

East of England Regional Transfusion Committee

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 Chair: ...Dr James Bamber.....

HIGHLIGHT REPORT for NBTC

Date	April 2013
Regional Transfusion Team	<p>Consultant representation Dr James Bamber (Chair), Consultant Anaesthetist, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge Dr Debo Ademokun, Consultant Haematologist, Ipswich Hospital</p> <p>Transfusion Laboratory (TLM) representation Charlotte Alford, TLM, Luton & Dunstable Hospital Debbie Asher, TLM, Norfolk & Norwich Hospital Carol Harvey, TLM, Southend Hospital</p> <p>Transfusion Practitioner (TP) representation Michaela Lewin, TP, Papworth Hospital Donella Arnett, TP, Watford Hospital Sharon Kaznica, TP, Ipswich Hospital</p> <p>NHSBT representation Dr Dora Foukaneli, Consultant Haematologist, NHSBT & Addenbrooke's Sue Pechell, Transfusion Liaison Nurse NHSBT, on secondment Customer Services Manager NHSBT Aman Dhesi, Regional Lead, Better Blood Transfusion Team</p> <p>Following the retirement of Dr Jane Keidan, Deputy Chair, we are recruiting further Consultant representation and appointing a new Deputy</p>
RTC Membership (including RTC attendance)	<p>Our RTC circulation list of about 115 includes Haematology Consultants, Transfusion Laboratory Managers, Transfusion Practitioners and HTC Chairs from each of the 19 NHS hospitals in the region. In addition the list includes 4 NHSBT staff plus representatives from 5 private and 1 United States Air Force hospitals.</p> <p>The last meeting had 40 members in attendance</p>
Does the RTC have a patient representative?	No, we have been unable to appoint a patient representative.
RTC Meetings	<p>2013 meetings: 20th June & 31st October</p> <p>Meetings are held at St John's Innovation Centre, Cambridge. Meetings are held 3 times a year, last 3 hours and include presentations by regional hospitals and/or outside speakers. Group O RhD negative and platelet issue and wastage are standard agenda items</p>
RTC Working Groups	<p>RTT – meet at the Cambridge Donor Centre 5 times a year</p> <p>Transfusion Practitioner Network – meet quarterly also at Cambridge.</p> <p>The group worked closely with the RTT in the development of regional guidelines for the Treatment of Acute Transfusion Reactions</p> <p>Transfusion Advice and Discussion Groups: The Brentwood User Group recently disbanded due to the lack of a Chair and secretarial support. TLMs from hospitals within the East of England have been invited to join the Norfolk, Suffolk & Cambridge TADG, which meets quarterly. TLMs from hospitals which receive blood from Colindale belong to the North West London TAG. The NSC TADG has been fully involved in the organisation of the BMS education day</p>

Education	<p>In 2012, Mums, Babies & Blood III was oversubscribed and 100% of delegates rated it overall as excellent or good. Patient Blood Management had a disappointing turnout but 85% gave it excellent or good rating. Putting the Boffin Back into Blood for BMSs scored 92%. Our main education event for 2013 will be held on 19th September at Wyboston Lakes Conference Centre and will cover specialist blood requirements for specific patients groups, which should be of interest to a wide audience.</p> <p>Our BMS study day on 12th June will cover basic transfusion science for non- haematologists who will be required to participate in on call and out of hours services for blood banks</p>
Audits/Regional Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final report of the audit of platelet use in the East of England was presented to the RTC in October 2012 and circulated to all hospitals. • A retrospective audit (January – December 2012) on the transfer of blood with patients is being conducted • Interest in conducting an audit on pre-operative anaemia is to be determined.
Website	<p>The East of England RTC page of the Transfusion Guidelines website is regularly updated with meeting minutes, education day presentations and links to examples of good practice.</p>
Planned Activities for next Reporting Period	<p>The East of England RTC has an Action Plan which is updated regularly and revised annually. The current plan includes assisting hospitals with patient consent for transfusion and patient information; transfer of blood with patients and formation of regional guidelines on Acute Transfusion Reactions to include a stand alone algorithm for use in wards.</p> <p>The RTC has supported the piloting of CUSUM plots of platelet usage by BSMS and the value of the CUSUM plots is being evaluated.</p>
Constraints/concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern regarding the impact Pathology Transformation is likely to have on the transfusion service in the region continues to grow. In particular loss of staff, especially at senior level, will have an inevitable detrimental effect on the quality of services. A statement expressing this concern from Debbie Asher, TLM at Norfolk & Norwich Hospital, the “hub” of the Eastern Pathology Alliance, is attached. • Hospitals which currently receive blood stocks from Brentwood are very concerned at the proposals for its closure and dissemination of deliveries to other stock holding units. Other regional hospitals feel that the proposed closure will have knock on effects for them all
Administrative support for the RTC	<p>Jane O’Brien East of England RTC Administrator continues to work 20 hours per week based at NHSBT Cambridge. Jane also provides secretarial support for the TP Network and NSC TADG.</p>
Other issues	<p>The hospitals supplied by NHSBT Cambridge have not had dedicated Customer Services support for over 2 years, with other members of the team covering the role on an ad hoc basis with an inconsistency of input</p>