

**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST  
REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE INCORPORATING NORTH WALES**

**Held on**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at Haydock Park Racecourse, Merseyside**

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**Present**

Jayne Addison	NHSBT - Liverpool
Sanchia Baines	Royal Preston Hospital
Pete Baker	RLBUH
Lydia Baxter	Salford Royal Hospital
Trish Brown	Countess of Chester
Sharon Bryson	Blackpool Victoria Hospital
Helen Buchanan	Whiston Hospital
Therese Callaghan	NHSBT – Liverpool / RLBUH
Gill Cassie	Royal Preston Hospital
Rachel Clement	Royal Lancaster Infirmary
Tony Coates	Wrexham Maelor Hospital
Anne Davidson	NHSBT
Tony Davies	NHSBT – Manchester
Mike Desmond – Chair (MD)	LHCH
Christina Dragomir	Liverpool Women's Hospital
Suzanne Dunn	SPIRE Murrayfield Hospital
Sumaya Elhanash	Wythenshawe Hospital
Steve Gilligan	Royal Blackburn Hospital
Nick Greenwood	Trafford General Hospital
Sharran Grey	Royal Bolton Hospital
Tracey Hall	Alder Hey Children's Hospital
Sarah Haynes	Wythenshawe Hospital
Brian Hockley	NHSBT
David Jayson	Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust
Howard Jenkins	Royal Oldham Hospital
Cathy Jones	Southport Hospital
Elizabeth Jones	Aintree Hospital
James Lloyd	Noble's Hospital
Louise McCreery	Royal Albert Edward Infirmary
Christine McQuillan	Aintree Hospital
Mary Marsden	CMFT
Lilian Parry	Whiston Hospital
Kate Pendry	NHSBT – Manchester/ CMFT
Chris Poole	Stepping Hill Hospital
Cathie Quine	Noble's Hospital
Jenny Rodger	Wrexham Maelor Hospital
Tracey Scholes	NHSBT - Manchester
Anil Seth	Royal Preston Hospital
Gretchen Siviter	Royal Lancaster Infirmary
Sharon Swift	Christie Hospital
Mark Storah	Tameside General Hospital
Lesley Sutton	Wythenshawe Hospital

## North West Regional Transfusion Committee incorporating North Wales

### **Present**

Elaine Wain  
Valerie Wallace  
Marion Wood  
Julie Yates

Gwynedd Hospital  
LHCH  
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust  
Warrington Hospital

### **Minutes**

Jane Murphy (JM)

NHSBT

### **Apologies**

Lesley Adams  
Stuart Blackwell  
David Goodridge  
Marie Green  
Eithne Hughes  
Hilary Leggat  
Emma Milser  
Tina Ridgway  
Denise Watson

### **Actions**

Item no.	Original Meeting/Date	Action	Owner	Status
2	RTC 30/04/12	Minutes from RTC meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2011 to be 'confirmed' on website.	JM	Completed
4	RTC 30/04/12	RTC Objectives for 2012/13 to be posted on NW RTC website following RTT Meeting in June 2012	JM	Completed
5	RTC 30/04/12	Issues to be addressed locally/nationally highlighted on HTC reports to be an agenda item at RTT Meeting in June 2012	JM	Completed
10	RTC 30/04/12	Clinical Use of Blood the Aim II Trial – Update: agenda item at RTC Meeting in October 2012	JM	Completed

## North West Regional Transfusion Committee incorporating North Wales

### 1. Welcome & Apologies

Mike Desmond welcomed everyone to the meeting. The persons listed above sent their apologies prior to the meeting date.

### 2. Minutes of RTC Meeting 17/10/2011

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and agreed.

**Action:** To be changed to confirmed on website. (JM)

#### 2.1 Action List: All completed.

### 3. Feedback from Evaluations from RTC Meeting 17/10/11

Thank you to those who completed evaluation forms following the last meeting (76%). The following points were raised:-

#### Room Layout

The reason for having the RTC Meeting in such a large room is due to numbers attending the afternoon session. We try to get attendees at the meeting to sit together on a small number of the tables on the lower tier of the room.

#### Venue

We have used Haydock Park now for a number of years and to ensure we are getting the best facilities i.e. room layout along with value, we are going to look into the other venues within this vicinity.

