

London Platelet Action Group



LoPAG Steering Group Minutes

Friday 7th February 2020

West End Donor Centre: Boardroom

Attendance	Role	Organisation
Kelly Nwankiti (KN) - Chair	Trust Patient Blood Manager	Kings College Hospital NHS Trust
Richard Whitmore (RW)	Customer Services Manager	NHSBT
Kate Maynard (KM)	Patient Blood Management Practitioner	NHSBT
Selma Turkovic (ST)	Patient Blood Management Practitioner	NHSBT
Dr Lise Estcourt (LE)	Consultant Haematologist	Director of NHSBT Clinical Trials Unit
Dr Fatts Chowdhury (FC) (Dialled in)	Consultant Haematologist	NHSBT & Imperial College NHS Trust
Helen Wadham (HW)	BMS	GSTT
Rebecca Patel (RP)	Transfusion Practitioner	North West London Hospitals NHS Trust
Sara Hammond (SH)	Transfusion Practitioner	Barts Trust
Seema Britto (SB)	Transfusion Practitioner	HCA Healthcare
Ursula Wood (UW)	Transfusion Practitioner	GSTT
Philip Russell (PR)	Senior BMS	UCLH
Apologies		
Denroy Lindsay (DL)	Senior BMS	GOSH
Gill Rattenbury (GR)	Transfusion Practitioner	Chelsea and Westminster
Wendy McSporran (WMc)	Transfusion Practitioner	Royal Marsden
Sajal Patel (SP)	Senior BMS	UCLH (On maternity leave)
Dharshana Jeyapalan (DJ)	Transfusion Practitioner	GSTT NHS Trust (maternity leave)
Other Members Not in Attendance		
Tim Maggs (TM)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager	Guys & St Thomas NHS Trust
Dr Sue Robinson (SR)	Consultant Haematologist	GSTT NHS Trust
Sheena Gardner (SG)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager	The London Clinic
Kelly Feane (KF)	Transfusion Practitioner	St. Georges NHS Trust

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Mitzie Rafada (MR)	Transfusion Practitioner	SGH
Deepa Takhar (DT)	Customer Services Manager	NHSBT
Sofhia Akhtar (SA)	BMS	UCLH

Item 2 - Minutes from previous meeting

Accepted.

Action Log

See appendix.1 at the end of this document

Item 3 – Educational Events/ Champions day 2020

FC confirmed Deanery Day will be on 18th March 2020 titled 'Transfusion Emergencies A Survival Guide'

Platelet Education Day

Previously known as Platelet Champion Day will be held in June 2020. LE suggested to invite anaesthetists and nurses or make it a two-day event. KN to book a venue.

FC suggested to advertise within London then extend to rest of the country. LE said NCA for platelets to be done as the last one was done for SW England in 2013. RW suggested to ask SW for their survey.

Action 35: KM, ST and KN to start planning the agenda. To include:

- **SaBTO guidelines on platelets**
- **Pooled vs. apheresis**
- **Manufacturing**
- **Reasons for recall**
- **HLA matched platelets**
- **Appropriate use**
- **Threshold and guidelines**
- **The future of platelets, next steps & what is desirable**

Action 36: KM & ST to contact Brian Hockley (BH) regarding the survey.

BMS education and Empowerment day

BMS Education and Empowerment Day – ‘Profiting from PBM’ will be held on 30th March 2020 in Tooting.

Item 4- SaBTO changes

Group discussed potential impact of SaBTO recommendations on platelet use. No hospitals are currently using pooled platelets for the cohort recommendations have been removed from. It was highlighted that many hospitals were awaiting additional instructions to move over to pooled platelets for patients born after 1st January 1996.

Action 38: LE to highlight this with comms team.

Item 5- London Top 10 Tips Document

National PAG group has asked that this be reviewed as it is now out of date. Group agreed that it was still a useful document, however the first section will need to be updated.

Action 39: Group to update this document.

Item 6 – Platelet Champion Newsletter

Suggested topics for the next newsletter are:

- SaBTO recommendations on platelet changes and SHOT infographics
- wastage i.e to give tips how to reduce wastage
- NHSBT Updates
- BSMS tips with minimum stocking and who to contact for support
- VANESA reasons for wastage
- WAPI
- how wastage is recorded
- which platelet groups are wasted
- de-reservation time
- look at A D neg & AB D neg platelets together
- success stories over the last few years
- LIMs system affect due to new guidelines

- keep the newsletter format colourful
- pooled vs. apheresis platelets
- London hospitals to only order AB D neg platelets for named patients
- To request A-/A+ platelets and add in box “accept AB platelets”
- Best outcome for patients is to give ABO matched platelets

Item 7 – London RTC Platelet Issue & Wastage Data (BSMS)

KM presented BSMS data for platelet use nationally and the hospitals within the London RTC’s platelet use and waste data (very high and high user category).



LoPAG Data 07.02.20

Discussed what data would be useful going forward, agreed:

- Try and find some data comparing regional use with populations
- Consider the categories of wastage
- Look at A and AB usage in one category

Item 8 – A neg Platelets

ST presented BSMS data for platelet use nationally and the hospitals within the London RTC’s platelet use and waste data (very high and high user category). National A neg platelet profiling update given see embedded file in item 4.

LE presented data regarding AB neg platelets and their disproportionate high usage in the London region, resulting in reduction of availability in other regions. It was discussed that historically there had been very low usage in AB neg platelets and hospitals had been encouraged to increase ordering. NHSB representatives acknowledged and thanked hospitals for their help in managing this issue but asked that they now only order AB neg platelets for specific patients and not for stock.

Item 9 – PAG

National PAG group has been relaunched. Are keen for hospital representatives to join. KN volunteered.

