



Yorkshire & The Humber Regional Transfusion Committee

Confirmed Minutes of Yorkshire & The Humber Regional Transfusion Committee Meeting 10:15 – 13:15 Monday 13th December 2021 Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees					
Laura Baglow	LB	HDH	Raheela Khalid	RH	Nuffield Leeds
Sharon Baker	SB	STH	Michelle Lake	ML	C&H
Aimi Baird	AB	NE RTT	Kevan Leighton	KL	AGH
Amanda Baxter	AB	SCH	Charlotte Longhorn	CL	NHSBT
Gill Bell	GB	DBH	Alison Muir	AM	NE RTT
Carol Blears	CB	MYH	James Naseem	JN	MYH
Deborah Booth	DB	NHSBT	Jill Parkinson	JP	BRI
Joanne Bowden	JB	HEY	Ric Procter	RP	NE RTT
Carolyn Carveth-Marshall	CCM	NE RTT	Janice Robertson	JR	NHSBT
Andrew Charlton	AC	NHSBT	Michelle Scott	MS	SCH
Robin Coupe	RC	NHSBT	Jo Shorthouse	JSh	NHSBT
Khaled El-Ghariani	KEG	NHSBT	Youssef Sorour (Chair)	YS	BDGH
Bob Elshaw	BE	HEY	Delia Smith	DS	NHSBT
Stephanie Ferguson	SF	LTH	Robert Stirk	RS	RDGH
Michelle Hartlett	MH	YTH	Brian Taylor	BT	STH
David Hird	DH	YTH	Victoria Waddoups	VW	RDGH
Brian Hockley	BH	NHSBT	Karen Ward	KW	NE RTT
Tina Ivel	TI	YTH	Tracey Watson	TW	NHSBT
Marina Karakantza	MK	NHSBT	Abbie White	AW	NLGH

Apologies					
Sabira Ali	SA	STH	Alex Liversidge	AL	LTH
Tharani Balasubramaniam	TH	HDFT	Linda Lowrey	LL	HDFT
Atchamamba Bobbili	AB	DBH	Gemma Maxwell	GM	YTH
David Emmitt	DDE	H&EY	Richard McBain	RMc	Spire Hull
Jay Francis	JF	LTH	Laura Munro	LM	YTH
Emma Harrison	EH	NLGH	Emma Richards	ER	DBH
Diane Howarth	DH	LTH	Rachel Wilkinson-Hall	RWH	STH
Paul Jennings	PJ	AGH	Donna Wood	DW	CHT

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Educational Session	
 O D Pos to males in trauma project .pdf	<p>O D Pos to Males in Trauma Presented by Jo Shorthouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KEG What is the scientific and operational evidence, the practice is not as safe as using O D neg blood. JS offered to share papers showing sensitisation is as low as 2% / 3%. Operationally, concerns re: GI patients have previously been raised, JS contacted both the steering group and lab managers group who had no concerns with this practice. BSH, NBTC and NICE advocate the practice within their guidance, Trusts to risk assess locally. YS to escalate concerns to RTC chairs / NBTC meeting in March 2022. • USA are also implementing this practice. • RS Recently introduced at Rotherham; policy includes 3-month recall checking for allo immunisation, this should provide useful data which could be shared. • BH NCA are considering a reaudit of 'Use of blood products in GI bleeding'. Liaising with John Grant Casey re: inclusion of relevant questions could be beneficial. Timeline for this audit is unknown. • MK We should be clear on distinguishing trauma patients from any other bleeders.
 BBTS Conference 2021.pdf	<p>Update from BBTS Conference 2021 Presented by Victoria Waddoups</p>

1.	Welcome & Apologies
	YS welcomed the group and the NE RTT. Apologies received and noted.
2.	Review of Minutes of the RTC Meeting held on 19th May 2021 and Action Points
	The circulated minutes were accepted as a true record of the May meeting. Post onto JPAC website. No actions noted
3.	RTC Budget
	Funds remain in for 2021/22 budget. Suggestions for use of remaining budget to be forwarded to CL. Invoices would need to be received by end January 2022 to enable funds to be allocated to current financial year. KEG suggested the money be used to fund delegates to attend National Conferences. Funding for events may encourage Trusts to give staff time off to attend.







