

## East Midlands Regional Transfusion Committee

### Unconfirmed Minutes of Regional Transfusion Committee Meeting (EM - RTC)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

10:00 – 13:30

Via Microsoft Teams

#### **Attendees**

Jon Cort	JC	CRH(Chair)	Nicola Horton-Turner	NHT	NUH
Janice Smith	JS	CRH	Louise Allen	LA	NUH
Rowena Faulkner	RF	CRH	Michael Skill	MS	NUH
Carly Lattimore	CL	CRH	Maria-Isabel Saez-Garcia	MG	NUH
Emily Rich	ER	KGH	Cherry Chang	CC	NUH
Jason Frankcam	JF	KGH	Rachel Rose	RR	NUH
Sue Bowles	SB	KMH	Katarina Kacinova	KK	RDH
Leanne Hostler	LH	KMH	Heather Clarke	HC	RDH
Delia Smith	DS	NHSBT	Fiona Waller	FW	UHOL
Brian Hockley	BH	NHSBT	Yasin Fozdar	YF	UHOL
Jo Shorthouse	JSh	NHSBT	Malcolm Chambers	MC	UHOL
Rob Webster	RW	NHSBT	Adele Turner	AT	ULH
Janet Heslip	JHe	NHSBT	Ben Holmes	BHo	ULH
Raquel Bisa	RB	NGH	Charlotte Kallmeyer	CK	ULH
Karen Spreckley	KS	NGH	Ant Jackson	AJ	ULH
John Houghton	JH	NUH			

#### **Apologies**

Philip Williams	PW	CRH	Julie Buchan	JB	RDH
Charlette Little	CL	KGH	Sandra Dodds	SD	RDH
Angela Houston	AH	KGH	Marie Browett	MB	UHOL
Lisa Milligan	LM	KMH	Amardeep Ghattaoraya	AG	UHOL
Jane Walden	JW	KMH	Hafiz Qureshi	HQ	UHOL
Dave Ward	DW	NHSBT	Carol Richardson	CR	ULH
Hayley Bond	HB	NUH			

In Attendance: Deborah Booth RTC Administrator (minutes)

## 1. Welcome & Apologies

JC welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and noted.

## 2. Minutes of the last RTC Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and matters arising

The circulated Minutes were accepted as a true record and will be placed on the website as "Confirmed".

## 3. Regional Updates

### Hospital Transfusion Committee Reports



Lincoln EM HTC  
report\_quarterly\_Oct ;

#### Key Notes

- Looking to replace the cell salvage machine but there are hold ups due to funding.
- We are almost ready to recover data regarding convalescent plasma treatment.
- An invite has been circulated to attend a convalescent plasma webinar.



Derby EM HTC  
report\_quarterly\_Oct ;

#### Key Notes

- There have been issues during the peak of the pandemic with traceability, due to ward access and non-clinical returns.
- There will rotem on the trial for O+ to males and the use of red cells in general theatres for two months.



King's Mill EM HTC  
report\_quarterly\_Oct ;

#### Key Notes

- More fridges have been purchased due to the re-introduction of Ortho surgery.
- We also had traceability issues during the peak of the pandemic, but we are now back on track.
- We are doing well with convalescent plasma and the research team are really engaged.

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Chesterfield EM HTC  
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### Key Notes

- We have transfused our first Granulocytes and in the coming weeks we will complete a plasma exchange within ITU.
- Two new processes - pathway for urgent elective surgical patients and managing their Anaemia within pre-asses areas.
- We are also looking to update the cell salvage machine.
- We are almost ready to go live with the Blood360 project.



Northampton EM  
HTC report\_quarterly\_

### Key Notes

- We are currently using O+ in major haemorrhage.
- We have achieved a threshold of less than 12.5 on O- and reduced wastage.
- We have made a few changes to our transfusion doc to support the O+ initiative.
- We are currently preparing for a UKAS inspection.



Nottingham EM HTC  
report\_quarterly\_Oct ;

### Key Notes

- We have now implemented the Patient ID Verification rule.
- The next project will be the O+ to Males.
- We will also complete the bedside app.
- There has been a large amount of plasma exchanges with TTP's including Ad Hoc to replace Octaplas.



