Transfusion Practitioners Meeting Tuesday 12th February Newcastle Blood Centre

Attendance:

Pauline Patterson (PP) – chair Anna Bartholomew (AB) Rosie Tate (RT) Karen Nesbitt (KN) Kay Richardson (KR) Denise Watson (DW) – minutes

Apologies:

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Vicki Davidson (VD) Debbie Cox (DC) Lindy Defoe (LD) Sue Wardle (SWa) Susan Whitehead (SWh) Sara Avery (SA) Janet Ryan (JR) Jonathan Trattles (JT)

1.	Pauline Patterson welcomed the group and acted as chair Minutes of previous meeting Agreed as a true record Action: Janice Robertson (JRo) to post onto RTC website	JRo
2.	DW gave a presentation on 'Where do platelets go?' regional results and 'HLA matched platelets'	
	Platelet I ssue Data WDPG TP v1 (2) (2).ppt [Read-Only].i (2).ppt [Read-Only].i	
	Action: DW to discuss ways in which HLA matched platelet return data can be improved with individual TPs as it does not involve all trusts / hospitals.	DW
3.	Critical Incidents / TP Feedback The incidents were discussed briefly by those who attended the meeting.	
	Several trusts have had their NHSLA inspections postponed - PP to check the inspection date for her trust. Action: DW to confirm if transfusion was to remain part of NHSLA standards.	DW
	PP raised an issue of Beriplex wastage due to incorrect mixing – training arranged with company representative. RT asked where staff prescribe and record that Beriplex has been given as some record it on the fluid balance chart and some on the drug kardex? Most record it on the drug kardex.	

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4.	Consent: PP informed the group that this now forms part of the transfusion pathway – now 4 pages long and will be trialled on a few wards. Action: PP to send pathway to group Consent is still under discussion at Northumbria	PP
5.	Stand by me! DW informed the group that following the 'Wrong blood in tube' regional survey the findings identified that many staff did not complete the sample tubes at the patients side. A slogan 'Stand by me!' is to be promoted to get the message across to all staff. DW asked for ideas as to how this can be achieved. Group felt it was important to address the human factors involved and the need to have IT solutions. Action: Please send any ideas to DW	ALL
6.	NHSBT/TLN update	
	TLN update Feb 2013 _2pdf	
7.	A.O.B. DW asked on behalf of DC 'What training do trusts do as her training department are looking at once only transfusion training?'. Gateshead – at induction and annually Northumbria – at induction and 2 yearly South Tyneside – at induction	
	There may be changes at Northumbria as their training department may no longer organise annual update training days.	
	PP has a 2 hour training session whereby the 1 st hour is training and the 2 nd hour is to carryout competency assessments. Action: DW to find guidance notes in relation to collection and training.	DW
	Date and time of next meeting – 16 th May, 2013 Action: DW to arrange doodle poll for September 2013	DW