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4.	Annual Work Programme
	<p>Non-Medical Authorisation Courses 4 virtual events held in 2021 with a minimum of 18 delegates attending each event (including delegates from the North East region), feedback is mostly excellent / good with delegates stating they would recommend the course to a colleague. Documents for the course will need to be reviewed to reflect the amalgamation of the regions. Thanks expressed to speakers and facilitators for their assistance, with special note to Deb Booth.</p>
	<p>Future Education Events Canvassing for topics, please forward any suggestions to CL/JR. Details of virtual education programme available via https://www.transfusionguidelines.org/uk-transfusion-committees/regional-transfusion-committees/virtual-education-sessions</p>
	<p>Audit National Cell Salvage Survey Coordinated by Alister Jones - Welsh Blood Service, Currently 69 sites have responded. Automatic audit tool for NICE Quality standards 138 NBTC approached for funding to work with Snapsurveys.com to generate an automatic tool to allow Trusts to audit against NICE quality standards and generate a report in real time, benchmarked against other Trusts. Currently looking to pilot with PBM team followed by SE RTC, to check the data integrity and calculations. This project would be entirely voluntary. Audit of Novel Anticoagulant Initiated by Dr Chowdry for London, South East Coast and South Central RTC's. Circulated nationally in error, any Trusts wishing to be included to contact their TP who will forward request to BH.</p>
5.	Report from NBTC meeting
	<p>Transfusion 2024 Summary of work progress circulated to regions. Checklist in development and project manages to assist with the implementation to be appointed. Report / podcast / recommendation via https://www.transfusionguidelines.org/uk-transfusion-committees/national-blood-transfusion-committee/transfusion-2024 Blood demand and supply changes Work continues to manage blood stocks, but this complex situation will be ongoing. REMAP-CAP trial To be re-opened for immunocompromised patients National Commissioning Group To reconvene with clinical and laboratory input from hospitals to review ongoing blood pricing arrangements. Patient Information Working Group</p>







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	<p>Supported the development of “Receiving a Transfusion” leaflet released Aug 2021 with work around translations of Patient Information Leaflets (PILs) into other languages.</p> <p>Realignment of Regional Transfusion Committee boundaries</p> <p>Ongoing good progress. Joint RTT meeting scheduled for January 2022 with a view to the first joint NE and Y RTC meeting in March 2022</p>
6.	<p>Regional TP Group / National TP Group</p> <p>Regional TP Group</p> <p>Meeting June 2021. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PBM / National TP updates • Highlights of achievements / issues • In discussion with Aimi Baird, representative of NE region and National TP chair, re way forward. • A survey to obtain an overview of current TP practice across the North East and Yorkshire has recently been circulated. • Next meeting 13:00 Monday 28th February 2022. <p>National TP Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful virtual educational event in June of this year, held over three days. The event was very well attended with a high retention rates, majority feedback received was very positive. A recording of the event is available via the PBM YouTube channel. • TP framework for bands 5 to 8b in development, this involves standardising job descriptions for each band with the intention that they are banded as intended. This will be forwarded to NHSE / NHSI for approval. • National Transfusion Practitioner Network now visible on the JPAC website in the NBTC working group section. This includes meeting minutes / terms of reference /contact lists / COVID-19 lessons learned.
7.	<p>Barnsley User Group Update</p> <p>Meeting November 2021. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCI Matters presented by Tracey Watson • Update on our current items plus an interesting case study • Discussion around work key issues • Case Study: TACO presented by Ryan Cowell • Updates from NHSBT <p>86% of regional Trusts responded to Customer Service survey (nationally 66% responded).</p> <p>All Trusts now accepting K pos units.</p>
8.	<p>National TLM Group</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>NBTC – TLM report for RTC 13.12.21.pdf</p> <p>BT to share documentation on the incident with death of Blood Biker, with the group.</p>


