

CONFIRMED Minutes of London Regional Transfusion Team Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

**Thursday 31st March 2022
14:00-16:00**

Present:

Phil Kelly (PK) (Chair)	Consultant Physician, Kings College Hospital
Cath Booth (CB)	Consultant Haematologist, Barts Health & NHSBT
Fatts Chowdhury (FC)	Consultant Haematologist, Imperial NHS Trust & NHSBT
Ravi Raobaikady (RR)	Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Marsden Hospital
Ethan Troy-Barnes (ETB)	Haematology SpR, North Middlesex Hospital
Donna Wiles (DW)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Princess Royal Hospital
Ursula Wood (UW)	Transfusion Practitioner, Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Trust
Wendy McSporran (WM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Charlene Furtado (CF)	Transfusion Practitioner, Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Trust
Rachel Moss (RM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Great Ormond Street NHS Trust
Denise McKeown (DM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Imperial NHS Trust
Michael Makele (MM)	Pathology Quality Manager, Kings College Hospital
Selma Turkovic (ST)	PBMP, NHSBT
Richard Whitmore (RW)	CSM, NHSBT
Andy Godfrey (AG)	Consultant Haematologist, Royal Marsden NHS Trust

Apologies:

Ciara Donohue (CD)	Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Free NHS Trust
Helen Thom (HT)	CSM, NHSBT
Emily Carpenter (EC)	Transfusion Practitioner, Kings College Hospital (maternity leave)
Elisha Tuesday (ET)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Kingston Hospital (maternity leave)

Non-Attendees: None

Minute Secretary: Angela Pumfrey (AP), London RTC Administrator

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Welcomes: Ursula Wood was welcomed as a member of the group as the LoPAG Chair.

Apologies: Ciara Donohue, Helen Thom. Elisha Tuesday is on maternity leave. Shubha Allard will no longer be attending these meetings as she has now completely retired.

DW is now working at Princess Royal Hospital

2. Minutes and Actions of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 20th January were accepted as an accurate record. AP to arrange to upload them onto the JPAC website.

Outstanding Actions from Last Meeting:

Item 6 (Twitter account): No one has come forward to help run the account. PK mentioned that the PBM Twitter account will have a dedicated team to run it due to its popularity. RR suggested enrolling a team of junior doctors to run our account. PK thinks we could go a step further and appoint a junior doctor as a member of the RTT to drive our Twitter account forward. The group had no objection to this and suggested creating a title that matches the role. ETB will ask amongst his colleagues.

Item 6 (Nursing EDG): UW will discuss further under Item 5, but explained that the LoPAG education day will be aimed at both BMSs and nurses.

Item 10: RR will give the presentation himself.

Item 12a: PK stated that the London RTC budget has been increased to £9000, based on the number of hospitals. There does not seem to be any hard restrictions on what we can spend the money on, but it is expected that we consider purchases and are not irresponsible.

3. Lab Manager Update

The TADG have not met since January. The next meeting is 7th April.

4. TP Update

DM gave an update from the TP meeting held on 9th February. They discussed working groups, training passports, vein-to-vein Blood Tracking system and subsequent IT survey proforma, student nurse training, and MHRA and UKAS inspections. There were presentations on WBIT and the audit tool, and shared care. The IT survey will be going live next week. DM will also send an update as there were some sound problems. The next meeting will be on 17th May.

5. LoPAG Update

UW introduced herself as the new Chair. She reported that it was difficult to maintain momentum during the pandemic, but virtual meetings have been well-attended. Membership has been reviewed, with inactive members replaced by new members. The next series of newsletters will be themed educational pieces, with articles written by members.

The education day will be held on 12th May and will be aimed at both nurses and BMSs. The programme is almost finalised.

6. RTC Work Plan/Activity Log

- May RTC business meeting and education event: Will be held on 26th May; 1400 – 1600 education event and 1600 – 1700 business meeting. The theme will be solid organ transplant. Agenda is being finalised.
- Trauma Group – Only 20 hospitals have so far signed up for the reversal of anticoagulation audit so the deadline has been extended to 30th June, with analysis in July. Hospitals want to take part but have found it difficult to get help from A&E to identify patients. Data can be inputted retrospectively as long as you have 30 patients over a 3-month period.
- Twitter – We have 1301 followers. DG is still managing the account. If we can get help to run the account, we can set up a working group.
- BMS EDG – Still very popular and receives very good feedback. Membership is 2021 members. We have been nominated for UK 2022 Advanced Healthcare Award; the ceremony is next week.
- Sleeping Groups – Shared Care, Non-Medical Authorisation, Blood Tracking Task & Action.

PK wanted to reference the incredible success of the BMSEdG and how it has helped the BMSs to feel part of a broader team. ST explained they are currently in the process of formalising the group by holding minuted planning meetings involving UKTLC and SHOT. They want to focus on how we can deliver the type of sessions that members want and how the model can be replicated and used for other professionals.

CB asked if the sleeping groups warrant individual sub-groups if they are being raised at other meetings. The name suggests the issue is not being addressed: areas of unmet need was suggested as an alternative name. RW thinks they should be recorded, but the name changed. It was agreed Blood Tracking will be removed from the list as there is a current survey ongoing – a decision whether to keep as a working group will be made after the results have been reviewed.

7. Customer Services Update



NHSBT Update.pdf

- RW explained that the format of the slides has changed to make them less repetitive.
- Blood stock levels are included and RW explained what the figures mean. Please continue to monitor your stock levels.
- A huge number of hospitals are consistently requesting high titre neg platelets which affects supply flexibility. Please only order if absolutely necessary. There is no need to order for a named patient.
- Please return any unused ultra-rare units so they can be reallocated.
- NCI products – please note that all requests have to go through ethics committee approval before being fulfilled (usually within 72 hours)

8. Junior Doctors' Training

ETB had to leave the meeting suddenly. AP read out his update: he does not have an update on the education front as they have been short staffed at UCH in recent months. He will prioritise the survey and present the results at the next meeting.

9. Royal Marsden Anaemia Data

RR gave the presentation. The data has been collected from RMH over the time of the pandemic.



Anaemia service
RMH -RTT 2022.pdf

It was highlighted that, in the controlled data group, there was no difference in haemoglobin levels after 8 weeks in patients who did receive iron compared to those who did not. An important issue is when is the right time to decide whether or not to give iron. RR thinks that every clinician and nurse should know how to identify and treat anaemia rather than rely on the haematologist for advice. CB said evidence is showing that giving IV iron post-operatively does help, but there needs to be more evidence because many orthopaedic surgeons are very worried about risk of infection. RR said that RNOH and Epsom have a post-op iron service. PK feels we need to hear more about this.

10. Any Other Business

a) SHOT Video on Febrile Allergic Reactions – CB

The junior doctors at Barts think this video is very good. The link was posted in the chat.

b) New PBMP – ST

Tracy Nevin will start on 25th April, filling Kate's post. She is currently a TP at Princess Alexandra Hospital.

ST will be going on maternity leave at the end of May. There will be part-time cover from a previous PBMP who will cover two regions. PK congratulated ST and said she will be missed.

11. Date of Next Meeting

5th July 2022 at 2pm

London RTT - Action list for 31st March 2022

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
2.	Minutes of January meeting to be uploaded to RTC website	AP	Completed
2	Running Twitter account – ask junior doctors	ETB	
4.	Send TP update to AP	DM	

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