

London Regional Transfusion Committee

CONFIRMED Minutes of London Regional Transfusion Team Meeting Thursday 22nd March 2018 14:00-16:30

Present:

Phil Kelly (PK) (Chair)	Consultant Physician, Kings College Hospital
Fatts Chowdhury (FC)	Consultant Haematologist, Imperial NHS Trust & NHSBT
Gavin Cho (GC)	Consultant in Donor Medicine, NHSBT
Ethan Troy-Barnes (ETB)	CT1, Imperial College NHS Trust
Wendy McSporran (WM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Julia Stanger (JS)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, NW London NHS Trust
Sammy Conran (SC)	Transfusion Practitioner, Croydon University Hospital
Sasha Wilson (SW)	PBM Practitioner, NHSBT
Deepa Takhar (DT)	CSM, NHSBT

Apologies:

Shubha Allard (SA)	Consultant Haematologist, Barts Health NHS Trust & NHSBT
Sandy Kidd (SK)	Consultant Anaesthetist, Epsom & St. Helier NHS Trust
Andrina Dowling (AD)	Quality Manager, Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust
Mandy Hobson (MH)	Transfusion Practitioner, Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust
Richard Whitmore (RW)	CSM, NHSBT
Ciara Donohue (CDon)	Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust (on maternity leave until Jan 2019)

Non-Attendees

Toby Richards (TR)	Consultant Vascular Surgeon, University College London
Ravi Raobaikady (RR)	Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Marsden Hospital
Nic Ketley (NK)	Consultant Haematologist, Queen Elizabeth Woolwich Hospital

Minute Secretary:

Angela Pumfrey (AP)	London RTC Administrator
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1. Welcomes and Apologies

Welcomes: Sammy Conran was welcomed as a new member of the group.
Departures: Clare Denison has now started her new post at BSMS.

2. Minutes and Actions of Last Meeting

Item 6c to read 'the organising team will be SW, FC and RW. Delete 'RW offered to help if needed'.

Otherwise the minutes of the last meeting held on 11/01/18 were accepted as an accurate record.

ACTION: AP to arrange for minutes to be uploaded to JPAC website

Outstanding Actions from January Meeting:

Action 2(2) – SHOT to produce formal analysis of shared care incidents: SA not at the meeting to comment whether this has been done.

Action 2 6g – SK to forward St. Helier consent incident to AP: Still pending.

Action 2(7): PK will raise the concerns the group has about the website to the NBTC RTC Chairs meeting. Completed - to be raised under AOB.

Action 6(c): SK to forward presentation from SGH anaesthetist to AP: No longer required.

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Action 6(h): Discuss use of ICAG forms with SEC PBMP: SEC have devised a new version which will be out soon. All old forms have been destroyed. To be taken off agenda.

Action 6(i): Twitter password: SK now has the password. SW has been tweeting on behalf of the RTC, in the interim, until SK is able to take on the account.

Action 6(j): Shared care group: FC has spoken to Denise. She wants to do an audit on hospitals' use of the shared care form, but has not begun due to work pressures.

Action 7: Share TP email addresses with ETB: ETB and AP are currently working on this.

3. Lab Manager Update

Nothing to report. Next TAG meeting will be on 24 April. DT/ RW/ SW will attend.

4. TP Update

Meeting was held on 9 February. SC is the new Chair. She reported that some of the sub-groups within the TP group have stagnated with no Chair in place. SC would like to see TP groups nationally share minutes and agendas so that they can see what is going on throughout the country, to improve networking and reduce duplication of projects.

There was a long discussion about simulation training. The TP group are holding a simulation training session at Croydon Simulation Centre on 17 July as this is something they would like to get more involved in. SC would like to devise a course that would be accredited by the Simulation Network. She would also like to approach the Resuscitation Council to provide training on dealing with major haemorrhages, in the same way as they currently do for basic life support. There are as many cardiac arrests as there are major haemorrhages and a major haemorrhage can be a pre-cursor to a cardiac arrest.

The group agreed that simulation training works better with smaller groups. Croydon have delivered the training to larger audiences by using voting pads for the audience to decide what happens next and reassessing the learning outcomes afterwards. The group were concerned that some people will not learn this way.