#### Future RTC Meetings

It was suggested at the last RTC Meeting that the day of the meeting should be rotated to achieve higher attendance. Following this feedback, an email was sent to RTC Members requesting their availability. 28 members replied and the results are detailed below:-

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
82%	61%	64%	64%	68%

### 4. NW RTC Objectives 2011/12

Kate Pendry highlighted the outcome from the RTC Objectives for 2011/12:-

- Promote the Appropriate Use of Blood
  - O Neg <10.5% in Trusts in North West & North Wales : March 2012 – Lancaster hospitals 11.8% / Liverpool hospitals 11.8% / Manchester hospitals 9.6%
  - Monitor and understand trends and outliers in blood usage and feedback figures to Trusts monthly
  - regional approach to Massive Haemorrhage Management
  - Support NCA audits
- Promote Alternatives to Transfusion
  - Blood conservation toolkit: work in progress
  - TEG working group
  - Platelet workshops
  - This area will be the highlight of Better Blood Transfusion '4'
- Promote Safe Use of Blood
  - Special requirements working group
  - Transfusion awareness events for newly qualified nurses

- Education and Training
  - Education and training working group
  - Regional educational events : May 2011 'A Drop of Knowledge Goes a Long Way' and October 2011 'Managing Pre-operative Anaemia : Enhancing the Recovery'
  - TP Meetings x 4
  - TLM Meetings x 2
- Provide Service Excellence
  - Customer services : 100% live with OBOS / 87% customer satisfaction surveys completed in March 2012

RTC Objectives for 2012/13 to be set and finalised at the next RTT meeting in June 2012. The following will be included:-

- Appropriate Use of Platelets will continue to be high on the agenda
- Patient Blood Management
- Supporting Nurse Authorisation – a regional approach

**Action:** RTC Objectives for 2012/13 to be posted on the NW RTC website following RTT Meeting in June 2012. **(JM)**

#### **5. Feedback from Hospitals**

Tony Davies delivered a presentation which highlighted the key issues from the 19 HTC reports received.

This presentation is available by contacting Jane Murphy, NW RTC Administrator [jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

**Action:** Issues to be addressed locally / nationally to be an agenda item at RTT Meeting in June 2012 **(JM)**

#### **6. Platelets ~ reducing the inappropriate use and wastage**

##### **'Let's Talk Platelets'**

Jayne Addison presented the feedback following the successful workshop held in January 2012 at Liverpool Blood Centre. This highlighted the background, aim and structure to the workshop along with the key feedback points from the workshop.

The next steps are:-

- Feedback report to be shared with delegates, speakers and BBT team
- Report to be discussed at BBT Steering Group and Demand Planning meetings
- One page 'Tips for Success' to be shared with the BBT team
- Workshop days to be organised in the Midlands & South West and London & South East regions in 2012/13

This presentation is available by contacting Jane Murphy, NW RTC Administrator [jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

##### **Platelet Action Plan**

All hospitals/Trusts were asked to complete a Platelet Action Plan prior to the RTC meeting. Tony Davies gave a presentation from the 21 responses received. This presentation is available by contacting Jane Murphy, NW RTC Administrator [jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

#### **7. Feedback from NBTC & RTC Chair's Meetings ~ 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Mike Desmond attended both these meetings.

RTC Chair's meeting was held in the morning, followed by the NBTC in the afternoon. Highlights from these meetings were presented and can be obtained by contacting Jane Murphy, NW RTC Administrator [jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

## **8. NHSBT Customer Services**

Key Performance Indicators circulated. Any comments or queries, please contact a member of the Customer Services Team.

Tony Davies presented the update on behalf of the Customer Services Manager, Tracey Scholes along with a review of the BSMS report for Q3 2011/12. Tony commenced with the NHSBT Strategy for 2012-17:-

“To deliver a modern, world class blood service that provides a sustainable and dependable supply of blood components that meets all safety, quality, compliance and service standards, as effectively as possible.”

### **Customer Services Manager Update**

#### CSM Roles

- New Head of Service Delivery (starts end of April)
- 3 CSMs covering the North of England, split into 3 areas
  - Leeds and Newcastle (new in post)
  - Manchester, Lancaster, Liverpool and North Wales
  - Sheffield (new in post)
- 1 Regional CSM with overall responsibility for the North (long term sick leave)

#### Bacterial Screening of Platelets

- New software has been installed in the BacTAlert system which should further reduce the rate of false positives
- Customer Services are aware of problems associated with the recall process and are working with relevant leads to improve the process and paperwork

#### North West Regional Transfer Policy

- 7 members have expressed an interest in reviewing the document
- Needs to be progressed as soon as possible in light of updated national guidance and pressures of new vascular networks

### **BSMS report for Q3 of 2011/2012**

This was circulated with the agenda and reviewed by Tony Davies.

