

**South East Regional Transfusion Team Meeting
Monday 4 April 2022 (1400 – 1500)
Via Microsoft Teams**

Approved Minutes

Attendees	
Kerry Dowling (KD)	Fatts Chowdhury (FC)
Kim East (KE)	Shabana Tufail(ST)
Emily White (EW)	Jonathan Ricks (JR)
Susan Mitchell (SM)	Zoe Sammut (ZS)
Richard Whitmore (RW)	Lisa March (LM)
Frances Moll (FM)	
Apologies	
Howard Wakeling	Emma O'Donovan
Simon Rang	Elizabeth Tatam
Simon Stanworth	Anwen Davies
Tanya Hawkins	Nelson Johnson
Emma Taylor	Ruth O'Donnell

Welcome

KD welcomed two new members:
Susan Mitchell (TLM, East Kent NHS University Foundation Trust); and
Emily White (TLM, Isle of Wight NHS Trust).

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2022

The Minutes were approved, with a correction to LM's name (Marsh to March).

- **Action points or matters arising** – there were no outstanding actions

NBTC – update from meeting held on 28 March 2022

KD provided the following update:

Transfusion 2024 was the main focus for this meeting; there is currently a large piece of work taking place which will provide hospitals with a check list to guide them through the objectives. Nothing to action at present.

From a regional point of view – the challenge of low staffing levels was raised; and the need for guidance when dealing with patients transitioning gender or with no gender assigned, particularly in an emergency situation. Taken to NBTC to consider and provide national guidance.

Pricing – contracts and pricing was released last week, there had been little change from last year - block contracts remain. It is hoped price per item would return next year.

Cell Salvage survey (NBTC) – to remain on the agenda. (no update).

Budget - The Budget for 2022/2023 is being linked to the number of hospitals within the new region.

RTC Education Day and Business Meeting (Wednesday 4 May)

- **programme to be agreed** – working title - The Patient Experience

KD had two patients willing to take part – an Exchange transfusion patient – requires automated transfusion for life; and a trauma patient; also BOOST survey PhD student Britannia Volkmer has agreed to give a presentation.

It was suggested they each had 20-25 minutes plus 5 minutes Q & A.

Timing: 0950 – 1115 Title: **The Patient Experience** was agreed.

ACTION: KD and FM to formally contact the contributors.

- **plans for Business meeting**

It was agreed the Business Meeting would start after a short break (using a separate invitation link). Updates from the Trusts to be gathered and circulated in advance, with three main points highlighted on the day.

Plus, an NHSBT PBM/CSM Update.

Timing: 1130 – 1230

(NB: TACO – SHOT webinar on May 4 (1300 – 1400) also available on Youtube after the event)

The proposed topic for the July RTC Education event was the latest updated Guidelines for massive haemorrhage – presenters KD and Simon Stanworth.

KD suggested the CAS Alert could be included – everyone was invited to consider what they had learnt from the Alert, what had changed, any useful guidance to protocol changes etc.

Anyone willing to give a presentation?

Back-up plan: The London RTC was holding an event on Solid Organ Transplant (May 26), which could be considered as the back-up topic. This was agreed if the MH guidelines are not published in time.

Members discussed the return to face-to-face meetings and finding a suitable central venue, which would always be a challenge. It was thought unlikely that this would happen before the Autumn. The joint TP/TLM meeting might be the first face to face. FM to investigate further.

RTC Work Plan 2022

- There were no updates to the document.

NCA Audits Reported

- 2018 Audit of the use of Fresh Frozen Plasma, Cryoprecipitate, and Transfusions for Bleeding in Neonates and older Children report [2018-ffp-cryo-audit-generic.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)
- 2019 Re-audit of the medical use of red cells (previously circulated)
- 2021 National Comparative Audit of [NICE Quality Standard QS138](#)

Regional reports were available for the above audits, and it was agreed a separate meeting would be arranged to discuss the regional findings. Date to be agreed ACTION

([SHOT webinar](#) available relating to the NCA national results for the three audits mentioned above)

NHSBT Updates:

- **CSM Update** RW provided an update for the region (paper to be circulated)
- **PBM Update** In AD's absence RW provided an update (paper to be circulated)

Working Group Updates

- **KPI Working Group** (March 9): The group had met with Matt Bend, Manager BSMS and following the meeting, a new format had been circulated. A second meeting was cancelled, while members of the group reviewed the new format.
- **O Pos for Bleeding Males Working Group** (April 4) A short survey was agreed, to be sent to TLMs and TPs, to gather more information on Trust policies and practices, what the barriers are, and what support there might be.

Group Updates

- **TPG meeting** – (March 17): JR referenced the **CAS Alert** discussion at the meeting – TPs were updating practice, policy and procedures (to be completed by July 15). Many were taking part in drills and simulations. Some were timed with “bags of coloured saline” being transported for use, to give a true picture of procedures. JR had noted there was a shortage of information in the UHS Paediatric policy with regard to children, and refusal of transfusion, eg Jehovah's Witnesses. This was legally challenging and might lead to delays if quick accurate information was not available.
- **TLM meeting (Oxford & Southampton)** (March 29) – the meeting was cancelled.

- **TADG meeting** (Jan 19) - No update was provided
- **London & South-East Trauma and Haematology Group** – FC reminded members of the ongoing Anti-coagulation reversal in trauma patient audit launched in January, the deadline had been extended to June 30. Giving good time to collect data – contact sue.katic@nhsbt.nhs.uk if you wish to take part.

The Group has expanded to include Oxford, Southampton, Brighton, Addenbrooks and the four major trauma centres in London, plus interest from Plymouth. FC talked about the Group at the NBTC, RTC Chairs meeting with interest from the - Newcastle, Leeds, Sheffield, and Hull region.

There would be Trials on Whole Blood, including the ten air ambulance teams using whole blood/red cells/plasma, to be launched in the summer.

The Group usually has an education event every two years held in London. This year it is likely to be a webinar. It will cover Major Incident planning, (the threat level is currently high). It would include the preparedness and inclusion of TPs and Laboratory Managers, and include talks on coagulopathy, and preventive coagulopathy.

AOB - no matters were raised

Next Meeting: Wednesday 22 June 2022 (Teams meeting)