

LoPAG Meeting Minutes
27th February 2013
West End Donor Centre

1. Welcome & Apologies	
<u>Attendance:</u> Rachel Moss (RM, Chair) Carol Cantwell (CC) Brian Robertson (BR) Jen Heyes (JH) Megan Lawn (ML) Aman Dhesi (AD)	<u>Apologies:</u> Megan Rowley (MR) Hugh Boothe (HB)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Branding and Logo 	
<p>Discussion was had on the name of LoPAG and it was agreed to keep the name. To increase the brand of LoPAG on our outputs it was discussed to have a logo to help people recognise the work that is being done. A London RTC logo that will be proposed at the next RTT was shown and discussed.</p> <p>Various suggestions for a LoPAG logo were discussed in the group.</p> <p>ACTION: ALL to send in logo ideas to RM and AD before the end of April, to allow promotion and branding at BBTS HoT SIG meeting.</p>	
2. London Platelet Data	
<p>Data was viewed and discussed. Some of the points noted were as below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> London PLT issues did plateau but are still increasing. Increased 3.43% from 2011 to 2012. Hospitals that had a drop in PLT issues were called by JH to ask for possible reasons and good practice was the answer – some of the items in the PLT Top Tips were quoted as the reason. Movement of platelets between hospitals were also recorded as a reason. Royal Free Hospital are appointing a PLT co-ordinator and it was agreed to invite them to join LoPAG group when they are in post. Change for appropriate PLT use will take time and key is about awareness and promotion The PLT App needs further promotion Need to start targeting Consultants and SpR's more directly LoPAG needs to now start higher up in hospitals. PLT Champions to promote to medical staff in their trusts. Ideas were had on having an education day for Haematology Consultants and SpR's Targeting the Laboratory changes and TP initiatives have been done and promoted well. Discussion was had on doing a possible survey/audit to get people to look at their increase in usage Consultants and SpRs (this includes haematology) have scope to improve practice. Discussion was had on engaging them in transfusion and not just PLTs. MR will be asked to input into this further. LoPAG will be moving to phase two and targeting Consultants and 	

SpR's . Questions were asked on how to engage: in same way we did on the BMS day, provide an attractive venue and food and possible have as a road show for hospitals to put on with LoPAG support.

- There will be hospitals that don't have representation but we can do a regional event then have the resources available for road shows in hospitals.
- PLT Champions could highlight to medical colleagues who appear reluctant to change practice that they are using more PLTs than others.

ACTION: RM to contact MR and Gavin Cho, to discuss agenda for the SpR PLT education day

- PLT Champions to push engagement and look at data in their own hospitals and flag up issues higher in hospital setting. Champions to get data and look at where PLTs are used and if trends are going up. An action for PLT champions will be to look at their activity. LoPAG will develop a template example tool and proforma to help them analyse data and promote in hospital.

ACTION: BR and ML to do sample report (Demand Management) and tools for PLT Champions

- AD discussed looking at data based on hospital speciality

ACTION: AD to compare usage in hospital specialisation

3. Feedback from NHSBT actions

AD gave an update from feedback from Jon Watts and Al Hunter:

- PLT on Van – no date and no clear timeframe
- Bonded deliveries – Al has started conversation with Transport to see if this can start again
- Night time deliveries: no development yet

ACTION: RM to e-mail Jon Watts to ask for a formal reply to the actions that were agreed from NHSBT at the RTC

4. Review of Champions Day

The evaluations from the day were viewed and it was an enjoyable day with high top box scores to show positive evaluation.

