

Regional Transfusion Committee Business Meeting

Confirmed Minutes

MONDAY 11 JULY 2016 13.30 – 15.30

Held at NHSBT – 65 New Street, Birmingham, West Midlands, B5 2SG

Present:

Dr Craig Taylor	(CT) Vice-Chairman, Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust
Gregory Barber	(GB) Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust
Dionne Bentley	(DB) University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust
Jenny Berryman	(JB) JB Transfusion
Suzy Biggs	(SB) NHSBT, RTC Administrator
Mary Blanton	(MB) The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
Maxine Boyd	(MBO) The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
Julie Buchan	(JB) Burton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Falguni Choksey	(FC) University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire Trust
Debra Clinton	(DC) Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Mandeep Dhanda	(MD) Walsall Hospital NHS Trust
Dr Jane Graham	(JG) University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust
Mike Herbert	(MHe) The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
Dr James Holbrook	(JH) Burton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Pam Irving	(PI) University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust
Cathy Lim	(CL) NHSBT, Customer Service Manager
Dr Matthew Lumley	(ML) Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Suzy Morton	(HD) NHSBT, Consultant in Transfusion
MPHD D Molosiwa	(DM) University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation
Gurjit Pahal	(GP) Walsall Hospital NHS Trust
Angela Salmon	(ASa) University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust
Angela Sherwood	(AS) NHSBT, PBM Regional Lead
Deborah Sumner	(DS) University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust
Dr Christina Tourville	(CTo) University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire Trust
Caroline Tuckwell	(CT) Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust
Antoinette Turner	(AT) University Hospital London
Maddie Wheeler	(MW) Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust

Apologies:

Janine Beddow	(JB) University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust
Michelle Budd	(MBu) University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation
Tracy Clarke	(TC) Wyre Valley Trust (Hereford) NHS Trust
Richard Cole	(RC) Birmingham Children's Hospital Foundation Trust
Jayne Evans	(JE) City and Sandwell NHS Foundation Trust
Gill Godding	(GG) Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Brian Hockley	(BH) NHSBT, Audit Manager
Jayne Khorsandi	(JK) Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Chris Newson	(CN) Chairman, Walsall Hospital NHS Trust
Mike Taylor	(MT) Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust
Craig Wilkes	(CW) NHSBT, Customers Services Manager

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

Persons listed above sent their apologies prior to the meeting.

2. Matters arising and actions from minutes of Thurs 05 Nov 2015

Expressions of Interest for Chair - Dr Sunil Bhudia had moved out of the region so another RTC chair was sought. SB had contacted two consultants but both had given a negative response. An email asking for voluntary requests will be sent out.

Action: SB

RTC Attendance – SB is continuing to log attendance and non-attendance following each RTC Business Group, TP, TLM and Cell salvage meeting, and reports back to CN and the RTC group. SB will provide a copy to the Chair for comment.

Action: SB

GP transfusion referrals – SWRTC (A Jones) had completed an audit on this. AS will chase and report back to the group.

Action: AS

All other actions completed or on the agenda.

Minutes accepted.

3. RTC Objectives – 2015/2016:

- *TP Conference was held on – 11 May 2016 at Walsall Manor*
- *RTC Conference and Board meeting on 2 November at UHB Post Graduate Centre* – entitled “A Day at the Movies” – SB/AS will keep these documents updated .
- – to be included Massive Haemorrhage protocol, paediatrics, BCH Guidelines?
- Check NICE website ?
- Regional Shared Care document - AS will contact Jane Tidman to discuss taking this over from James Taylor and SB will add to the TP agenda for 01 September.

Action: SB/AS

4. Patient Blood Management Updates

The group reported what was being done within the trusts’ as follows:-

- “saving a single unit of O neg per week” to preserve supplies
- Hep E – requested usage/wastage
- O neg toolkit to put on the (JPAC website)
- Posters / initiatives / hints ‘n’ tips
- UHCW said they looked at stock in fridge unit.
- UHCW also looked at using O positive instead of O neg (if prices increase it will not have impact on wastage)
- UHB said NBTC Indication Codes are now ready
- Walsall said thresholds were up to 90 gm2 per litre
- Dudley said they were using bookmarks **Action: AS to chase**
- HEFT said – in liver disease INRs of 2 instead of 1.5 – useful and the message was quite positive at their hospital.

5. Audit Updates :

Regional Audit:

- *Out of hour’s transfusion audit* – CMT is lead and reported this is now underway. Deadline for responses back by 31 July 2016. The trust can pick their own one week (7 full days) whichever week suits them best.

