

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE

Monday 12th October 2020 via Microsoft Teams

Present (45)

Craig Carroll – Chair (CC)

Sue Andrews

Pete Baker

Jo Bark (JB)

Matt Bend

Nauman Butt

Steven Carter

Emma Copperwaite

Lisa Delaney

Lorna Diggory

Henrietta Drake

Emily Fisher

Amanda Gould

Rukhsana Hashmat

Brian Hockley

Louise Hodgkinson

Caroline Holt

Helen Hughes

Ali Imtiaz

Sharon Jackson

Gillian Lewis

Jill Livingstone

Louise McCreery

Josephine McCullagh

Helen McNamara

Hitesh Patel

Jayne Peters

Louise Polyzois

Clare Quarterman

Stephen Rigby

Debbie Seals

Andrew Sefton

Lauren Sekloawu

Tracey Shackleton

Alison Shanahan

Dave Simcox

Mary Sokolowski

Sophie Staples

Abubaker Suleman

Mark Summerton

David Taylor

Val Wallace

Jim Wesson

Michelle Wood

Rebecca Wright

Salford Royal Hospital

Pennine Acute NHS Trust

Royal Liverpool University Hospital

NHSBT

NHSBT

Clatterbridge Cancer Centre

Arrowe Park Hospital

MFT – Central

Arrowe Park Hospital

The Christie Hospital

Pennine Acute NHS Trust (HTC Chair)

Royal Preston Hospital

Macclesfield District General Hospital

NHSBT

NHSBT

Countess of Chester Hospital

Tameside General Hospital

Whiston Hospital

Royal Preston Hospital

The Christie Hospital

Tameside General Hospital

UHMBT

Royal Albert Edward Hospital

Royal Bolton Hospital

Liverpool Women's Hospital

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary

NHSBT / MFT – Central

MFT - Central

LHCH

ELHT

The Christie Hospital

Liverpool Women's Hospital

MFT - Central

Alder Hey Children's Hospital

Tameside General Hospital

Royal Liverpool University Hospital (HTC Chair)

ELHT

NHSBT

SPIRE Hospital Manchester

Tameside General Hospital

Whiston Hospital

LHCH

Salford Royal Hospital

Southport General Hospital

University Hospital Aintree

Minutes

Jane Murphy (JM)

NHSBT

Apologies (4)

Lesley Adams

Jan Gorry

Jeff Sutcliffe

Julie Yates

Leighton Hospital

University Hospital Aintree

Patient Rep

Warrington Hospital

Actions

Item no.	Original Meeting/Date	Action	Owner	Status
2	RTC 12/10/20	Minutes from RTC meeting on 15 th May 2020 to be posted on website	JM	Completed
4	RTC 12/10/20	Brian Hockley's presentation to be shared with RTC Members	JM	Completed
5	RTC 12/10/20	Matt Bend / Sophie Staple's presentation to be shared with RTC Members	JM	Completed
6	RTC 12/10/20	RTC members to feedback any contingencies or good practices regarding stock platelets to JP/RH	ALL	Completed
7	RTC 12/10/20	Amanda Gould's presentation to be shared with RTC Members	JM	Completed

1. Welcome & Housekeeping

Craig Carroll welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for joining.

2. Minutes of RTC Meeting 15th May 2020

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and agreed.

Action: To be changed to confirmed on website. (JM)

Action list all completed.

3. NBTC & RTC Chair's Meeting, 28th September 2020

Craig Carroll attended these meetings virtually.

Highlights:-

- PBM toolkit.
- PBM initiatives - Hospital Trusts will be required to have documentation evidence that they are supporting.
- NHSBT modelling for demand and supply.
- Strategic Management in Hospital Trusts.
- RTC regions - current 10 regions to align to the NHSE 7 regions. There will be no change for the NW region.
- Education – proposed plan is to produce an online educational resource of lectures that will be delivered, recorded and stored on a central server. To include key topics for clinicians and scientists in the field of transfusion. Individual regions to provide speakers but events will be available to all regions.
- Revision of MH Guidelines by British Haematology Society.
- Job Description for Transfusion Practitioner's – CC/JB to seek further guidance.

The following key papers were sent out to RTC members for info:-

- SHOT Update
- SaBRE MHRA Haemovigilance Report September 2020
- Blood Component Requirements in Covid-19 Patients
- National Comparative Audits

A copy of the minutes from these meetings are available by contacting Jane Murphy, NW RTC Administrator jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk

4. Regional Data from ICU Patients with COVID-19

Presentation given by Brian Hockley.

Brian fed back the preliminary findings from the "2020 Survey of Blood Product use During COVID-19 Pandemic" covering the period March 2020 to early August 2020 including the responses for the NW RTC.

Excellent response from NW RTC:-

- 750 transfusion events were submitted involving 199 patients
- 330 conducted on wards
- 289 conducted on ITUs
- 117 conducted on patients receiving ECMO
- 24 missing location (gender items etc...)

Further analysis is required to understand the proportion of COVID-19 patients transfused red cells as a proportion of total COVID-19 admissions. If obtained, then data could support future forecasts for demand in light of the expectation of COVID-19 to be present in communities for some time.

The data on blood use for patients with COVID-19 confirms that their transfusion requirements were small. This low blood use combined with postponement of much elective clinical activity allowed continuation of a sufficient blood supply despite a major reduction in blood donations at the beginning of the COVID pandemic in England.

Action: Presentation to be shared with RTC Members. **(JM)**

5. **NHSBT Stock Management – Lessons Learnt**

Presentation given by Matt Bend / Sophie Staples from Blood Stocks Management Scheme (BSMS).

Action: Presentation to be shared with RTC Members. **(JM)**

6. **Emergency Platelet Provision Across the North West**

Presentation given by Jayne Peters / Rukhsana Hashmat.

JP / RH were asked to look at a scenario if a site didn't hold platelets and needed platelets quicker than NHSBT where able to deliver. What would their contingency be? Questions sent out to region re this, findings were that only a few sites do hold stock platelets, still a significant number of sites in the NW that don't routinely hold platelets.

RH gave an overview of NHSBT emergency delivery service.

Action: Asked RTC members to feedback any contingencies or good practices to JP/RH. **(ALL)**

7. **Feedback from Hospitals**

Thank you to Amanda Gould who presented the feedback from the 15 HTC reports received. Highlights included:-

- HTC key achievements over the last 6 months
- HTC key priorities for the coming 6 months
- HTC audits in progress / completed
- COVID-19
- Concerns or constraints

Unfortunately, time did not allow Amanda to fully present the feedback.

Action: Presentation to be shared with RTC Members. **(JM)**

8. AOB

NHS England / NHS Improvement Red & Amber Major Trauma Haemorrhage Guidance

New guidance released suggests a plasma first approach with an inverse ratio of red cells to FFP.

National Transfusion Lab Managers

PB recently attended meeting; discussed MHRA inspections and UCAS assessments and how there is a lot of duplication of work. Small survey to be sent to regional TLM's.

9. Evaluation Form

Evaluation Form

Feedback is vital from members who attend RTC meetings as this helps plan and support future meetings. Members were asked to complete an online evaluation which was sent out following the meeting.

The results of the evaluations were as follows:

- Completion rate of forms – poor, 37%
- Good feedback received – 100% would recommend this meeting
- All top box results 90% or over
- 77% liked the use of MS Teams

10. Papers for Information

RTC Objectives 2020/21

Objectives updated with actions completed so far for the current year.

11. Date of next RTC Meeting

Scheduled for Friday 7th May 2021 at Haydock Park Racecourse – to be confirmed.