

# Confirmed

## NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE

Meeting at  
Lecture Theatre, Newcastle National Blood Centre

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 @ 13:30


### Present:



Adil Iqbal (AI)	Chair, Consultant Haematologist, CDDFT.
John Barker (JB)	Transfusion Lab Manager, Gateshead.
Tina Biss (TB)	Consultant Haematologist, Newcastle.
David Bruce (DB)	RCI, NHSBT.
Andrew Charlton (AC)	Haematology SpR, Newcastle.
Robin Coupe (RC)	Customer Services Manager, NHSBT.
Chris Elliott (CE)	Transfusion Lab Manager, South Tees.
Brian Hockley (BH)	Clinical Audit Manager and Data Analyst, NHSBT.
Phil Mounter (PM)	Consultant Haematologist and HTC Chair, North Tees and Hartlepool
Pauline Patterson (PP)	Transfusion Practitioner, South Tyneside.
Yvonne Scott (YS)	Transfusion Lab Manager, Newcastle.
Karen Simblet (KS)	QA Manager, NHSBT.
Russell Urwin (RU)	Transfusion Lab Manager, CDDFT.
Anne Varey (AV)	Transfusion Quality Co-ordinator, South Tees.
Jonathan Wallis (JW)	Northern Regional Haematology Group Representative
Karen Ward (KW)	Transfusion Lab Manager, Northumbria.
Sue Wardle (SWa)	Blood Conservation Lead / Transfusion Practitioner, South Tees.
Ian Warnell (IW)	Consultant Anaesthetist and HTC Chair, Newcastle.
Denise Watson (DW)	Better Blood Transfusion Regional Lead, NHSBT.
Susan Whitehead (SW)	Transfusion Practitioner, Newcastle.
Janice Robertson (JR)	RTC Administrator.

### Apologies:

Wilma Ayris (WA)	Strategic Head of Patient Safety, North East SHA.
Jonathan Boxshall (JB)	Transfusion Lab Manager, Northumbria.
Clive Graham (CG)	Consultant Microbiologist and HTC Chair, Cumbria.
Simon Lyons (SL)	Consultant Haematologist and HTC Chair, South Tyneside.
Nicola Main (NM)	Chief Biomedical Scientist, Sunderland.
Martin Maley (MM)	RCI, NHSBT.
Paul McAndrew (PMc)	Consultant Anaesthetist and HTC Chair, Sunderland.
Karen Nesbitt (KN)	Transfusion Practitioner, Gateshead.
Annette Nicolle (AN)	Consultant Haematologist, Gateshead.
Dianne Plews (DP)	Consultant Haematologist and Chair of HTC, South Tees.
John Sutton (JS)	Transfusion Lab Manager, Cumbria.
Hazel Tinegate (HT)	Consultant Haematologist, NHSBT.
Jonathan Trattles (JT)	Transfusion Practitioner, Sunderland.
Chris Williams (CW)	Consultant Haematologist, Northumbria.

**There was no representation from SHA or Sunderland**

1.	<b>AI welcomed the group.</b>	Action
2.	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b> <b>Laboratory Differentiation of Immune Anti-D from Passive Anti-D</b> Presented by David Bruce. Available from JR.  <b>Where do platelets go?</b> Presented by Andrew Charlton. Available from JR.  <b>This part of the meeting is accredited for 2 CPD points (RCPATH).</b>	
3.	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 04.07.2012.</b> Minutes confirmed. Can be posted on website.	JR
4.	<b>Blood Components Issue Data.</b> <b>4.1 Blood Stocks Management Scheme Report</b> No comments raised. <b>4.2 Blood use / wastage in North East Region</b> Presented as discussed. Available from JR.	
5.	<b>Update from NBTC</b> Presented as discussed. Available from JR.	
6.	<b>REPORTS FROM HTC's</b>  Combined reports.pdf	
7.	<b>Clinical Quality Incidents</b> Presented as discussed.	
8.	<b>Haemostasis and Thrombosis matters</b> Warfarin reversal protocol document has been updated by Tina Biss and is still to be finalised. Group agreed to stick to regional approach and review again in 3 years. CE stated that South Tees do not require haematologist to be contacted unless lab staff consider to be outside guidelines. Group requested similar document for new oral anticoagulants, TB to collect regional data.	TB
9.	<b>Irradiated and Specialist Blood Components Communications Document</b> Document highlighting the need for Irradiated and special requirements regarding blood components eg ABO mismatched transplants, Newcastle hospitals to look at internally and report back at March 2013 meeting. Group agreed it would be beneficial to empower patients to alert blood bank to requirements when visiting hospital, although this may already be in place.	YS
10.	<b>Blood Conservation Link</b> SWa requested feedback on draft survey designed to review practice in the region. Aim is to have centralised co-ordinated approach.	All

