

**Confirmed Minutes of the
London Regional Transfusion Committee
London RTC Business Meeting
held on 10th November 2021
via Microsoft Teams**

Present: The attendance list is below



Business Meeting
Attendance List.csv.pdf

07/21 Welcomes and Introductions

CB is chairing the meeting in the absence of the RTC Chair, Phil Kelly, who is unable to attend. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting (14 June 2021)

The minutes were accepted as a true record. If you have any amendments after this meeting, please contact AP. AP to arrange for the minutes to be uploaded to the JPAC website.

08/21 Regional Transfusion Committee Updates

NBTC & RTC Chairs Meetings Feedback

In the absence of PK, we are not able to give any feedback from these meetings.

RTC Working Groups Update / 6 Month Plan

- TP Group: Samantha Conran left her TP post, so stepped down in the summer. Rachel Moss and Denise McKeown are the new Joint Chairs. Their first meeting was held in October where the following was discussed:
 - Review the sub-working groups to decide whether they should continue or be taken on by a different group.
 - Continue the work on developing training passports.
 - Carry out a survey on the use of vein-to-vein electronic tracking systems as it would be useful to know what hospitals are using which system.
 - Improving pre-registration transfusion training for nurses.
 - WBIT incidents are still occurring.
- TADG: Last met in October. Very good attendance at virtual meetings, but are aiming to have one F2F meeting this year. The main topic was around RCI Anti D reporting. RCI err on the side of caution when antibody levels are low and they cannot determine whether the Anti D is new or therapeutic, so they advise to continue to give prophylaxis.
- LoPAG: Ursula Wood introduced herself as the new Chair. During the pandemic, the group worked with the BSMS team to look at different ways of reporting platelet usage and wastage to make it easier to compare hospitals and recognise improvement. They want to recruit more TLM's and Senior BMS' to the group.
- BMS Empowerment Discussion Group: Meets last Wednesday of every month at 2pm. Currently over 1300 members from around the UK and overseas. An abstract and poster was presented at SHOT and won the Best Abstract Award. An abstract has been accepted for IBMS Congress 2022. RM offered to bring up the group's work at the ISBT meeting to see if they can take it further on an international level.
- Haematology and Trauma Group: Met in September. Some MTC's have returned to pre-pandemic activity levels. The trauma and haematology audit is almost finalised and the results will be presented to the hospitals that took part in the pilot. They are hoping to begin the actual audit in January, depending on the Covid situation. They

would like to hold a virtual trauma training day in the summer. The Major Trauma Board asked FC to set up a similar group in North & South West England, but they do have similar groups, just named differently. FC will meet with the PBM teams in those areas to discuss further.

09/21 NHSBT Update

Slides for the Customer Service, PBM and BSMS Updates are combined in the presentation below



NHSBT & RTC
Presentation.pdf

Customer Service Update

- Customer Satisfaction Survey: Overall the results are good. TBS results have dropped slightly, but nothing of concern.
- Box validation transport times: The medium short journey transport boxes are not suitable for certain hospitals. From January it will be replaced by a new box for certain hospitals. Hospitals now have an extra 30 minutes' validation time to unpack the box and book in the blood. The names of the boxes will also be reviewed to avoid confusion.
- There is a nationwide perception that the NHSBT drivers provide a better service than the courier drivers. This will be fed back to FedEx.
- Sp-ice reporting: Please be aware that urgent results will not appear on Sp-ice within half an hour. The priority is to send the blood out and/or phone the results through to the lab first before entering the report onto Sp-ice.
- Cold Chain Despatch Note: Please fill out the removed from controlled storage date and time – this information is very important for the box validation times.
- O D Neg Blood: Please do not order if not required; save for patients that require it. There is a flow chart to help you decide what blood you need depending on the patient.

PBM Update

- There is a continuous rolling education programme throughout the country. Therefore, all regions' events will be open to other regions and the PBM teams will work together to ensure that topics are evenly spaced out and not duplicated. Regarding these meetings, the education session will be open to all regions, but the business meeting will only be open to London RTC members.
- OD Pos to bleeding men – we might contact you to help with the toolkit.

10/21 Regional BSMS Update

Jill Caulfield delivered the presentation. Please contact the BSMS generic email if you would like a bespoke stock review.

11/21 WBIT Presentation

Helinor McAleese, Specialist TP at Barts Health delivered the presentation
Embed presentation here

HM looked at WBIT incidents within the four hospitals of her Trust from April 2020 – March 2021. The WBIT Training & Reflection interactive document is sent to the staff member(s) involved to complete immediately after the incident. This enables them to reflect upon their own practice and identify potential weaknesses. It also means they are not stopped from carrying out certain tasks whilst awaiting retraining, plus the exercise is a learning opportunity for the wider team. The video is embedded in the document and can also be accessed on You Tube.

HM discovered that all the WBIT incidents she investigated had samples labelled using the request form, not the patient's ID. However, in all cases the request form was not present at the time of sampling, being prepared retrospectively. Taking the sample first is perceived to save time. Therefore, is it realistic to state that the gold standard is to label the sample using the patient ID?

12/21 Any Other Business
Nothing to report

Meeting ended