5. PBM Projects

a) Single Unit Transfusion Project

This is a national project, the PBM team will work with individual hospitals in each region to implement this into practice. SW explained that, due to lack of human resources, PBMP's will not be embedded in hospitals in the same way as the Kings College Hospital project. Instead PBMP teams members will work with identified individuals in each Trust to implement the change. The following issues were brought up:

- RTT members could help within their respective Trusts.
- Show Trusts that it will save them money. There have been significant savings in hospitals who have already implemented the policy.
- Convince the haematologists that are sceptical of only giving one unit. JS suggested that if nurses are trained on giving one unit, they will influence the doctors. The PBM leaflet is very useful for explaining to patients that they may not receive as much blood and can live with a lower Hb. FC suggested inviting Andrew Godfrey from RMH to the meeting.
- TP's should engage with a number of hospitals in their region to see whether they need support to implement the policy and hospitals should share evidence within their regions.
- It was very effective having a junior doctor overseeing the project at Kings College.
- HTC's should also get involved and have this as one of their actions.

GC suggested trying different ways in different Trusts and see which way is the most effective. We should devise a list of Top 10 things for hospitals to consider in preparation for implementing a single unit policy.

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Action: SW and PK will speak about this further outside of the meeting.

6. RTC Work Plan

a) May 2018 RTC Education Session

The education programme is almost finalised and should be ready by next week. We have speakers from Manchester and Imperial talking about their experience during the terrorist attacks. We are trying to get confirmation from a trauma surgeon at Kings College – PK will chase him up.

PK suggested getting someone from the DoH to hear what happened to the NHSBT team in Manchester.

Adrian Newland has kindly offered to speak about pathology optimisation networks. JS said that the situation at Northwick Park lab is very bad. They have a heavy workload and recruitment issues with high turnover and lack of experienced staff. This needs to be raised with Adrian Newland at the RTC meeting.

The morning programme is finished. There will be talks from Erika Rutherford and BSMS. RCI have been asked to give a standard talk about Daratumabab at all RTC meetings. Tracey Tomlinson will probably present it at our RTC.

Post-Meeting Notes:

- Mr Bew from Kings College has confirmed
- AP has confirmed the time slot with Adrian Newland
- Tracey Tomlinson no longer able to present – Doris Lam will present instead.

b) Twitter

There are now over 600 followers. Next target is 650.

c) Major Haemorrhage DVD

The toolkit is the only outstanding item.

d) Shared Care

FC said that St Mary's HTT will be carrying out a local audit of shared care processes, the results of this will help to inform the work plan for Shared Care working group when they meet. SW said Brian Robertson has expressed an ongoing interest in the issue of shared care and that Amanda Hobson has said she is willing to participate in this working group, as an issue at her Trust.

7. Educating Junior Doctors re. Transfusion

ETB has put some cases together. He has already contacted a few Trusts:

- Imperial – very interested
- St. Helier – waiting for confirmation from SK
- St. George's – still to contact
- Chelsea & Westminster – waiting for them to get back to him
- Hillingdon – maybe
- Northwick Park – ETB will be rotating there in May – he needs to contact their TP. SW will be speaking with her tomorrow.

8. Any Other Business

a) Platelet Amber Alert

DT explained that this alert was implemented during the snowy weather and only lasted two days. We are now experiencing an over demand for platelets.

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JS said her lab are ordering pooled platelets, but receive apheresis instead. DT will check this with RW. There followed a discussion about Club 96 patients. These patients are now getting older. PK said the issue of the risk of contracting CJD was discussed at the NBTC meeting, but there will not be any formal policy forthcoming.

Action: DT to speak to RW about ordering of platelets

b) Website Issues

This was raised at the NBTC RTC Chairs meeting. The whole of the JPAC website seems to be a problem. To redesign the website will be very expensive as there is a lot of work involved, but the money is not available.

PK suggested inviting a junior doctor to design a new website on a 6-month secondment. Another suggestion was a university student studying web design who could add the work to their portfolio. SC offered to take this on and source universities that do web design degrees.

Action: SC to source universities that offer web design degrees.

c) October 2018 RTC

Suggestions needed for the theme of the October RTC meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed that the theme will be around law and legality, where things have gone wrong and how to keep patients safe. Suggested title is "Halloween Horrors".

No date or venue as yet and working group yet to be confirmed. AP to source suitable venues.

9. Date of Next Meeting

21st June - St. Mary's Hospital 2 – 4.30pm

Outstanding Actions from January Meeting

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Action 2 6g – SK to forward St. Helier consent incident to AP (for Patient Consent Group): Not done.

London RTT - Action list for 22nd March 2018

Item No (minutes)	Action	By Whom	Completion
2.	Minutes of January meeting to be uploaded to RTC website	AP	Completed
5a	Discuss how to implement single unit policy	SW/PK	Completed
8a	Check with RW about ordering of platelets	DT	Completed
8b	Search universities doing web design	SC	Completed

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