Action: CMT/All

- *Albumin survey* – not a top priority, so put on hold until a later date.
- *WBIT article* – to be shown in Blood Matters – sometime in July/Aug 2016.
- *IV Iron* – barriers to giving IV iron
- *Tranexamic Acid* – Survey in development
- *Laboratory audit* – observe samples being taken during an audit, then put on JPAC website and use as a learning and sharing tool.
- *Hep E Neg* – regional audit planned to assess current methods of notifying referring hospitals

- RTC Audit group Meeting – the Chair CT asked for volunteers to join the groups as it was currently dominated by RHH and NHSBT members. We would appreciate members from a wider range of trusts. JB from Burton offered her services, which the group kindly accepted. SB will email JB with dates of the next meeting and CL will ask two other contacts.

Action: SB/CL

National Audit:

- National PBM Surgical – re-audit - On behalf of the TP group, AS will send an email to John Grant-Casey – regarding the short deadline, which TPs were unhappy about because of the quickness of it coming out again. This is a significant piece of work and it mirrors the NICE guidelines – and because of other work priorities, they would like it moved to a much later date.
- **Action: AS to email JGC for delay and report back to TPs**
- *Patient Blood Management (PBM) Haematology results* – results are awaited
- Sick Cell - to be reported
- Lower GI bleed – to be reported
- Audit of Red Cell & Platelet transfusion in adult haematology patients - re-audit Summer 2017

6. Regional Blood Component Data :

Red Blood Component Data – WM RTC O neg data usage is under the national average each month, however, this is continuing to rise.

- UHB said one patient was O neg after bleeding from liver transplant
- UHB high SM reports UHB are reviewing the MHP hospital policy
- Cryo – is also on the increase
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Action: BSMS data – CMT will ask

7. Updates and Issues from Regional Groups :

A Transfusion Practitioners

- Maxine Boyd (MB) is the new TP Chair for next year.
- Have received an updated form for Jehovah Witness – “Advance Decision to Refuse Specified Medical Treatment”
- Implemented Single Unit Transfusion
- Conference Feedback / Evaluation available from SB
- NICE guidelines: suspect most hospitals’ use of TXA is not in keeping with guidance which is liberal
- RTC Audit-Out of Hours Transfusion – Children’s asked to be included
- A Blood Book – entitled ‘All Blood Counts: A Manual for Blood Conservation & Patient Blood Management’ was written by Dafed Thomas with excerpts written by Andrea Harris. Now available
- Three trusts have accepted the Lanyard bedside audit (UHB, Warwick and Walsall Manor). Please let AS/SB know if you would like to accept
- Non-Medical Authorisation of Blood Components Course – Kairen Coffey involved in this and aware of requests from specific areas ie: Neonates/Paediatrics.

B Laboratory Managers Group

- Next meeting - on Tuesday 12 July 2016 at Birmingham New Street
- Next meeting after this in December
- Joint TLM/TP Meeting – 09 March 2017 – Birmingham New Street
- HEP E and O Neg will be on the next agenda for (12 July)
- National and local - succession planning – agenda for change
- Knowledge and competency – BCIP TACT Competency Programme
- HEP E / shared care / O neg

- Charitable funds paying for certain things

C Cell Salvage Group

- Next Meeting - Friday 16 September 2016 – Birmingham New Street
- Based on UK Cell Salvage Work Book (UKCS Action Group)
- Developing mini standards of training competency LearnPro
- Training Scenarios from NHSBT website
<http://www.transfusionguidelines.org/uk-transfusion-committees/regional-transfusion-committees/west-midlands/education-resources>

D NHSBT Updates

- irradiators are currently out of action
 - Holding stock been increased
 - Phenotyped blood to come from Filton
 - HEV testing may be undertaken universally but provision for PCR testing not sufficient. Further discussions/decisions awaited–
- Transport boxes coming out soon
 - More durable than clinimed
 - Next trial in Birmingham
 - Call a group to assist with
- Temperature controlled van
- Customer Set up Survey – discounted adhoc charges £52 – log online
- Click and collect
- Forward ideas to Cathy Lim at cathy.lim@nhsbt.nhs.uk as they are trying to make a tailored approach
- Trying to cover for staff that have left/gone on maternity leave
- Trying to stop “over communicating” with the hospitals. (ML is happy with his amount of communications)

8. Suggestions for future RTC Meeting/Educational Events :

If anybody has any topics or suggestions for future dates, please let SB know

Action: All

9. Any Other Business:

When Agency / locum Anaesthetists Administer blood training

JB from Burton raised the question “what happens to agency staff or locums’ who have not been trained to administer blood”?

All trusts appeared to be adopting different measures. .

MH said they will do a snap survey via RTC Audit Group to see how big this problem is. The next RTC Audit meeting is 03 October at Birmingham New Street.

Action: SB to add to agenda

Anaemia Manifesto – ML HEFT received an email that will be of interest to the rest of the group so he will forward it to SB for sending out to group.

10. Date of next meeting:

RTC Conference and Business Meeting - Wednesday 02 November 2016 – “A Day at the Movies”