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9.	NHSBT Update	
	<p>Customer Service update Convalescent plasma: Advice is to hold existing stock in your hospitals pending a further decision. If holding stock is causing an issue contact RC/DS who will escalate that to the head of customer services. Barnsley Centre has now been open just over a year. Thank you to everyone who has support us with the move, a lot of collaborative work has happened with hospitals in the region to ensure it was a smooth transition.</p> <div data-bbox="363 689 411 757"></div> <p>PBM update.pdf</p> <div data-bbox="363 857 411 925"> <p>RCI update.pdf</p> </div>	<p>Post meeting note: CL will start her maternity leave 28/02/2022, she is hoping to take a year out of work (awaiting confirmation). PBMP cover for the region is with Kairen Coffey (Operations Manager) and more information will be communicated when available.</p>
10.	Issues from Hospital Transfusion Teams	
	<div data-bbox="363 1037 411 1104"></div> <p>Airedale.pdf</p>	<p>Airedale NHS Trust Report not presented at the meeting</p>
	<div data-bbox="363 1171 411 1238"></div> <p>Barnsley.pdf</p>	<p>Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Key Points: Key HTT post approval, 1 x blood transfusion practitioner 1 x HTT Administrator. Training clinical staff in use of new MSoft Blood 360 electronic blood product audit system. Working towards full implementation early next year.</p>
	<div data-bbox="363 1417 411 1485"></div> <p>Bradford.pdf</p>	<p>Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Key Points: Awaiting new LIMS system (part of WYAT project) Lessons learnt from recent SI involving incompatible O neg FFP issued to neonate with inconclusive blood. ffDNA testing due to start Dec 21, delayed by maternity until May 2022</p>
	<div data-bbox="363 1664 411 1731"></div> <p>Calderdale and Huddersfield.pdf</p>	<p>Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust Key Points: Successful BloodTrack upgrade. Original handheld devices decommissioned - software installed on multi-use devices Adding transfusion details to discharge letters, agreed and awaiting implementation (expected January 2022) Business case for ffDNA will be submitted this month</p>

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		Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust No report submitted
	 Harrogate.pdf	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust Key Points: IBGRL fDNA audit completed, results awaited. BloodTrack business case in progress
	 Hull and East Yorkshire.pdf	Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust Key Points: Implementation of Transfusion Care Pathway. Pathology services now merged with York - NHSi directive Difficulty defining absolute numbers of clinical staff requiring transfusion training.
	 Leeds.pdf	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Key Points: Patient information leaflets for patients with learning disabilities (blood and platelet transfusions) designed, approved, published and available for use in the clinical areas. PBM guidance and alternatives signposted in Trust update from Chief Medical Officer in message to all Trust staff Significant increase in the number of Massive Haemorrhage cases during June-Sept. Evidence of good communication between the teams. NHSBT providing 'Jellybean Resilience Training' in January. Empowering lab staff
		Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust No report submitted
		Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust No report submitted
	 Sheffield Childrens.pdf	Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust Report not presented at the meeting
	 Sheffield Teaching.pdf	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Key Points: 2 new Transfusion Practitioners appointed, start January 2022 Concern re: lack of blood tracking system, due to funding issues Current EPR does not support good transfusion decision making. Project to replace in 2023, lab has had the opportunity to feed requirements into new EPR.
	 Rotherham.pdf	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Key Points: Successfully implemented emergency O RhD Positive red cells.

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		<p>In progress of training staff for installation of new electronic blood collection system</p> <p>Active education re: Single unit transfusion</p> <p>E-learning packages for clinical staff reviewed, awaiting next steps.</p> <p>Utilisation of EPR system and blood transfusion processes</p>
	 York and Scarborough.pdf	<p>York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <p>Discussion re criteria for use of Andexanet alfa for reversing anticoagulation in life-threatening or uncontrolled bleeding in gastrointestinal bleeds to be held 10/12/21 with gastro teams</p> <p>Combining of Hull and Y&S Q pulse system has commenced</p> <p>Incorrect blood component transfusion - Platelets collected from Lab instead of FFP for a TTP patient.</p>
11.	A.O.B.	
	None	
12.	Date of next meeting	
	To be confirmed	

RTC – Action list

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
2	Post minutes of May 2021 meeting onto JPAC website	JR	
Ed. Session	Escalate concerns raised by group on O D Pos to Males in Trauma, to RTC chairs / NBTC meeting in March 2022.	YS	
4	Canvassing for topics future Education Events please forward any suggestions to CL/JR.	All	
8	Share documentation on the incident with death of Blood Biker, with the group.	BT	