The following discussion points were to be noted:

- Agreed to not resurvey PLT Champions on Top 10 Tips until 2014
- Back to basics presentation to be uploaded onto the RTC YouTube account as a resource.
- It was agreed to have a PLT Champions Newsletter showing data in London and share best practice with group. Also include new work and promote engagement

ACTION: AD to upoad talk to You Tube; RM to write newsletter

5. PLT Champions Training Packs

Following the PLT Champions day we agreed to get together a PLT Champions Training pack. This meeting we discussed to include;

- PLT telephone request form
- Demand Management sample and audit tool (BR and ML to develop)
- Indication codes bookmarks and posters

- Brian's platelet bag boxes presentation (following changes as discussed at Champions day)
- Details about what HLA matched PLTs are (Clare Denison's previous work)
- All PLT posters and PLT App postcards
- Relevant H&I Patient information leaflets
- Contact details for RM and AD for further information
- A Diary to keep with what PLT Champion has done and what works and what does not to share and present when PLT Champions meeting in 2014 and to support CPD.

Plan will be to resurvey PLT Champions and have a PLT champion's day in 2014.

ACTION: RM and AD to gather contents and circulate to Steering group for comments.

Newsletter to go out one in Summer and one 6 months after that, aim to have it 2 time a year. One next year will go inviting them to PLT Champions day and asking them to speak. Newsletter to have Top 10 Tips and examples of best practice included. ML sends a newsletter in her hospitals and will share an example with RM.

ACTION: RM to draft newsletter and send to Steering group for comments

ACTION: ML to send word doc example of her newsletter to RM for information

H&I increment data

Colin Brown shows increment data at North London TAG meeting. The data input is manual so risk of small errors exist, making Colin reluctant to share data with LoPAG and hospitals. Delordson, Tooting H&I, currently does not collect the data but it is hoped that a new admin support will allow this data to be recorded and shared.

The Steering group agreed it will be interesting to see how a hospital benchmarks against another.

JH had been trying to get this going but it has been challenging.

ACTION: JH to send RM what LoPAG need from H&I and RM to send H&I a formal e-mail for feedback

6. PLT Audit

PLT audits that other regions have done, or planned to do, where discussed. It was agreed that there is no regional appetite for an audit.

The tool BR and ML are working on will encourage PLT Champions to audit their own hospitals and it is thought that once there is a lot of data collected this could give a regional view point.

PLT use in cardiovascular patients and use of TEG are possible audits but will be discussed again after engaging with SpRs.

The value in audit was discussed and it was agreed that acting on phase 2 (engaging Consultants and SpRs) will add more value to bring change than auditing current position.

7. BMS Empowerment

The feedback from BMS and TLM following the 2012 Empowerment event was discussed. BMS empowerment can have a positive impact on appropriate PLT use.

It was agreed that a Top Tips to BMS Empowerment should be led by the TAG group

Action: AD to send information to CC

ACTION: CC to take to TAG and discuss and agree top tips with other TLMs

SpR Study Day

LoPAG aim this year was to arrange and hold an education day to try and engage Consultants and SpRs into PLT champions.

Date to hold the meeting was agreed to be Thursday 3rd October.

ACTION: BR and JH to look for a location

Agreed the day will start at 13:00 for coffee and education run from 14:00-17:00 with wine and canapés after this time. Agreed to get sponsors in to provide food.

Agenda:

- RM to chair and cover PLT data info
- Colin Brown to cover PLT increments, when to make decision for HLA and when to take post sample.
- Janet Birchell or Simon Stanworth to talk about indication codes and guidelines
- TEG what's it all about for haematologists – Anaesthetist to talk

Sponsors for the day could be a drug company and not just transfusion related sponsors

ACTION: RM to discuss agenda with MR and Gavin Cho

Day to have RCPATH accreditation

8. AOBs

- A LoPAG poster to be submitted to BBTS

ACTION: RM to start and ask for Steering group input after Draft 1 finished

- H&I increment feedback form – the changes that are required by H&I.
ACTION: JH to feedback changes to RM to forward onto H&I
- LBT question that promotes the use of double does PLTs
ACTION: AD to send question to MR and SA to see if this is a correct understanding and then take further action as required
- GI Bleed trial; audit showed that if the more blood you give the more the patient bleeds.
ACTION: CC to share with Steering Group

DONM: July / August

ALL Actions to be completed by end of March 2013