

London Regional Transfusion Committee

CONFIRMED Minutes of London Regional Transfusion Team Meeting

Thursday 19th February 2015

Meeting 14:00-17:00

Pathology Seminar Room, Chelsea & Westminster Hospital

Present:

Gavin Cho (GC) (Chair)	Consultant Haematologist, North West London
Aman Dhesi (ASD)	PBM Regional Lead, NHSBT
Jen Heyes (JH)	PBM Practitioner, NHSBT
Megan Rowley (MR)	Consultant Haematologist, Imperial Healthcare & NHSBT
Mandy Hobson (MH)	Transfusion Practitioner, Royal Free London NHS Trust
Richard Whitmore (RW)	Customer Service Manager, NHSBT
Julia Stanger (JS)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, North West London Trust
Clare Denison (CD)	PBM Practitioner, NHSBT
Matthew Free (MW)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, St Georges Hospital
Hugh Boothe (HB)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Chelsea & Westminster Hosp

Apologies:

Rachel Moss (RM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust
Shubha Allard (SA)	Consultant Haematologist, Barts Health NHS Trust & NHSBT
Antonia Hyde (AH)	Customer Service Manager, NHSBT
Wendy McSporran (WM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Megan Lawn (ML)	Transfusion Practitioner, Kings College NHS Trust
Sue Mallett (SM)	Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust

1. Welcome

HB chaired the meeting as GC was not able to join the start of the meeting. HB welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the group of relevant housekeeping.

2. Minutes and actions of last meeting

The minutes from the telecon held on 21st January 2015 were accepted as an accurate record.

ACTION: CD to send minutes to be uploaded to JPAC website

Actions 2.1, 2.2 and 3.2 are completed.

Actions 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 3.1 and 4.2 are on the agenda.

Action 4.1 - HB volunteered to be the chair of the BMS Empowerment & Education working group.

Action 4.3 – GC has emailed the paediatric advisory group (Keith Sibson, Lisa Gibb and Mary Mathias from GOSH) in order to receive suggestions to expand the group.

Action 5 – GC has emailed Toby Richards (TR) to invite him to chair a Pre-op Anaemia working group and join the RTT.

Post meeting note – TR accepted invitation on 22.02.15

3. RTC Budget

CD informed the group that the RTC budget looked healthy and had capacity to fund catering for the BMS Education Day on 27th Feb 2015. We have not yet received an invoice from the Cavendish Centre regarding the Jan 2015 Surgical PBM Education Day and expect this to contain an additional £200 expense for the cost of filming and editing the presentations.

CD informed the group that we expect the budget to be spent in its entirety by the end of the financial year.

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CD also informed the group that NHSBT finance are reluctant to transfer fees for 2 delegates that attended the Surgical PBM Education Day from NHSBT RCI laboratory in Colindale due to the small amount (£50). CD has raised this with Lucy Osmond as it is not NHSBT funds it is RTC funds and all delegates should be liable to pay the fee for an RTC education event regardless of their employer. MR suggested talking to Alison Watt at SHOT as they have encountered this issue in the past. CD to update the RTT on progress at the next meeting.

ACTION: CD to contact Alison Watt from SHOT and update at the next RTT meeting.

4. RTC Updates

NHSBT Update

RW provided the NHSBT update in AH absence.

- a) The NHSBT Transport Management System (TMS) is now live in Cambridge, Brentwood, Colindale and Tooting. This currently consists of an electronic box that transfusion laboratory staff sign when they receive their deliveries. It will also include (in the future) and OBOS update that will record OTIFs more accurately.
- b) Short journey transport boxes are due to go live on 9th March 2015. NHSBT will begin to remove the currently used Clinimed boxes, which are no longer fit for purpose. The new boxes will be tracked to specific hospitals so that NHSBT can maintain information about their location and the number of journeys that they have been used for. NHSBT will provide supplier information to any hospitals that would like to purchase their own boxes for internal component transfer. An FAQ document will also be published and circulated to hospitals and NHSBT can provide a copy of the box validation for hospitals that would like to purchase their own and use in the way prescribed by NHSBT. An update will be provided at the 29th April 2015 London RTC business meeting and this will also be taken to the joint TADG for discussion.

ACTION: RW/AH to provide update on short journey boxes at the London RTC business meeting on 29th April 2015.

RW/AH to take to joint TADG on 19th March 2015 for discussion.

- c) Recently there has been an increase in the number of credits requested and complaints received regarding "lumpy cryo". RW informed the group that NHSBT has recently made a slight change to the manufacturing process of this product and therefore hospital laboratory staff need to ensure that the thawing process is correctly followed (i.e. not to be removed from waterbath until the temperature has reached 35C). MR also felt it important to remind transfusion laboratory staff that "lumpy cryo" is not the same as "infected cryo" and therefore doesn't require recall in the same way as "lumpy platelets".

ACTION: RW/AH to provide update at the London RTC business meeting on 29th April 2015.

- d) The joint North and South London TADG meeting is taking place at NHSBT in Tooting on 19th March 2015.

HB asked about transfer of HbS results via EDN as this is not currently happening at C&W Hospital. RW asked HB to submit a complaint via himself or AH as this should not be the case.

ACTION: HB to submit complaint to NHSBT regarding transfer of HbS status using EDN.

TP Group Update

This group has not met since the last RTT meeting. The next meeting is planned for 23rd April 2015. It is hoped that this will be an education day rather than a normal meeting. Half of the meeting will be led by TPs from nursing backgrounds and the other half by TPs from scientific backgrounds in order to facilitate some cross peer learning. The agenda is due to be finalised.

