

## East Midlands Regional Transfusion Committee

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

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

10:15 – 13:15

Via Microsoft Teams

#### Attendees

Louise Allen	LA	NUH	Charlotte Kallmeyer	CK	ULH
Zaynub Bhaiyat	ZB	UHOL	Donna Knowles	DK	UHOL
Raquel Bisa	RB	NGH	Carly Lattimore	CL	CRH
Cherry Chang	CC	NUH	James Naseem	JN	NHSBT
Tara Chaplin	TC	Spire Health	Carol Richardson	CR	ULH
Malcolm Chambers	MC	UHOL	Jo Shorthouse	JSh	NHSBT
Jon Cort	JC	CRH(Chair)	Maria-Isabel Saez-Garcia	MG	NUH
Angela Firmin	AF	Spire Health	Delia Smith	DS	NHSBT
Jason Frankcam	JF	KGH	Janice Smith	JS	CRH
Janet Heslip	JH	NHSBT	Karen Spreckley	KS	NGH
Brian Hockley	BH	NHSBT	Scott Springworth	SS	NUH
Ben Holmes	BHo	ULH	Rob Stirk	RS	RDG
Leanne Hostler	LH	KMH	Victoria Waddoups	VW	RDG
John Houghton	JH	NUH	Jane Walden	JW	SFH
Angela Houston	AH	KGH	Tracey Watson	TW	NHSBT
Ant Jackson	AJ	ULH	Rob Webster	RW	NHSBT
Katarina Kacinova	KK	RDH			

#### Apologies

Hayley Bond	HB	NUH	Stacey Robson	SR	NUH
Julie Buchan	JB	RDH	Fiona Waller	FW	UHOL
Amardeep Ghattaoraya	AG	UHOL	Philip Williams	PW	CRH
Nicola Horton-Turner	NHT	NUH			

In Attendance: Deborah Booth RTC Administrator (minutes)

#### Education Forum



Pre-hospital  
Emergency Blood Con

- Adele Turner gave a presentation on blood and plasma on board the Lincoln County Hospital Air Ambulance.
- JC commented that this was very impressive and thanked AT.
- JSh and JS congratulated the team at Lincoln on a fantastic job.

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### 1. Welcome & Apologies

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

### 2. Minutes of the last RTC Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and matters arising

The circulated Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

### 3. RTC Boundary Realignment

#### The Midlands RTC Assistant Chair

- JC publicly congratulated JS on her new role as The Midlands RTC Assistant Chair after a successful interview process. JC wished JS the very best in the future role.

### 4. Feedback from RTC Tasks Groups

#### Submitted Hospital Transfusion Committee Reports



EM HTC report  
Chesterfield Novemb

#### Key Notes

- Trialling blood collection requests printing directly to blood collection room.
- In process of validating new lab LIMS system which is still ongoing due to staffing pressures.
- Recent WBIT. Sample not labelled at bedside.
- Recently undertook audit of compliance and completion of Transfusion Care Pathway for RBC transfusions.
- Ongoing issue is the capacity of trust IT to support the Blood 360 project.



EM HTC report SFH.  
November 21.pdf

#### Key Notes

- No HTC meetings since October 2020 due to Covid and the lack of a Consultant Lead for Transfusion. However, on advice from the Medical Directors one is now scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 21. JC commented that he managed to negotiate two hours a week paid for the HTC Chair and to contact him for further information.
- A patient with immune Anti-D was given prophylactic Anti-D injection due to staff not understanding NHSBT report. This has been escalated to the NHSBT Customer Service Manager and a reply is pending. Focus training on Anti-D has also been delivered. TW will take recommendation comments back to the National Reporting Group.

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EM HTC report NUH  
November 21.pdf

### Key Notes

- Air ambulance HEM54 to provide blood & FFP out of the East Midlands within the next few weeks.
- Receiving unused FFP from Air Ambulance Lincoln.
- Signed off documents for the new CliniSys Enterprise version for NUH and SFH. Expected completion by December 2022.
- Obstetrics looking to pilot TEG in maternity theatres.
- Wards not following process and returning papers. TP clerks still managing to get traceability to 99%.
- Engaging with Trust learning team to get all staff jobs mapped to BT training.
- MACCS – final year medical students have been in place for two years. Hopefully will move forward using virtual patients.
- Regional process for collection of emergency blood being taken to scene. ULHT and NLG Trusts have agreed SOP with LIVES.



EM HTC report  
Kettering November 2

### Key Notes

- Traceability still at 100%
- Indication codes for transfusion are now available on the Transfusion Prescription Chart.
- An incident regarding a patient who didn't speak English arose when a friend with limited English interpreted incorrectly and the sample did not match the patient's historic samples. Processes were not followed to ID the patient from the wristband.
- Introduction of BloodTrack software in nearby private hospital is planned for early 2022 to improve quality and records of cold chain.
- Concerns were raised regarding workload of TP's, around teaching and audits.



