

East Midlands Regional Transfusion Committee

Confirmed Minutes of Regional Transfusion Team Meeting (EM-RTT)

Tuesday 12th February 2013

Chesterfield Royal Hospital

09:30 – 10:30

Present :

Attendees

Angela McKernan (Chair)	AM	Royal Derby
Kath Hearnshaw (Secretary)	KH	NHSBT
Rob Webster	RW	NHSBT
Andrew Fletcher	AF	Chesterfield Royal
Jon Cort	JC	Chesterfield Royal
Janice Smith	JS	Chesterfield Royal
Cherry Chang	CC	Nottingham University Hospitals

Apologies

Hafiz Qureshi	HQ	University Hospitals Leicester
Jot Hyare	JH	University Hospitals Leicester
Aamer Ahmed	AA	University Hospitals Leicester
Dennis Prangnell	DP	United Lincolnshire Hospitals

In Attendance: Odette Colgrave (OC) RTC Administrator (minutes)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and noted.

2. Minutes of the last RTC Meeting held on 24th February 2012 and matters arising

Minutes confirmed as accurate record. The action table was reviewed and all are on the agenda for discussion.

3. Feedback from RTC Task Groups

3.1 Audit & Appropriate Usage Task Group

RW confirmed this group has had 1st teleconference looking at FFP usage. The proforma was discussed and Leicester audit department have advised they are unable to help due to lack of staff and resources. We will be reviewing other options either Formic or Survey Monkey. Brian Hockley will be approaching his old trust on whether we can use their Formic software.

RW added that when using Survey Monkey you cannot scroll back to previous questions or save the answers and re-visit the same questionnaire.

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The audit will be based on 20 cases per hospital and the data will be collected retrospectively. Timescale for the audit:

1. Invitation letters to be sent out - April 2013
2. Letter to the Caldicott Guardians - May 2013
3. Data collection - June 2013 (retrospective data of 20 FFP episodes until 30 April 2013)
4. Deadline for data – Sept 2013

It was agreed to have the proforma / questions available for the next TP meeting at Leicester for their comments and any feedback. A further teleconference has been arranged to finalise the proforma.

3.2 Education & Training Group

- 25.01.2013 – Right Blood Right Reason – RTC annual symposium

The evaluation form was circulated amongst the team and overall the event was a success, however some initial speakers had withdrawn. It was primarily attended by anaesthetists and it was also registered with the Royal College of Anaesthetists. RW added that there is a push for all special registrars to include this annual symposium into their training schedule.

Lots of ideas / topics were discussed for the January 2014 symposium.

JC suggested the following topics for a medical audience:

- new anti coagulants.. what s there to fear? as a surgeon and as an anaesthetist.. how to manage these cases for invasive procedures of all kinds.. radiology, anaesthetics and operations.

- new anti platelets

- TXA, uses outside CRASH... evidence base in terms of safety, how much blood do people save using it in primary joints? is the reduction in swelling an analgesic modality? do we see a smaller Hb fall in these patients? do we need drains at all in primary joints?

- hyper coagulable patients and the perioperative period.. when to stop chronic meds they take for the condition, how to manage post op

This covers a lot of the suggestions in the feedback, and would attract a wide audience.

Action: RW will contact a speaker from NQAS who can present on coagulants.

KH to contact other relevant speakers

KH/OC to visit Chesterfield Royal for possible venue

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- 25.04.2013 – Patient Blood Management, The Source, Sheffield

Chief executives, medical directors, chief nurses etc have all been invited to this event but with a very poor uptake of applicants. KH informed the team that she will write to the DOH and advise them of non attendance. OC to also contact commissioning groups in the region.

3.3 Newsletter

Newsletter No 16 will be updated and published on the website and OC will send the link. OC to look at re-designing the newsletter to make it look more up to date and attractive.

Action: KH/OC to update and publish No 16

3.4 Patient Blood Management

CC has since merged with this group which was formerly the blood conservation group. No further update to record as AA not present.

Action: KH to send the Patient Blood Management invitation letter to CC for her to liaise with senior staff at Nottingham to encourage their attendance.

4. RTC Financial Report

OC confirmed we have spent £ 2,229.18 with a balance outstanding of £501.68. We have today's RTC meeting to fund and the balance remaining will be spent by the end of the financial year.

5. AOB

PM suggested she could see re booking a room at SPIRE Leicester.

6. Dates & Venues for future RTC meetings 2013

Friday 7th June 2013 – Charnwood Mill, Barrow-on-Soar, Loughborough, LE12 8LR

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RTT – Action list 12th February 2013

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
3.2	To contact speaker from NQAS who can present on coagulants	RW	End March 2013
	To contact other relevant speakers for Jan 2014	KH	End May 2013
	To visit Chesterfield Royal for possible venue	KH/OC	End March 2013
3.3	To update and publish No 16 newsletter	KH/OC	End April 2013
3.4	To send the Patient Blood Management invitation letter to CC for her to liaise with senior staff at Nottingham to encourage their attendance.	KH	End Feb 2013