## **9. Working Groups**

Reports were issued with the agenda for the working groups. Highlights for each group are listed below:-

### **9.1 Policies / Guidelines**

#### Massive Haemorrhage Toolkit

Presentation given by working group member, Kate Pendry. Highlights:-

- Toolkit updated April 2012
  - Tranexamic Acid
    - Early administration highlighted
    - Paediatric dose amended
  - MH packs
    - Pack 1: platelets removed
    - Goal directed therapy with results of rapid investigations recommended
    - Target fibrinogen increased to 1.5g/l (and 2g/l for obstetrics)
    - Update of paediatric prescribing advice
  - Revision of audit proforma
  - Overview of Trauma reorganisation

## TEG / ROTEM

Presentation given by working group member, Kate Pendry. Highlights:-

- Workshop held March 2012
- 3 work streams developed
  - Business case development
  - Implementation
  - Research and audit
- Production of regional toolkit
- Training day for anaesthetic specialist registrars; 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 @ Wythenshawe Hospital
- If you are interested in joining this group, please contact [Kate.Pendry@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:Kate.Pendry@nhsbt.nhs.uk) or [jane.Murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.Murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

## Shared Care of Special Requirements

Presentation given by working group member, Mary Marsden. Highlights:-

- First meeting, May 2011
- Revised the South East Coast document
- Important to improve communication within hospitals
- Pilot during September 2011 in four hospitals
- 1<sup>st</sup> stage of pilot has been completed
- Form was used internally within each hospital
- Phase 2, share the document externally from 4 treatment hospitals – due to commence this month.

### **9.2 Education and Training**

Presentation given by working group member, Elaine Wain. Highlights:-

- 2 events held for newly qualified nurses in March 2012. 60 delegates attended with excellent feedback – “great mix of interaction sessions and lectures”
- Continue to update the education section of the NW RTC website <http://www.transfusionguidelines.org/Index.aspx?Publication=RTC&Section=28&pageid=1058>
- Working with Dr Rachel Brown to develop Transfusion OSCE for 5<sup>th</sup> year Medical Students at Manchester University
- New objectives for 2012/13 to be set at next meeting of the group

### **9.3 Northern Assistant Transfusion Practitioners**

Presentation given by working group member, Sharon Bryson. Highlights:-

- Group formed in 2008 and meet on a quarterly basis – a forum for education and to share best practices, similar to TP groups
- Produced a Terminology Resource file
- On the success of the file, provided a poster for BBTS in September 2011
- Currently, designing a logo to display on paperwork / documents / posters – due for completion in July 2012
- Plan to organise and facilitate a Transfusion Educational Event for health care assistants

## **10. Audits**

### **Brian Hockley**

Brian Hockley, Clinical Audit Manager and Data Analyst based at NHSBT Sheffield Blood Centre commenced this role in January 2012. Brian introduced himself and gave a presentation outlining his remit within the RTC's which is to:-

- Develop, facilitate and support clinical audits for each RTC
- Includes data analysis approaches
- Develop relationships with National Comparative Audit Programme
- Ad Hoc when requested.

### **2011 Re-audit of Bedside Transfusion Practice**

Jayne Addison presented the background to the audit along with the results for the North West RTC.

This presentation is available by contacting Jane Murphy, NW RTC Administrator  
[jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

### **Massive Haemorrhage**

Elizabeth Jones presented the results and findings from the North West and North Wales Massive Haemorrhage Regional Audit which took place December 2011 – February 2012.

This presentation is available by contacting Jane Murphy, NW RTC Administrator  
[jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

### **Clinical Use of Blood The AIM II Trial - Update**

Kate Pendry to provide update at RTC meeting in October 2012.

**Action:** Agenda item for RTC Meeting October 2012 (JM)

#### **11. A.O.B.**

None raised.

#### **12. Evaluation Form**

Feedback is vital from members who attend RTC meetings. This helps plan and support future meetings. Members were encouraged to complete the evaluation forms on the day or return direct to Jane Murphy, NWRTC Administrator at Liverpool Blood Centre. 31 forms were completed out of the 46 members who attended (67%).

#### **13. Papers for Information**

##### **RTC Budget**

Jane Murphy produced a report which provided an update on the NW RTC budget. Annual budget for 2011/2012 was spent and the budget for 2012/2013 is yet to be confirmed but should remain close to the previous year's budget of £8,072.

Any future events/ educational symposiums people would benefit from attending, please let the RTC know by emailing [nwrtc@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:nwrtc@nhsbt.nhs.uk) All requested will be raised at RTT meetings.

### **2012 transfusion Guidelines Website User Survey**

Results from survey conducted in January.

### **BSMS Road Show**

To be confirmed – scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at Liverpool Blood Centre.

### **HoT SIG Conference**

To be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 at Austin Court, Birmingham.

### **National Trauma Meeting**

To be held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Aintree University Hospital, Liverpool.

### **Annual SHOT Symposium**

To be held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at The Lowry, Manchester.

#### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at Haydock Park Racecourse, Merseyside.