

East Midlands Regional Transfusion Committee

Minutes of Regional Transfusion Team Meeting (EM-RTT)

Wednesday 26th May 2021

Via Microsoft Teams

09:00 – 10:00

Attendees

Jon Cort	JC	Chesterfield Royal (Chair)
Janice Smith	JS	Chesterfield Royal

Jo Shorthouse	JSh	NHSBT
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Deborah Booth	DB	RTC Administrator (Minutes)
Hayley Bond	HB	Nottingham

Apologies

Jane Walden	JW	Kings Mill
Hafiz Qureshi	HQ	University Hospitals Leicester
Cherry Chang	CC	Nottingham
Heather Clarke	HC	Royal Derby

1. Welcome and Apologies

- JC welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received and noted.

2. Minutes of the last RTC Meeting held on 9th October 2020 and matters arising

- The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

3. Boundary Re-Alignment

- The case for boundary changes was agreed by the NBTC. Merging some of the regions in line with NHSi/England will give more leverage and help with accountability of transfusion. This is not a cost saving exercise.
- Discussions took place regarding the boundary papers and re-alignment form, which will also be raised in the following RTC meeting.
- JSh gave feedback on NHSBT PBM regional support and how this will be affected by the boundary re-alignment. The Yorkshire and the Humber region will be supported by Charlotte Longhorn and JSh will be supporting the new Midlands region in its entirety. This change will take place at the end of August.
- RTC Admin will currently remain the same but is up for discussion on the next PBMP agenda.
- JC commented that extra help will be required in the shape of a formal Assistant RTC Chair.

4. Feedback from RTC Task Groups

4.1 Audits

- BH to give feedback in the following RTC meeting
- The tri-regional obstetric audit is late due to not being able to secure clinical obstetricians input for discussion and conclusion due to the pandemic. JC will converse with the Yorkshire and Humber and North East chairs and discuss with Consultant Obstetricians from Chesterfield Royal who are involved in quality improvements to try to work out a way forward.
- JSh and BH will send JC the reports generated from the audit.

4.2 Education and Training Group

NMA Course

- JSh thanked everyone involved in putting together the online version of the course.
- This was held on the 20th-21st April and sixteen delegates were in attendance.
- The course went very well and, overall, had very positive feedback.
- It was the first time Breakout Rooms were used on Teams for case studies and the feedback was excellent.
- The next course will take place in mid-October.
- JC thanked everyone for their hard work in keeping this going.
- JC commented that the WM are very keen to become part of this when the regions amalgamate as a combined effort. This was very well received by the East Midlands representatives.

Annual Symposium 2021

- Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we were unable to secure speakers for the March symposium. JC commented that to prioritise the NMA was strategically the right choice to enable the workforce to give safe transfusions.
- The RTC members had other education opportunities including SHOT sessions and the BMS Empowerment Group.
- The national virtual program has now been approved and we will be looking to host joint events as a Midlands region from now on.

4.3 Regional TP Group

- There was a virtual TP meeting on the 18th May which was very well attended.
- Networking via email has been consistent over the pandemic offering help and support.
- JSh credited them by commenting that despite a high rate of redeployment due to Covid they managed to keep things going.
- JC suggested MS Teams channel to share files and chat instantly. DB will investigate this.

4.4 Barnsley User Group

- Feedback to be provided in the following RTC meeting.

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4. RTC Financial Report

- This year's budget remains intact.
- In the last financial year, we sent selected delegates to the RC Path event which was very well received.
- We will look to send candidates to educational conferences over the coming year.

5. AOB

- Nothing raised.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- 22nd November 2021

RTT – Action list 26th May 2021

Item No	Action	By Whom
4.1	Send reports to JC from Tri-Regional Obs Audit.	JSh/BH
4.3	Look into a Midlands Teams Channel to share files and chat instantly.	DB