

East Midlands Regional Transfusion Committee

Minutes of Regional Transfusion Team Meeting (EM-RTT)

Friday 9th October 2020

Via Microsoft Teams

09:00 – 10:00

Attendees

Jon Cort	JC	Chesterfield Royal (Chair)
Janice Smith	JS	Chesterfield Royal
Delia Smith	DS	NHSBT
Charlotte Kallmeyer	CK	United Lincolnshire
Jo Shorthouse	JSh	NHSBT
Rob Webster	RW	NHSBT
Deborah Booth	DB	RTC Administrator (Minutes)

Apologies

Jane Walden	JW	Kings Mill
Hafiz Qureshi	HQ	University Hospitals Leicester
Hayley Bond	HB	Nottingham
Heather Clarke	HC	Royal Derby
Brian Hockley	BH	NHSBT

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 7th June 2018 and matters arising

JC offered apologies as no minutes to review.

3. Feedback from RTC Task Groups

3.1 Audit

- BH to give feedback in the following RTC meeting

3.2 Education and Training Group

NMA Course

- It was a difficult decision, but we had to cancel the NMA course in May due to the pandemic and having to move to an online format. Due to time constraints brought about by other commitments, we felt that we needed more time to change the format to do the course justice. The next course is booked for the 20th & 21st April 2021. This information will be passed to the candidates. The EM Training and Education group meeting which was recently held was very productive and we are now moving forward with the course.

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Annual Symposium 2021

- Discussions took place regarding a joint annual symposium 2021 for the EM and Y&H regions which will now be online.

RTC Boundary Changes

- It has been agreed that with the NBTC that we will move from ten regions to seven. This will align us with the 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 easier to report poor transfusions. This will drive regulators to take note of transfusion practice across England and by doing this we can enter into the 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.
Discussions took place regarding the amalgamation of the educational processes for the transfusion community nationally. The design for the curriculum which would also be open to undergrads would be ultimately be designed by the RTC regions. The use of online symposiums and educational events would increase the number of candidates able to attend and be available around the country.
We will carry on with regional education for the foreseeable future. There will be a more clinically led senior management team within NHSBT and a new post will be offered to the transfusion community globally for Medical Director of Transfusion. Two directors will be the main responsibility of the role which will include education and training.

3.3 Regional TP Group

- There was a virtual catch up meeting which was attended with around 20 people. Every trusted was represented on the call and we are looking to book another date soon.

3.4 Barnsley User Group

- The first Barnsley User Group meeting will take place on the 14th October. This will bring both the Leeds and Sheffield areas together for the first time, so we are expecting a large number of attendees. The invite went out to Transfusion Lab Managers and also forwarded on to some senior BMS staff, and there will be a good attendance from NHSBT. The meeting will be much shorter than the face to face meetings at around two and a half hours. A lot of educational material has been cut from the meeting as we felt it would be too long to be on a Teams call but we will be updating with key dates and Barnsley Centre information. We will also discuss the future of the meetings and how they are going to be run and chaired. When organising these meetings, it is important to factor in computer break times.

4. RTC Financial Report

- As we still have a full budget due to the pandemic it was discussed that we could offer places for the RC Path symposium day which will be opened up to concessions and has CPD points attached to it. This will be discussed in the following RTC meeting and will be on a first come first served basis. JSh & DB will look into this.

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5. AOB

Regional work plan

- A regional workplan needs to be put together for the East Midlands which we can do through the EM Training and Education group. This can be brought to the RTC meeting for suggestions when we have pulled this together. It can then be included in each future RTC meeting.

O+ to Bleeding Males in Major Trauma and Haemorrhage

- This is a national project will be led by Jo Shorthouse. The objective of the steering group will be to promote the use of O+ to bleeding males in major trauma and haemorrhage. The first meeting will take place on the 16th October in which we'll discuss the scope and measurables with the view to rolling out to each region when the workplans have been agreed. We will keep everyone updated as the project progresses.

Regional PBM Dashboard

- JSh will shortly send out a PBM checklist which will include each of the PBM initiatives. This can be brought to future RTC meetings.

RTC Chair Expressions of Interest.

- Due to the forthcoming boundary changes and the amalgamation of the EM region with the WM, we are requesting expressions of interest for a deputy chair. The candidate doesn't need to be a Doctor and the requirements are written in the terms of reference online. We will be looking for a chair to support the new Midlands region as a whole and JC will continue to support as RTC chair.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- 9th April 2021

RTT – Action list 9th October 2020

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
4	Look into the RC Path Symposium which will utilise the EM training and educational budget.	JSh & DB	Complete
5	Put together regional workplan for the EM region.	EM Training & Education Group	Ongoing