

**The Chief Medical Officer's
National Blood Transfusion Committee**

Region...East of England.....
Chair: ...Dr James Bamber.....

HIGHLIGHT REPORT for NBTC

Date	March 2012
Regional Transfusion Team	Consultant representation Dr James Bamber (Chair), Consultant Anaesthetist, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge Dr Jane Keidan (Vice Chair), Consultant Haematologist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn Dr Debo Ademokun, Consultant Haematologist, Ipswich Hospital Transfusion Laboratory (TLM) representation Charlotte Alford, TLM, Luton & Dunstable Hospital Debbie Asher, TLM, Norfolk & Norwich Hospital Transfusion Practitioner (TP) representation Michaela Lewin, TP, Papworth Hospital Donella Arnett, TP, West Herts Hospital Trust Sharon Kaznica, TP, Ipswich Hospital NHSBT representation Dr Dora Foukaneli, Consultant Haematologist, NHSBT & Addenbrooke's Elaine Parris, Transfusion Liaison Nurse NHSBT Erika Rutherford, Customer Services Manager NHSBT We are actively seeking further TLM and Consultant representation as 2 RTT members recently stood down having completed terms of 4 years
RTC Membership (including RTC attendance)	Our RTC circulation list of about 100 includes Haematology Consultants, Transfusion Laboratory Managers, Transfusion Practitioners and HTC Chairs (all non Haematologists), from each of the 19 NHS hospitals in the region. In addition the list includes 3 NHSBT staff plus representatives from 4 private and 1 United States Air Force hospitals. The last meeting had 27 members in attendance
Does the RTC have a patient representative?	Following the recent sad death of our patient representative, we are seeking a replacement
RTC Meetings	2 nd February 2012 13 th June 2012 18 th October 2012 Meetings are held at St John's Innovation Centre, Cambridge. Meetings last 3 hours and include presentations of Good Practice or Lessons Learnt by regional hospitals and Group O RhD negative and platelet issue and wastage as standard agenda items

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>Transfusion Advice and Discussion Groups: there are 3 groups available for TLMs in this region to attend, geographically based on their NHSBT delivery centre. These meet 3 to 4 times a year.</p> <p>All TP and TLM groups provide written reports for circulation prior to RTC meetings</p> <p>Other working groups are formed as and when the need arises, for example to produce a regional version of the “Transfer of Blood with Patients” guidelines</p>
Education	<p>“Mums, Babies and Blood”: this successful event for midwives was held for the second time in September 2011</p> <p>“Massive Haemorrhage and the Management of the Patient” was held on 30th November 2011.</p> <p>Both events were over-subscribed although attendance at the Massive Haemorrhage day was affected by industrial action amongst NHS staff. 100% of delegates at each event rated the conference overall as good to excellent</p>
Audits/Regional Surveys	<p>Following the increase in platelet use in the region, a laboratory based platelet audit is to be conducted during March and April.</p>
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 etc.</p>
Planned Activities for next Reporting Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The midwives education event will be repeated and opened up to student midwives. • The RTT are looking into the incidence of pre-operative anaemia in elective surgical patients • A working group will look into the production of regional guidance for the management of transfusion reactions, both at the bedside and in the laboratory.
Constraints/concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is concern that 4 of the region’s hospitals had no representation at any RTC meetings in the last year • Laboratory staff within the region have expressed concern at the implementation of “hub and spoke” and the effects it is likely to have.
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 RTC has been liaising with the East of England Trauma Network with regard to massive haemorrhage protocols and transfer of blood with patients and has developed an algorithm for blood use in massive haemorrhage which will be included in the Trauma network manual</p>