

East Midlands Regional Transfusion Committee

Confirmed Minutes of Regional Transfusion Committee Meeting (EM-RTC)

Tuesday 14th October 2014

Charnwood Mill, Barrow-upon-Soar

Loughborough LE12 8LR

13.45 – 16.30

Present :

Attendees

Jon Cort	JC	Chesterfield Royal
Simon Ennis	SE	Chesterfield Royal
Caroline Lowe	CL	Kettering
Angela Houston	AH	Kettering
Jane Walden	JW	Kings Mill
Leanne Hostler	LH	Kings Mill
Roz Ennals-Rowe	RER	Leicester SPIRE
Priya Mistry	PM	Leicester SPIRE
Brian Hockley	BH	NHSBT
Rob Webster	RW	NHSBT
Delia Smith	DS	NHSBT
Jo Shorthouse	JSh	NHSBT
Cherry Chang	CC	Nottingham University Hospitals
Pam Wake	PW	Nottingham University Hospitals
Louise Allen	LA	Nottingham University Hospitals
Kath Hearnshaw	KH	Patient Representative
Angela McKernan (Chair)	AM	Royal Derby
Georgina Gray	GG	Royal Derby
Ant Jackson	AJ	United Lincolnshire Hospitals
Hafiz Qureshi	HQ	University Hospitals Leicester
Marie Browett	MB	University Hospitals Leicester
Pavlina Sharp	PS	University Hospitals Leicester
Malcolm Chambers	MC	University Hospitals Leicester

Apologies

Janice Smith	JS	Chesterfield Royal
Jayne Sharpe	JyS	Kings Mill
Kate Potter	KP	Empath – NUH / UHL
Karen Spreckley	KS	Northampton
Hayley Bond	HB	Nottingham University Hospitals
Richard Elliott	RE	Royal Derby
Carol Richardson	CR	United Lincolnshire Hospitals
Helen Hicks	HH	Kettering

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

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1. Welcome and Apologies

AM welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and noted.

2. Minutes of the last RTC Meeting held on 2nd May 2014 and matters arising

Minutes confirmed as accurate record. The action table was reviewed.

1. The NOAC survey is a quick audit and not the new regional audit.
2. To check if JS has shared policy on unknown patients who are coming into hospital.

3. Individual Hospital Transfusion Committee Reports



EM RTC HTC Reports

Other key points discussed:

1. Hospital Feedback

Kettering – AH

- Practice Improvement facilities introduced into transfusion and involves education on wards
- Prescription chart pending decision from governance and trust governance
- 2nd sample gone smoothly and is very good

Leicester - HQ

- Tender pending for blood tracking

Chesterfield - SE

- Validation issues with IT however rolling out bloodhound
- Good HTC Chair which has proved to work as not pathology based.

2. How to improve HTC attendance – JC

It can be difficult to engage clinicians when laboratory issues are discussed i.e. wastage.

JC at Chesterfield holds a 90 min meeting and invites staff who can attend either the first or second half of the meeting.

United Lincoln Hospitals - No HTC meetings due to having no consultant in post.
Considering HTT's every few months and HTC once per year.

3. Non-Trauma Bleeds

Leicester follows massive haemorrhage protocol for non-trauma bleed patients. They have two pathways. Royal Derby only has one.

The 2nd pack is not used at both Leicester and Chesterfield.

The group discussed their own Massive Haemorrhage Policies; what products are used and whether FFP is thawed.

Action: HQ agreed to share 2 pathways for non-trauma bleeds

4. Feedback from RTC Task Groups

4.1 Audit & Appropriate Usage Task Group

FFP audit report has now been finalised and was presented at BBTS.

Action: BH to issue individual hospital reports

At the NBTC it was agreed to re-audit O Neg usage, will be a quick audit asking lab managers what their hospital has done following the last recommendations.

Audit of cell salvage - these results to follow in due course. There is a new and dedicated audit page on the NHSBT Hospitals & Science website.

4.2 Education & Training Group

23rd January 2015 – The 3 R's – Risks, Reactions and Reporting – Nottingham City Campus. We have 3 sponsors and all places now booked.

A joint TP meeting with Yorkshire & The Humber TP's will be held next year.

4.3 Newsletter

Newsletter No 18 will be published on the website and OC will send the link. If you wish anything else to be inserted please contact either OC/JSh.

Action: OC to publish No 18

4.4 Patient Blood Management

JSh – A chair is needed to re-establish this regional group – any volunteers who would be interested to chair this group please contact JSh or OC. CL at Kettering may have some one who may be interested to chair.

5. KPI's



Quarter 2 2014-15
Highlights

If you wish to see the full report please contact DS.

6. Feedback from RTC associated groups and circulated papers

6.1 Feedback from EM Transfusion Practitioner's Group

JW – The last meeting was held in June sharing educational resources. A TP coaching day was held yesterday. The next TP meeting in March will be at Sheffield NHSBT centre to include a centre tour. The group are also trying to arrange to hold a joint TP education day in 2015 with the Y&H TP group.

6.2 Feedback from NBTC / RTC Chair's Meeting – 29th September 2014



NBTC Feedback Sept
2014



RTC Issue Data



Anaemia
Investigation and Ma



Standardised
Request form



PBM WG Update



Platelet Hospital
letter



SHOT Summary 2013
Final



PBM
recommendations fina



SPN review Final
draft for NBTC

Other key issues raised :

1. Intraosseous samples

PW confirmed are using this method in all trauma patients and it is in their policy. The sample is for group and save and will see an increase in these samples. NUH would like some further evidence and work around this.

Action: All - Please contact PW if you have anything to report on io samples

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SE Coast – produced and rolled out peelable stickers to indicate a transfusion has taken place. If you have any comments please feedback to AM.
AM to feedback once results are known.

7. Regional transfer of blood policy

The national transfer policy has just been circulated and everyone present agreed that this is better than the regional one. Please refer to the national document below:



Transfer of Blood
Guidance Final

8. AOB

SE wanted to thank NHSBT for providing the Billy Blood Drop costume – their event went very well.

SE would like NHSBT to share with hospitals on how they validate transport boxes. NHSBT are now planning to withdraw Clinimed boxes early 2015 and they will be asking for these boxes to be returned. The new short journey boxes are more expensive and will be tracked.

KH – raised the concern from a patient perspective if any practices have been put into place removing the danger of Ebola with screening of donors.

BH – Launching a quick platelet survey in Y&H region, will be completed electronically.
[Action: BH to circulate the form to EM to adapt for this region.](#)

JSh – wanted to thank everyone who completed the survey and there are new factsheets available.

9. Dates & Venues for future RTC meetings 2015

Alternate Tuesday and Fridays

Dates to be arranged around beginning of Feb; June & October 2015

[Action: OC to book rooms and publish RTC meeting dates](#)

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RTC – Action list 14th October 2014

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
3	HQ agreed to share 2 pathways for non-trauma bleeds	HQ	December 2014
4.1	BH to issue individual hospital reports	BH	December 2014
4.3	OC to publish No 18	OC	December 2014
6.2	Please contact PW if you have anything to report on io samples	All	Ongoing
8	BH to circulate the form to EM to adapt for this region	BH	December 2014
9	OC to book rooms and publish RTC meeting dates	OC	December 2014