Kettering EM HTC  
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### Key Notes

- A new prescription is going to the printers which includes Indication Codes and Taco Risk Assessments which is significant progress.



Leicester EM HTC  
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### Key Notes

- Good progress has been made with Remap Capp.
- DS shared their success in managing blood stocks and reducing wastage. YF credited DS for her hard work and help with this.
- In the process of our NIPT Pre-Fetal DNA program across the Ante-natal testing program.
- We now have a full-time traceability team.

## 4. Feedback from RTC Tasks Groups

### 4.1 Audits



2020 Survey of Blood Product Use During C

- BH gave an overview of the preliminary results of the 2020 Blood Product Survey During Covid.
- This was the brainchild of Mike Murphy in Feb 2020.
- It started as a simple spreadsheet but due to expansion an online form has now been created.
- They received over 4000 submissions over 80 different organisations to date.

- A new national audit regarding the replacement of cell salvage machines is currently being worked on, there is no pending launch date at present.
- BH is also involved in another new national audit regarding the use of frozen products which will be launched sometime in the new year.
- BH has been working on several surveys around education and the NMA course.
- YS and BH have been in discussion regarding rebooting the RTC audit agenda to aid in boosting the number of projects being sent through to BH. He commented that he is available as a facility to utilise for any upcoming projects that require data collection.
- BH announced that he had now formally retired but has returned on a renewable part time contract.
- JC formally thanked BH for his many years of full-time service and the support he has given the transfusion community both nationally and regionally. He also personally extended his thanks for the support he has given both him and this region over years. He hopes that he continues to be a critical part of the transfusion jigsaw for many years to come.

### 4.2 Education and training

#### Regional Workplan

- There have been discussions around a regional workplan which would become part of our agenda. A meeting will take place next week regarding this.

#### NMA Course

- There has been a lot of discussion regarding the NMA course which was due to run in December. This was cancelled due to work demands and to make sure we were able to deliver a course standard we are happy with.

### **Annual Symposium**

- This will be a joint virtual education day between the Yorkshire and Humber and East Midlands regions. Discussions around speakers will take place offline. All ideas would be welcomed.

## **5. Feedback from RTC Associated Groups**

### **5.1 – EM Transfusion Practitioners Group**

- We have already had a virtual meeting and have another meeting pending in the next month or so.

### **5.2 – National Lab Managers Group**

- DS gave updates on behalf of HC.
- A lessons learnt document is currently being written regarding the impact Covid has had on Blood Banks.
- MHRA has updated and advised that less reports are being submitted due to the pandemic.
- Both UKAS and MHRA have met to discuss the discrepancies in conflicting advice and requirements, which has raised concerns and impacted on Blood Banks. Currently there has been no further progress with this. Blood Bank Managers and Lab Managers will be sent a request to highlight the differences and the issues arising around this matter.
- A 12-month trial has started to provide 6-day Granulocytes instead of 5 days. This began on the 14<sup>th</sup> September and these will be available Mon-Sat. This was decided following feedback from Clinicians and Lab Managers as they felt there was demand for this product. These can also be ordered on Bank Holidays subject to availability.
- There will be a change to the contact details for orders and enquiries of HLA Selected Platelets. This will take place using a phased approach, with Sheffield putting the change in place from the 5<sup>th</sup> October.
- DS contacted hospitals in the region to encourage them to take a share of O-K+ units. This received a positive response and will be monitored with keen interest.

### **5.3 – National TP Network**

- A meeting took place to discuss another virtual education event after the success of the recent one.
- DS raised the 'Lessons Learnt' document in partnership with the TP Network and the Lab Managers Groups. The document is extensive and very informative and is currently awaiting final sign off. This will then be sent to the National Committee and put on the JPAC website when complete.

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- A generic framework for TP's is currently being worked on by a sub-committee. Currently job descriptions are written from scratch. The framework will encompass roles from starter through to senior TP.
- Discussions took place regarding the Nightingale hospital and the lack of training and the incomplete paperwork, which was a massive learning curve for them.

