.1</b> 20:20 Vision - The Future of Transfusion Due to covid-19 restrictions the event will now take place on Wednesday 13th October 2021 via TEAMS.</p> <p><b>09.2</b> Transfusion Bites 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via TEAMS. 4 presentations from local BMS staff. 77 delegates attended. Very positive feedback but not much appetite at present to organise another event.</p> <p><b>09.3</b> Scientific and Technical Training</p> <p> SciClinTraining-UpdateforRTC-June2021.pdf</p>	
10.	<p><b>Audit</b></p> <p><b>10.1 National Audits 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audits have been postponed due to COVID-19</li> </ul> <p><b>2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-audit of the medical use of blood Autumn 2019. Full report awaited.</li> </ul> <p>Reports from previous audits are available at <a href="http://www.nhsbtaudits.co.uk/">http://www.nhsbtaudits.co.uk/</a></p> <p><b>10.2 Regional Surveys</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obstetric Blood Use in East Midlands, Yorkshire &amp; The Humber and North East RTC Regions. Jo Shorthouse is in discussion with Yousef Sorour and John Cort in regard to recruiting a medic to complete final report.</li> </ul> <p>Engagement is requested from Trusts who did well in audits. How can others learn / reproduce practise from those who performed well? Email to be sent to HTC's.</p>	RP
11.	<p><b>REPORTS FROM RTC GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>11.1 Transfusion Practitioners Group</b> Meeting: Virtual 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Key points included:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion around practice, learning from Covid experiences and what is going well.</li> <li>• Education event pushed back to next year. Hopefully face to face.</li> </ul> <p><b>11.2 Newcastle Blood Centre Users Group</b> Meeting: Virtual 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent presentation by Alex Liversidge on Gender in Healthcare which prompted a good discussion but left us with more questions than answers as there is a lack of clear national guidance.</li> <li>• The business part of the meeting then covered the usual updates from NHSBT department and local Trusts with as always, a good debate about incidents that have occurred locally.</li> <li>• Next meeting is scheduled for September with the hope that face-to-face might be possible.</li> </ul> <p><b>11.3 NBTC Laboratory Managers Group</b> Meeting: Virtual 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional updates limited as progress seems to have been impacted by Covid and virtual meeting fatigue.</li> <li>• Discussions around blood stocks and the on-going meetings being held to track demand. <b>Again, a plea to ensure any demand changes are highlighted to NHSBT.</b> Early indications are that the NHS Recovery Plans will not impact on blood demand, but a close eye is being kept on the situation. Blood stock position is not good currently (decreased collections and conversion rate in May), not currently impacting on supply but watching closely.</li> <li>• Work continues on the O D Pos to Adult Male Project. Benchmarking survey has closed and data being analysed. Looking to develop a template to ensure comparing like-with-like when looking at current practices. A toolkit is also being developed. O D Pos to unknown adult males is being added to the existing NHSBT Blood Components App but cannot be included in the BloodAssist App.</li> </ul> <p><b>11.4 MHRA Blood Consultative Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHRA decided not to have a BCC meeting this year (due to Covid) and instead have released a newsletter  <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/985568/Blood_Consultative_Committee_Newsletter_2021.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/985568/Blood_Consultative_Committee_Newsletter_2021.pdf</a></li> </ul>	
12.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CE noted his concerns on how NHSBT is charging for H&amp;I work. Monthly minimum charge plus extra if more requests sent but no credit if less requests sent. South Tees requests are mainly from renal transplant (80%) which is not consistent.</li> </ul>	
13.	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 Format of meeting (virtual or face to face) to be confirmed.</li> </ul>	