

Yorkshire & The Humber Regional Transfusion Committee

Minutes of Regional Transfusion Team Meeting (Y&H-RTT) 09:00 – 10:00 Monday 13th December 2021 Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Deb Booth	DB	NHSBT
Robin Coupe	RC	NHSBT
Tina Ivel	TI	York Teaching Hospitals
Marina Karakantza	MK	NHSBT / Leeds Teaching Hospitals
Michelle Lake	ML	Huddersfield Royal Infirmary
Charlotte Longhorn	CL	NHSBT
Janice Robertson (minutes)	JR	NHSBT
Delia Smith	DS	NHSBT
Youssef Sorour (Chair)	YS	Barnsley District General Hospital
Dagmara Szmyd	DS	Leeds Teaching Hospitals
Brian Taylor	BT	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals

1. Welcome and Apologies

- YS welcomed the group; no apologies were received.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting 19th May 2021 and Review of Action Points

- Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

Action: Post onto the RTC website

Item No:	Action	By Whom	Completion
4	Collate a list of queries for the joint RTT meeting on the 30 th June.	DB	Complete

3. Y&H RTC Budget

- £1383.60 remaining for 2021/22 budget. Suggestions for use of remaining budget to be forwarded to CL.
- Consider offering funding for delegates to attend BGS Transfusion 2022 - 25th to 27th April 2022.

Action: Contact BGS to see if we can get invoice by end of January

4. RTC Boundary Re-Alignment

- Joint RTT Meeting 10th January 2022.
- Joint RTC meeting March 2022.
- Work ongoing in current working group.
- Regional policies to be reviewed.

5. Annual Work Programme

Non-Medical Authorisation Courses

- Over 80 delegates (including delegates from the North East region) attended the 4 sessions in 2021, feedback is positive.
Currently planning 2022 events. Looking at the possibility of holding the event with delegates in both Barnsley and Newcastle centres linked via teams.
Currently no evidence of number of delegates proceeding to complete portfolios / authorise blood components
Action: Confirm number of delegates who have proceeded to complete portfolios and are now authorising blood components, following the events.

Future Events

- On hold until joint RTT meeting, canvassing for topics.
Details of virtual education programme available via <https://www.transfusionguidelines.org/uk-transfusion-committees/regional-transfusion-committees/virtual-education-sessions>
- YS commended the North East 20:20 vision event.
Action: Ideas for future events from delegate evaluations to be shared with the group.

6. Transfusion Practitioner Update

- Last meeting in June 2021. Key points included:
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.

7. Barnsley User Group Update

- Last meeting 10th November 2021, good attendance but not all trust represented.
Key points included:
Agreement of Terms of reference
Updates from NHSBT
Case study on TACO

8. National TLM Update

- Group continues to meet every 8 weeks via teams, limited activity. Key points include:
Updates from BSMS
Updates from MHRA – Sabre reports showing similar patterns as previous years
Use of blood bikes. Volunteer rider has been killed. Police have advised that the charity is not cleared to use blue lights and do not have any driving restriction exemptions.
Action: Document published on incident to be shared with the group.

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9. AOB

- None

10. Time / date of next meeting:

- Realignment meeting scheduled for 14:00 Wednesday 5th January 2022
- Cross boundary RTT meeting scheduled for 10:00 Monday 10th January 2022.

Action log

Item No	Action	By Whom
2	Post minutes of May 2021 RTT meeting onto the RTC website	JR
3	Contact BGS to see if we can get invoice by end of January	JR
5	Confirm number of delegates who have proceeded to complete portfolios and are now authorising blood components following the NMA events.	CI
5	Ideas for future events from 20:20 vision delegate evaluations to be shared with the group.	JR
8	Share document on the incident with death of Blood Biker, with the group.	BT