

# Newcastle Blood Centre User Group

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


Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021


**Present:**




Aimi Baird (AB)	-	Newcastle
Dave Bruce (DB)	-	RCI, NHSBT
Jill Caulfield (JC)	-	South of Tyne
Robin Coupe (RC)	-	Customer Service, NHSBT
Chris Elliott (CE)	-	South Tees
Kelly Fisher (KF)	-	Hospital Services, NHSBT
Alex Hogan (AH)	-	RCI, NHSBT
Joanne Lawson (JL)	-	CDDFT
Charlotte Longhorn (CL)	-	PBMP, NHSBT
Nicki Main (NM)	-	H&I, Newcastle
Chantal Morrell (CM)	-	CDDFT
Alison Muir (AM)	-	Newcastle
Chelsea Ridsdale (CR)	-	Scientific Training, NHSBT
Janice Robertson (JR) - minutes	-	RTC Admin, NHSBT
Lianne Rounding (LR)	-	Scientific Training, NHSBT
Karen Simblet (KS)	-	Quality, NHSBT
Carol Smales (CS)	-	North Tees
Lee Sudlow (LS)	-	South of Tyne
John Sutton (JS)	-	North Cumbria
Helen Thom (HT)	-	PBMP, NHSBT
Marie Walker (MW)	-	North Tees
Karen Ward (KW) – Chair	-	Northumbria

**Apologies:**

Jo Gilbert (JG)	-	CDDFT
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1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KW welcomed the group and apologies were noted.</li> <li>DB introduced himself to the NBCUG as the interim RCI HoL. Official notification to follow</li> </ul>	
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting 02.09.20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes confirmed as true record. Post onto RTC website.</li> </ul> <b>Matters arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Concessionary release SOP' not included in today's agenda. The preference is for this to be included in a face to face meeting.</li> <li>NEQAS FMH – group, actions taken following cancellation of 2 exercises. NHSBT set up an internal exercise and utilised the calculation tools the NEQAS supplied to all participants.</li> <li>NHSBT portfolio is currently in draft.</li> </ul>	JR
3.	<b>Survey of Hospital Transfusion Laboratory Stock Management During the Covid 19 Pandemic</b>  <p>03. Survey of stock management during C</p>	

	<p>The group recognised that NHSBT need up to date knowledge from Trust workload for essential demand planning. However, transfusion laboratories were not given any information from the Trust management system as to what was going on with surgery, day units etc. Preparedness had to be maintained for emergency use but could not be re directed to other areas when not used.</p> <p>Substitution data is available via Monthly O Neg RBC Highlight Reports or JR.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Customer Service Manager</b></p> <p> CSM Update Feb2021 v2.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please email any intelligence regarding changes in demand for demand for blood components to <a href="mailto:Covid19BloodRecovery@nhsbt.nhs.uk">Covid19BloodRecovery@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a> and copy in <a href="mailto:karen.ward@nhct.nhs.uk">karen.ward@nhct.nhs.uk</a></li> <li>• Queries regarding NHSBT contract and pricing arrangements should be directed to <a href="mailto:contracts@nhsbt.nhs.uk">contracts@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a></li> <li>• Please notify any examples of notable good service from NHSBT departments or staff to RC</li> <li>• RTC boundary changes. The group are keen to retain individuality for any regional issues. Concerns are that the region would be 'a small fish in a big pond', we need to protect the regions identity. CL advised that the PBMP group are doing all they can to make sure transition is as seamless as possible.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>NHSBT Updates</b></p> <p><b>Clinical</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul> <p><b>H&amp;I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colindale are now selecting platelets (not Barnsley.) No change for first unit paperwork or the usual sample testing we do at Newcastle.</li> <li>• Arash Akbarzad-Yousefi is now head of H&amp;I.</li> <li>• The new H&amp;I forms should be used if possible. ABO / Rh not an option any longer. New form 3F for disease association, 3A is now for platelets only. Available from H&amp;I Newcastle or via website.</li> <li>• Barnsley is now operational and will provide backup for Newcastle if required.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hospital Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orders have now returned to pre covid levels. The department is reflecting on issues and looking at expiries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First virtual RCI QI audit from UKAS, went well.</li> </ul> <p><b>RCI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DB has accepted the post of interim RCI HoL</li> <li>• No local findings in RCI audit.</li> <li>• Amalgamation of Leeds / Sheffield is now complete. Newcastle continue to be contingency for genotyping.</li> <li>• All staff have received 1<sup>st</sup> Covid-19 vaccine.</li> </ul> <p><b>PBMP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood Assist: blood component administration app now live. This smartphone and web-based application summarises the key guidelines and recommendations for the safe administration of blood components. It is designed for use, at the bedside, at the time of transfusion. Google play and iTunes stores, <b>search NHS Blood Assist.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Scientific and Clinical Training</b></p>	

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6.	<p><b>NBTC Laboratory managers group</b></p> <p>Meeting: Virtual. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion re use of O D pos in HEMS, feedback from BOBs invited from NUTH and STFT</li> <li>• Convalescent plasma RECOVERY and REMAP-CAP trials are still analysing whether plasma could benefit subgroups of patients, such as people with low natural antibody levels. Collecting plasma now to ensure there is a supply available should there be proven benefit in hospitalised subgroups or when used before hospitalisation. Discussions re: stock sharing. As this is a frozen product, NHSBT would need to supply boxes and dry ice, costs may also be an issue.</li> <li>• Transfer of blood with patient: The region recently updated the policy</li> <li>• Demonstration of the Blood Assist App</li> <li>• Transport review ongoing, no timeline</li> <li>• Hemoglobinopathy registry data base in development. Labs to enter anti body status once live. KW to confirm if a secure link will be shared.</li> <li>• South Tees have increasing amount of sickle cell patients.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Hospital Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trusts presented highlight reports for discussion within the group.</li> </ul>  <p>Trust reports.pdf</p>	
8.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Deputy chair:</b> KW nominated RC who accepted the nomination.</li> <li>• <b>Terms of Reference:</b> Currently none for this group. Please forward ideas on benefits of the group and what we would like to do moving forward to KW.</li> <li>• <b>Transfusion Bites:</b> 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Please feel free to forward details to anyone you think would be interested in joining the event.</li> </ul>  <p>Transfusion Bites Programme.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Placement Students:</b> Placements starting Sept 2021. Students have now been allocated to Trusts. Names and applications have been forwarded to Trusts to organise interviews.</li> <li>• <b>JC</b> will be leaving South of Tyne after 20 years at the Trust. She is moving to Blood Stocks Management Scheme (BSMS) in April. The group wished her well for the future.</li> <li>• <b>Topics for next meeting:</b> Forward items to KW/RC/JR.</li> </ul>	All
9.	<p><b>Date &amp; time of next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 12th May 2021 via TEAMS</li> </ul>	