ACTION: AD to finalise agenda in collaboration with the TP volunteers.

TADG Group Update

JS highlighted a discussion from the last North London TADG regarding licenses required for issuing anti-D..

ACTION: JS to clarify issue with Etain Clarke and feedback at the next RTT meeting.

Post meeting note: Clarification received from Etain Clarke: It has to do with laboratories that provide services such as provision of anti-D outside of the NHS and whether a licence for wholesale dealing is required. The issue is the legislation on medicines has changed in 2012 so we are asking them what their position is on this. MHRA are in discussions about it with their legal team.

5. RTC Work plan

JH presented the update RTC work plan for 2014/15 along with update reports from 3 working groups (Lanyard Card, Nurse Authorisation and London & South East Haematology and Trauma Group).



2014-15 London RTC
Action Plan 2014-15 -

The agenda for the BMS Education Day on 27th February 2015 was circulated.



BMS education day
Agenda 2015

The draft agenda for the London RTC Business Meeting on 29th April 2015 was circulated, RM was nominated as the Chair for the “Ask the Audience” section as CD will be on maternity leave.



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Forum Agenda 29042

The draft agenda for the education afternoon following the London RTC Business Meeting on 29th April 2015 was circulated. GC agreed to chair the second part of the meeting. JH is contacting HQIP to request a speaker on “Change in practice”.



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AD presented the summary evaluations received following the Surgical PBM Education Day – it was noted that the header was incorrect and should read London RTC and not North East RTC.

ACTION: AD to amend header on summary evaluations.

6. Patient Blood Management Pilot

JH presented an update of the London RTC Single Unit Transfusion Policy Pilot, including an overview of the pilot, and 2 reports from data collected from April – September 2014 (retrospective) and Dec 2014 (prospective). The preliminary results showed a decrease in blood usage following education and awareness of transfusion in the general medical wards. These results will be presented at the end of the pilot and will include 6 months prospective data compared with the base line data.

ACTION: JH to give update on project at RTC in April

7. London BSMS data

CMV data to be presented at the next London RTC Business Meeting on 29th April 2015.

AD presented some London BSMS data regarding total RBC issues, wastage and WAPI. The group discussed alternative graphical ways to present this at the next London RTC Business Meeting on 29th April 2015.

ACTION: AD and MF to amend graphs and present at the London RTC meeting on 29th April 2015.

8. AOB

JH discussed an issue with shared care raised at a recent HTC meeting. The group discussed the feasibility of creating a shared care information form for patients. This was agreed by the RTT as a good idea and JH will ask the TP at the hospital to help draft it. The irradiated patient information leaflet was discussed and JS suggested that the wording be changed on the card to make it more directive. This will be fed back to the patient information working group

ACTION: JH to contact TP and develop a potential share care form.

ACTION: JH to feedback comments on irradiated patient information leaflet to the PIWG

MR highlighted that there are new modules available on LearnBloodTransfusion:

- Consent
- Transfusion Reactions
- A short video on blood sampling and labelling

These are to be promoted at the London RTC Meeting on 29th April 2015.

JS raised some questions regarding the Platelet Supply Project and the new products available (i.e. Platelets in PAS). RW gave clarification that Platelets in PAS and plasma (70:30) do not replace platelets suspended in medium (closer to 100% PAS). PLTs in PAS and plasma are currently going to be pooled only and aphaeresis plts will be included at a later date.

AD informed the group of the NHSBT Haemoglobinopathy Initiative and asked the TLM members to highlight this at the upcoming joint TADG as this testing is currently available free of charge (regardless if patients have previously been genotyped as this project is testing additional types to previously performed genotype).

RW informed the group that there is an NHS directive to remove all fax machines by Oct 2015. NHSBT are looking to comply with this deadline.

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RW informed the group of the NHSBT genome work that is filtering into RCI practice. Colindale and Tooting RCI labs are working on patient samples that are DAT positive or have undergone a transfusion reaction.

HB asked if there had been a change to the NHSBT donor population as they are receiving more units that are either not K typed or are K positive and this can make it difficult to provide units for pregnant patients that also need CMV negative units. RW stated that more hospitals are requested K negative units as standard, therefore hospitals that do not specify K type when ordering are often supplied with K positive or K untyped units.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 16th April 2015 at St Marys Hospital

London RTT

Action list – 19th February 2015

Item No (minutes)	Action	By Whom	Completion
2.1	Ensure previous minutes of meeting are uploaded to RTC website	CD	Complete
3	Contact Alison Watt (SHO) regarding NHSBT delegate fees for education events	CD	
4.1	Provide update at London RTC Meeting on 29 th April 2015 regarding short journey boxes	RW/AH	NHSBT update at RTC
4.2	Provide update at London RTC Meeting on 29 th April 2015 regarding “lumpy cryo”	RW/AH	NHSBT update at RTC
4.3	Submit complaint to NHSBT regarding transfer of HbS status via EDN	SHB	Complete
4.4	Finalise TP agenda for next meeting / education day on 23 rd April 2015.	AD	
4.5	Clarify anti-D issues from TADG and feedback at next RTT meeting	JS	Complete
5.1	Amend header on Surgical PBM evaluations	AD	
6	Give update on single unit pilot at the next RTC	JH	Update at RTC
7	Amend BSMS wastage data and graphs and present at next London RTC meeting on 29 th April 2015.	MF/AD	Update at RTC
8.1	Ask TP to help develop further shared care documentation	JH	
8.2	Feedback comments on irradiated patient information leaflet to the PIWG	JH	Done

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