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NBTC/RTC chairs feedback

- Summary in packs will be emailed
- RTC Chairs Meeting – 26 March 2012
- **Increased demand for platelets.** RTCs scrutinising usage of all blood components in their regions.
- The appointment of a **Clinical Audit Manager/Data Analyst** welcomed by RTCs.
- Initial results of **survey of HTC**s presented. Survey ongoing to improve participation rates. Full report to next meeting.
- Concerns on the changing job role of the **NHSBT Customer Service Managers** and how they will continue support for the RTCs. Clarification requested.
- Reports of positive reactions to an **audience response system** trialled at some RTC education meetings. A business case on cost and feasibility of buying a single system as a shared resource to be prepared.
- Some regions establishing **blood conservation groups**
- **Ad hoc deliveries** – request for the data to include information on the type/reason for the ad hoc delivery and if this is just for platelets.

NBTC meeting – 26 March 2012

- NPSA Review Group.** Initial recommendations presented. Key recommendation that the concept of the recommendation should remain as these are important to the area of patient safety but that the **form and frequency of assessment be reviewed**. Further discussion with DH and NBTC Executive.
- Education – surveys of transfusion training in medical schools, foundation medical schools and nursing, midwifery and operating department practitioners ongoing.
- RCN to review their transfusion standards, 'Right blood, right patient, right time'.
- Transfusion Lab Managers Group.** To review present document and publish summary on the transfer of blood with patients including packing of blood for transport.
- Patient Involvement.** Designated web space with content is now uploaded on <http://www.blood.co.uk/about-blood/information-for-patients/>
- FFP** can be stored for 24 hours at 4°C after it is thawed. Recent recommendation that it should **not** be increased to 5 days due to concerns regarding efficacy and safety. Request to evaluate 48-72 hours made.
- 'Patient Blood Management'** Seminar to be held on 18 June at RCPATH.
- NHSLA standards.** Proposal to remove blood transfusion from current standard in 2013/14. NBTC & SHOT will submit a joint response. Also response from the Royal College of Physicians.
- SHOT – transfusion checklist** will be published in the SHOT report with recommendation that hospitals adapt it for local use.
- SaBTO guidance** – available post 17 April
- IT survey available on line

2011/ 12 Budget: £5854.00

- RTC Business Meeting & Education session (May 2011); 'Haemostasis in Surgery'
 - Total Cost £3715.42
- RTC Business Meeting & Education session (Oct 2011); 'Transfusion Planning for Major Incidents and Events'
 - Total Cost £4242.00
- RTC Education Day (March 2012); 'Transfusion & Transplantation'
 - Total Cost £4760.00
- The London and SE Joint Technical Advisory Groups Transfusion Training committee (TTC) arranged and sponsored 3 BMS education events

With additional sponsorship and delegate fee

Year End Total -£898.65 (overspend),

inherited unpaid invoices, totalling £4588.51, from previous years also paid

- **Budget 2012/13: £5854.00 (TBC)**

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How can RTC/NBTC support

- I would like the RTC and/or national body to be involved in developing resources that all could use at a local level:
- **Mandatory transfusion training:** It is very difficult for Transfusion Practitioners to achieve the high percentages of staff training required using classroom sessions. A shift to online methods, with self-assessment and self-certification facilities, would greatly assist training. Can a training module (or modules - for clinical/ non-clinical staff) be developed for national use and/or integration into existing hospital on-line training systems?
- **Guidelines:** A repository of on-line evidence-based transfusion related guidelines on a national website would be a hugely valuable resource for local HTCs and TPs to access and adapt for local use. Guidelines on given topics can be submitted by those who already have them and then a selection panel could post the best of these up for free access.
- **Occasional (short) communications** along the lines of 'what questions you should be asking your haematologists' might be helpful.

Successes to share

- “War on Waste” HTC working very hard over last 18 months to get waste from 2% to just over 1% and still trying

Other comments

- I am sure I get good guidance from my haematology colleagues
- I am aware that I never meet any other HTC chairs and I depend on the advice from our haematologists as to what is good practice.
- I have little enthusiasm for attending a regional haematology meeting