### 6. NHSBT Matters

#### O+ to Bleeding Men by JSh

- As part of Jo's role within the O- working group for NBTC she is taking the lead in a second project which is O+ to bleeding males in trauma and major haemorrhage.
- The national objective is to promote the use of O+ to adult males.
- The steering group's first meeting is on the 16<sup>th</sup> October and will look at ways to cascade to the regions.
- We will be looking for interested colleagues from either a clinical, TP or Lab background to form small subgroups regionally to promote this project. To register your interest please contact Jo Shorthouse.
- Some Hospitals/Trusts have already implemented this and could help by offering their insight and experience which could provide resources for others to use.
- Will feedback at the next RTC on progress.

#### Regional PBM Dashboard

- In order to gain insight into regional initiatives for patient blood management, JSh will be sending out a spreadsheet to gauge where we are as a region. A dashboard can then be created to ascertain regional progress which can be brought to future RTC meetings for comments, discussion and to share good practice.

#### PBM Toolkit

- This is now available on the Hospitals and Science website  
<https://hospital.blood.co.uk/patient-services/patient-blood-management/education/>
- This provides small bites of PBM initiatives which can be used for training.
- Please circulate this information to your networks.

## Barnsley Centre Update



Barnsley Centre  
Update.pdf

### Key Notes

- DS presented key dates for the new Barnsley Centre transition.
- Information packs have been sent to Hospitals with individualised details and information regarding the centre move.
- Any queries please contact Delia Smith.

## 7. AOB

### 7.1 Research and Development Survey

- JC asked people if they would complete the research and development survey. NHSBT are looking to develop their 5-year strategy regarding products. The last one had a very poor response, but this could have been mainly due to the timing. If you could share widely among the Hospital Transfusion community, Haematology and Surgical Transfusion. It is important to get data so we can be sure to direct funding to the relevant research.

### 7.2 Transfusion 2024

- The 2024 overarching 5-year strategic document which is co-owned by the NBTC and NHSBT is in its final drafts. This will be released in a few short weeks. Shortly afterwards the annual report by the NBTC, which is currently approaching final draft, will be published. The terms of reference are also being finalised but there are no major changes.

### 7.3 Regional Boundaries

- It has been agreed with the NBTC that we will move from ten regions to seven to align with NHS England boundaries. This is to ensure that transfusion 2024 gets the accountability it needs to improve transfusion across the NHS and will also make it make it easier to report poor transfusion practice. This will drive regulators to take note of transfusion practice across England and by doing so, we can enter into key lines of enquiry, which is how the CQC measures secondary care organisations. This will not be a cost saving exercise and we would like to hear any ideas on how this should look in the future moving forward.

### 7.4 Education

- Discussions took place regarding how we look at education in the foreseeable future. We may have to continue education in a more effective virtual way, perhaps in the form of a national curriculum.

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- It was proposed this morning in the RTT meeting to use this year's budget for the RC Path event, 'Advances in Transfusion Medicine.' This will be open to colleagues that don't usually get an opportunity to attend events and concessional prices of £50 are open to BMS, Trainees, Nurses and Retired. There were no objections, and this was duly accepted. JSh and DB will organisation this.

### 7.5 Restructure of Senior Management

- There will be a clinical restructure of Senior Management, with the creation of a new post within NHSBT to support Transfusion 2024.

### 7.6 Expressions of Interest for the Next RTC Chair

- As a result of the boundary changes expressions of interest will be placed on hold whilst we work out what the regions will look like. JC has permission from the Chair and Chief Medical Officer of NHSBT to remain in position for the foreseeable future.

### 7.7 O-K+ External Suppliers

- YF expressed raising engagement with external suppliers regarding grouping cards, this would allow us to test patients and make informed decisions on the relevance and safety of using O-K+ and would make the process much easier.  
JC agreed to take this to the NBTC for discussion and asked if this could be taken offline and for someone to contact him to ensure he understands what is being requested.

### Finally

- JC thanked JSh and DB and the rest of NHSBT for putting this together and everyone for attending.

## 8. Future RTC meetings

- RTC meetings will take place bi-annually in April & October.
- The next meeting will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

### RTC – Action list

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
7.4	Organise RC Path Event	JSh/DB	Complete