EM HTC report ULH  
November 21.pdf

### Key Notes

- SHOT to acknowledge continuing excellence due to incident where the Police Officer arrived at Lab on instruction from Air Ambulance/LIVES to collect more blood. This led to a new system put in place to issue emergency blood off site quickly.
- Trialling ROTEM in Lincoln and Pilgrim Hospitals.
- Reviewing the MSoft contract that is due to expire early 2022.

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EM HTC report  
Northampton Novem

### Key Notes

- MHP document rolled out through trust which aims to assist clinical staff in the management of major haemorrhage and ensure compliance with BSQR 2005.
- Transfusion documentation lost when patient transferred to Oxford which lowered the traceability percentage.
- The Trust Obstetric Team in process of procuring ROTEM analyser.
- Transfusion Reaction investigation form being restructured due to current version not fully comprehensive.
- MHP drills and training currently being organised in wards.



RTC report RDH  
November 21.pdf

### Key Notes

- Use of O RhD+ for adult males & females >50yrs old is going very well and has been well received in clinical areas.
- Pre-op anaemia guideline is now live.
- Traceability at 99.9% due to two occasions where blood had to be bled and assumed transfused.
- WinPath Lab computer system planned go live date 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## 5. Feedback from RTC Tasks Groups

### 5.1 Audits

- There are still some audit projects that are awaiting launch because of the ongoing situations within hospitals.
- The Cell Salvage audit organised by Alister Jones from the Welsh Blood Service has now been distributed.
- Project from Fatts Chowdhury on anticoagulants and Vitamin K reversal is only going out to London and the South East Coast as present.
- An audit around delayed transfusion is in the stages of being relaunched in the West Midlands.
- The NICE Quality Standards reporting tool is now in its final stages of completion. Funding has been secured for SNAP which means hospitals can automatically print off generated reports at source. This is planned for pilot in the South Central and South East Coast regions.

### 5.2 Education and Training Group

#### Non-Medical Authorisation Course

- The last course took place on the 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 which had very positive feedback.
- A meeting is arranged in December with the West Midlands on how we will move forward with these courses as The Midlands.

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- We will decide in the upcoming meeting whether we continue to supply the course virtually, face-to-face or as a hybrid.

### Regional Education Events 2021/22

- The New Year will see both the East and West Midlands coming together as The Midlands.
- There are a couple of virtual lunch time sessions planned for February and March 2022
- We will be looking at further educational events and a questionnaire will go out to gauge whether these will be face-face or will continue online.

## 6. Feedback from NBTC Meeting – September 2021

- Need to ensure that we have enough college representation and summary document output to help regarding Transfusion 2024.
- Both Transfusion community and others to ensure we deliver best practice.
- Representatives looking redesign of the curriculums to further knowledge of transfusion.

## 7. NHSBT Matters



Customer Service  
Update Delia Smith.pc

### Highlights

- The overall response rate for the customer services survey by the Barnsley Centre was very good and well above the national response rate.
- Satisfaction and dissatisfaction responses were discussed, and DS reassured everyone that the data is presented to the Senior Management Team at NHSBT for consideration of actions to improve services to Hospitals.
- The courier service was one area highlighted for higher rates of dissatisfaction. DS encouraged everyone to contact herself or the local Customer Service Manager to discuss any issues that arise so they can capture these incidents and investigate them with the couriers.
- Compliments are also very welcome in relation to our services and/or local departments. These are also formally logged on the system.
- The instruction for Convalescent Plasma is to please retain and await further instruction. If there is a valid reason why these stocks can no longer be kept and you need to discard, you can contact the head of Customer Services, Chris Phillips.
- For clarity, all blood donations are anonymous and therefore we can't ascertain whether the donor has or hasn't had the Covid 19 vaccination.
- The link for reporting transfusion reactions and adverse events is <https://hospital.blood.co.uk/diagnostic-services/reporting-adverse-events/>

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NBTC – TLM report  
for BUG 10.11.21.pdf

### Highlights

- DS gave feedback on behalf of Heather Clarke.
- BSH IT guidelines still in draft and awaiting publication.
- Kerry Dowling is the new Chair of UKTLC, replacing Rashmi Rook.
- Data on AB red cell stock holding was presented.
- Any problems with DIN labels please report to your Customer Service Manager.
- Please set up an account for appropriate lab staff for the National Haemoglobinopathy Register as per recent communication.
- Blood Bikes have not been cleared for blue light use and driving restriction exemptions after the recent death of a rider whilst making a blood delivery.
- NCG contract is due for revision and renewal.
- UoM: TLM Chair has contacted UKAS to discuss and is awaiting response.
- MHRA – Mike Dawes has been redeployed, refer any questions to Chris Robbie.
- The SABRE reporting patterns are similar to previous years.
- Any questions regarding the TLM presentation, please direct to [Delia.Smith@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:Delia.Smith@nhsbt.nhs.uk) in the first instance who will disseminate accordingly.