11.	<p><b>EDUCATION AND TRAINING</b></p> <p><b>11.1 RTC Study day – Too much to lose.</b> 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Durham Conference Centre. Final preparations underway.</p> <p><b>11.2 Nurse Authorising Education Event.</b> October event for ITU staff – successful day, very well evaluated. Survey of practice to be completed in 6 months. Request for event to be repeated bi-annually with a possibility of event for Neonatal nurses. November event for Haem / Onc staff – 16 delegates registered. Programme finalised.</p> <p><b>11.3 Quality Audit Training Workshop</b> Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 14 delegates to date.</p> <p><b>11.4 Pre Assessment Nurses</b> Event to be held in May / June 2013. Following survey of practice 3 pre assessment nurses agreed to join working group.</p>	
12.	<p><b>AUDIT</b></p> <p><b>12.1 Wrong Blood in Tube.</b> Presented as discussed. Report to follow once finalised.</p> <p> Screen saver v3.ppt</p> <p><b>12.2 Re audit of Blood transferred with Patient.</b> Data being analysed</p> <p><b>12.3 Where do platelets go?</b> Presentation by Andrew Charlton.</p> <p><b>12.4 North West Regional Audit of Massive Haemorrhage</b> Group agreed to repeat audit in North East region. Dr Reuben Saharia from Newcastle Hospitals to join working group.</p> <p><b>12.5 National Audits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medical use of blood.</b> Part 1 finished 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2011; part 2 in progress.</li> <li>• <b>Blood sampling and labelling.</b> Data analysis in progress.</li> <li>• <b>Anti-D</b> To commence Spring 2013.</li> </ul> <p><b>12.6 Overview of RTC National Audits and support offered</b></p> <p> RTC update.pdf</p>	
13.	<p><b>REPORTS FROM RTC GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>13.1 Transfusion Practitioners / Assistant Transfusion Practitioners</b></p> <p><b>Transfusion Practitioners Group:</b> Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> October, Wansbeck Hospital.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Jehovah's Witnesses on Major Haemorrhage protocols – to ensure section included re: patients who refuse blood components</li> <li>• Discussed ideas re: PBM and who would be the best people to attend the event in order for change to be implemented in Trusts</li> <li>• Several Trusts interested in holding a 'Do you know who I am?' awareness campaign</li> </ul> <p><b>Assistant Transfusion Practitioners Group:</b> Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> December</p>	

### **13.2 Newcastle Blood Centre Users Group**

Update given by Chris Elliott.

### **13.3 Blood Consultative Committee**

Update given by Chris Elliott.

### **13.4 NBTC Laboratory Managers Group**

Update given by Karen Ward.

## **14. Centre News**



Centre news.pdf

## **15. AOB**

AI had received a query regarding the need for irradiated blood products for patients undergoing treatment with Bendamustine. Although there was no direct evidence of transfusion associated graft versus host disease with Bendamustine the RTC felt in line with BCSH guidelines and the manufacturers' recommendation all patients undergoing treatment with Bendamustine should routinely be given irradiated blood products.

## **16. Date and time of next meetings**

- 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2013
- 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013
- 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2013