

# Newcastle Blood Centre User Group

Meeting at  
Lecture Theatre, NHS Blood and Transplant, Newcastle.


Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021




**Present:**

Aimi Baird (AB)	-	Newcastle
Sue Barnes (SB)	-	South Tees
Hannah Bielby (HB)	-	Specialist Registrar
Dave Bruce (DB)	-	RCI, NHSBT
Andrew Charlton	-	Clinical, NHSBT
Robin Coupe (RC)	-	Customer Service, NHSBT
Chris Elliott (CE)	-	South Tees
Kelly Fisher (KF)	-	Hospital Services, NHSBT
Maria Kelsey	-	South of Tyne
Cheryl Kempton (CK)	-	Northumbria
Joanne Lawson (JL)	-	CDDFT
Alex Liversidge (AL)	-	Leeds Teaching Hospitals / Leeds Beckett University
Charlotte Longhorn (CL)	-	PBMP, NHSBT
Chantal Morrell (CM)	-	CDDFT
Alison Muir (AM)	-	Newcastle
Chelsea Ridsdale (CR)	-	Scientific Training, NHSBT
Janice Robertson (JR) - minutes	-	RTC Admin, NHSBT
Karen Simblet (KS)	-	Quality, NHSBT
Debra Smith (DS)	-	South Tees
John Sutton (JS)	-	North Cumbria
Shabana Tufail (ST)	-	Customer Service, NHSBT
Marie Walker (MW)	-	North Tees
Karen Ward (KW) – Chair	-	Northumbria

**Apologies:**

Nicki Main (NM)	-	H&I, Newcastle
Lianne Rounding (LR)	-	Scientific Training, NHSBT

1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b> • KW welcomed the group and apologies were noted.	
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting 24/02/2021</b> • Minutes confirmed as true record. Post onto RTC website. <b>Matters arising</b> • Terms of Reference: Hold on this until RTC boundary realignment discussed. • Transfusion Bites Good event, minimum of 77 delegates attended. Group to consider repeating the event and involving lower level staff.	JR
3.	<b>Gender in Healthcare: Implications in Blood Transfusion</b> <b>Presented by Alex Liversidge</b>  Gender in healthcare - Implications in Blood	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NHS need to provide information to the community, to ensure they are aware of the implications of not disclosing gender at birth.</li> <li>Systematic review <a href="#">International clinical practice guidelines for gender minority/trans people: systematic review and quality assessment   BMJ Open</a> Confirms the lack of clear guidance (internationally) for this group of patients.</li> <li>Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust have implemented a consent form. Request a copy to share with the group.</li> <li>Include a question on current policies within the region, on the Trust reports for the next NBCUG meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Post meeting note:</b> further information provided by AL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transgender Guide for NHS Acute Hospital Trusts by Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust: <a href="http://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/files.royalfree.nhs.uk/E_and_D/transgender_booklet_low_res.pdf">http://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/files.royalfree.nhs.uk/E_and_D/transgender_booklet_low_res.pdf</a></li> <li>GMC - transgender healthcare: <a href="https://www.gmc-uk.org/ethical-guidance/ethical-hub/trans-healthcare">https://www.gmc-uk.org/ethical-guidance/ethical-hub/trans-healthcare</a></li> </ul>	JR JR
4.	<p><b>Customer Service Manager</b></p>  <p>Customer Service Manager Update.pdf</p>	
5.	<p><b>NHSBT Updates</b></p> <p><b>Clinical</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing significant to report</li> </ul> <p><b>H&amp;I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminder to use the new H&amp;I forms.</li> <li>ABO / Rh not an option any longer for solid organ and HSCT patients and donors. Please send separate form and sample to RCI if required.</li> <li>New form 3F for disease association. 3A is now for platelets only, available from H&amp;I Newcastle or via website.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hospital Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing significant to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update</li> </ul> <p><b>RCI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turnaround times are good</li> <li>EQA scheme results satisfactory.</li> <li>Staff member enrolled for MSc in Applied Transfusion. The only postgraduate master's degree in transfusion and transplantation in England, created in collaboration with NHSBT. Training at UWE and NHSBT's facility in Filton <a href="https://courses.uwe.ac.uk/C99S12/applied-transfusion-and-transplantation-science">https://courses.uwe.ac.uk/C99S12/applied-transfusion-and-transplantation-science</a></li> </ul>  <p>2122 0124 MSc flyer.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently advertising for a 12 month fixed term band 5/6 Biomedical Scientist/Biomedical Scientist Practitioner. Closing Date: 26 May 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>PBMP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing date extended for submissions for the 'Benchmarking survey for O POS to Bleeding Men Project', from the NBTC O D Neg working group.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scientific and Clinical Training</b></p>  <p>SciClinTraining-Updat e for NBCUG-May2021.</p>	

6.	<b>NBTC Laboratory managers group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly meetings to discuss stock levels with planning group continue. Updated comms expected next week in regard to request for information on planned changes.</li> <li>K pos project has been successful, the focus will now move to substitutions.</li> <li>Kelly Dowling has been appointed as chair of the UKTLC</li> <li>Mark William gave a report on RCI referral algorithm and move to digital platform for requesting/reporting</li> <li>Group meetings across the country continue to be held in virtual format which appears to have slowed down developments.</li> </ul>	
7.	<b>Hospital Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trusts presented highlight reports for discussion within the group.</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="344 539 395 602" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Trust reports.pdf</p>	
8.	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laura Condren has been appointed as Technical Manager for South of Tyne.</li> <li>Increase in requests for platelets: Gateshead - usage has doubled for haematology patients, South Tees - leukaemia patients increased.</li> <li>CVP - Retain any plasma you have in stock. Ownership is with the Department of Health and NHSBT is awaiting a decision from them. There is potential for a further clinical trial.</li> <li>Plasma for Medicine. Pilot sites for collection in our region is in Stockton. The DHSC is responsible for decisions on the future of the programme including funding the possible extension to collection, targets on how much we should collect, and the scale of the donor centre network.</li> <li>Paper on GPP Preoperative patient blood management during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic published BSH website <a href="https://b-s-h.org.uk/guidelines/guidelines/gpp-preoperative-patient-blood-management-during-the-sars-cov-2-pandemic/">https://b-s-h.org.uk/guidelines/guidelines/gpp-preoperative-patient-blood-management-during-the-sars-cov-2-pandemic/</a></li> <li>Please forward topics for next meeting to KW/RC.</li> </ul>	
9.	<b>Date &amp; time of next meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.</li> </ul>	