RTC RCI Update  
November 2021.pdf

### Highlights

- There has been a general upward trend in the total number of samples seen. However, the turnaround times are still within the five days.
- Neqas results for RCI Barnsley for the last 4 months were satisfactory.
- There was an update of Barnsley RCI working hours.
- A reminder that all x-matches and other urgent work should be called through to allow for planning and prioritisation.
- There is a separate communication record form for FMH samples that asks whether the patient has had any cell salvage at delivery.
- RCI are still accepting old stock of request forms.
- TW highlighted that the estimated date of delivery for ante natal patients should be entered on the forms as this is a requirement on the database.



E Mids RTC PBM  
update 221121.pdf

### Highlights

- JSh gave thanks to everyone during the challenges faced around the supply of blood and in particular O neg. The situation has improved slightly and there has been an increase in collections. However, this will be with us till well after Christmas and your continued support and good work is appreciated.

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- JSh gave an update on the O pos to Bleeding Men project. The benchmarking survey results are very pleasing with 72% of respondents have already implemented this initiative and a further 11% are currently in progress. JSh thanked BH for his input and producing the survey.
- A toolkit for the O pos project is being created with resources for implementation. This will be available on the Hospitals & Science website when complete.
- There is a new Anaemia eLearning module available.
- A new online resource for Blood Component Use in Major Haemorrhage is available and will be promoted shortly.
- There has been an update on the Blood Components App which is now fully functional. This sits alongside the Blood Assist App and is available for download.

### Education Events

- SW RTC are hosting Transfusion Top-Picks on the 25<sup>th</sup> November between 12-13:30pm.
- NW RTC are hosting Gender, Sex and Transfusion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December between 10-11:30am.
- SHOT – Every minute counts: Transfusion delays in major bleeding is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 13:00pm.

## 8. Feedback from RTC Associated Groups

### National TP Conference Update

- There was a session around managing transgender patients. Transfusion systems usually have very binary guidelines which may not fit with the patients being seen. There has been an increase in women transitioning to men with many not going through official channels and have sort surgery outside of the NHS and therefore could lead the labs to miss this information which may lead to incidents that are SHOT reportable. There were questions around how the systems would cope, especially as there is an increasing number of trans Men who wish to retain childbearing potential. The consensus was that advise, and guidance is required from the Department of Health and the NHS for this particular group of people.
- The Nightingale Hospitals were up for discussion. The capacity for the London Hospital was around 4000 ITU's/80 wards. This opened on the 7<sup>th</sup> April but by the 15<sup>th</sup> May had only treated a total of 54 patients. They were receiving around 32 Group and Save's per hour with a sample rejection rate of 45%. This was a similar trend throughout other Nightingale Hospitals. There were significant problems equipping Labs with everything they required, and it was agreed that if these Hospitals need to be reinstated in the future, transfusion needs to be higher on the agenda.

### EM Transfusion Practitioners Group

- The BBTS group provided TP sessions at the BBTS conference.

### National Transfusion Practitioners Group

- The TP 2021 education event was a success with around 135 attendees each day, now currently looking into next years program.
- Awaiting on responses regarding job descriptions and competency assessments.



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- The National Transfusion Practitioners Network is now on JPAC with a working groups sub-section.
- There is also a Linkd-In group for TP's if you search NTPN.
- The Covid Lessons Learned document is now available on JPAC which is being reviewed and updated.

### Barnsley User Group

This was presented by RS, BUG Co-Chair in the absence of MS.

- RS commented to please ask your team if requesting group O for emergency stock to add the phrase, "Emergency Stock" in the OBOS line note. This allows for better stock management.
- It was suggested that instead of using stickers on NHSBT cold packs, an alternative would be to use laminated card attached with elastic bands. This is considering the amount of time wasted removing sticker residue.
- RCI had an extension to scope for IgA testing.
- The BUG, "Terms of Reference" document was agreed.

### 8. AOB

- CC raised the shortage of x-match tubes. JS commented that they are also experiencing shortages, but this is being managed very carefully by the Pathology Department and as such is not causing any clinical pressures.
- KK highlighted that when using e-LFH they can no longer generate reports. JSh commented that if they contacted their Trust e-LFH administrator, this should be possible. JC commented that KK contact their Medical Education Director regarding this matter. JS commented that as a Trust a paper has been taken to one of the education groups to look at securing funding for continued access to the Learn Pro transfusion modules.
- JC announced that this was his last meeting as Chair. He commented, "it has been a great few years working in both regional and national transfusion".
- JSh thanked him for his support and contributions to the RTC region over the years and wished him well in his new ventures.

### 9. Date of Next Meeting

- TBC

### RTC – Action list

Item No	Action	By Whom
4	Take recommendations back to National Reporting Group regarding comments on reports for Anti-D.	TW