Action: KN to be added to PAG group.

Item 10 – AOB

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KN to step down as chair. UW as potential chair of LoPAG.

Discussed minute taking of meeting. Agreed that will ask Angela Pumfrey to attend. If she is not able, minute taking will alternate between group members.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13th May 2020 at West End Donor Centre

Post meeting note: No room availability on the 13th May, therefore booked for the 28th April.

Appendix 1. Action Log

Date added	Action	Assigned to	Due	Completed
01.11.17	1. Contact Matt Sharp from BSMS regarding data on ordering of apheresis versus pooled platelets. Update 07.02.18: RW to present data at next LoPAG 18.04.18.	RW	07.02.18	07.02.18
01.11.17	2. The group will develop a generic stock sharing agreement template. 3. SC will email RW on behalf of the group to enquire about NHSBT assistance with the logistics of stock sharing between hospitals that could be incorporated into this agreement. 4. SC to enquire as to why NHSBT is not willing to accept return of platelets for distribution to another hospital in order to try and help prevent wastage. Action update 07.02.18: Confirm receipt / outcome of Email to RW, with RW.	TBA SC SC SW	Close Close Close 18.04.18	18.04.18 13.04.18
01.11.17	5. SC and CD to finalise newsletter ed. 8 and send to platelet champions. 6. Action update 07.02.18 – KN and SW to complete ed. 8 of the newsletter and send to platelet champions.	KN/ SW	18.04.18	18.04.18.
07.02.18	7. SW to book rooms send diary invites for 2018 meetings	SW	08.02.18	08.02.18
07.02.18	8. SW / KN to contact high using Trusts not represented on steering group regarding representation.	KN / SW	18.04.18	17.04.18

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07.02.18	9. SW to talk to CD about feasibility of platelet wastage reports from BSMS to circulate with monthly highlight reports.	SW	18.04.18	18.04.18
07.02.18	10. KN to make amendments to London platelet survey and SW circulate to steering group for comment.	KN/SW	18.04.18	23.03.18
07.02.18	11. SW to liaise with Mark Ethell at London Deanery to change date for SpR teaching.	SW	18.04.18	10.04.18
07.02.18	12. SW to discuss National Pathology week, Platelet theme with Dr Shubha Allard	SW	18.04.18	08.02.18
07.02.18	13. SW/ KN to plan date / book room for Platelet Champions day 2018 14. SW/KN to plan / approach speakers for platelet champions day.	SW/KN		07.08.18 -
18.04.18	15. SW/ FC/ KW – To finalise speakers for Haem SpR Platelet Study Day and facilitate day. KF – To ask if James Uprichard can speak on TEG at SpR study day – Complete, he can't attend. Action update: Gemma Fawke to act as PBMP lead for SpR study day planning.	SW/FC/KN		15.08.18
18.04.18	16. SW to confirm with CD what data BSMS collects on paediatric products	SW		18.04.18
18.04.18	17. KN to make final amendments to London Platelet Survey. SW to send to SG for testing/final approval and then send to London TP's, TLM's & Platelet Champions.	KN/SW		16.05.18
18.04.18	18. KN to make final amendments to Ed. 8 newsletter. SW to send to SG for final approval and then send to London TP's, TLM's and Platelet Champions	KN/SW		16.05.18
12.09.18	19. GF to contact the Deanery to chase feedback for SpR Platelet Ed. Day on 15 th August 18	GF		28.11.18
12.09.18	20. Platelet Champions Day: FC to contact Simon Stanworth, Lise Estcourt & Helen New.	FC	GF to contact SS	

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	GF to contact BSMS team & find a Manufacturing colleague to present KN to contact Colin Brown to present & ask for increment data. Source room & sponsor actions above)	GF KN FC	GF to contact DS FC to contact	28.11.18
12.09.18	21. GF to ask Clare Denison about the timescale of A neg Platelet Poster	GF		28.11.18
12.09.18	22. WMc to submit a case study on an inappropriate platelet transfusion that caused patient harm	WMc		28.11.18
12.09.18	23. GF to ask NHSBT regarding data for Blue light delivery times/agreed SLAs.	GF	Group agreed to close.	28.11.18
28.11.18	24. Group to draft email to be sent to RCN, RCM, RCP	All	27.03.19 On hold	
28.11.18	25. GF to discuss with SW about a LoPAG slot on the agenda of TP group once a year	GF	27.03.19	27.03.19
28.11.18	26. GF to create poster for Champions day & distribute ASAP	GF	27.03.19	27.03.19
28.11.18	27. To D/W CSM potential algorithm for issue department to provide AB substitute & AB donor recruitment.	GF	27.03.19	27.03.19
28.11.18	28. SP to update group at next meeting on A neg audit and findings. To complete June 19.	SP	27.03.19 On hold while SP on maternity leave	
28.11.18	29. Circulate A neg platelet poster	GF	27.03.19	27.03.19
27.03.19	30. Circulate ToR and attendance record	GF	05.06.19	05.06.19
05.06.19	31. To email Neil and Mark at the Deanery for Feb/March 2020 SpR training dates.	FC	05.06.19	18.03.2020
05.06.19	32. Group to send success stories to GF of changes to platelet practice	ALL	05.06.19	23.10.19
05.06.19	33. To review ToR and send to group for comment	KN	05.06.19	25.10.19

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05.06.19	34.To email none-attendees to suggest being removed from correspondence list and ask for a suggested replacement member	GF	05.06.19	23.10.19
23.10.19	35.To plan date / book room for Platelet Education day 2020	ST/KM/ KN	30.11.19	
07.02.20	36.To contact BH regarding the SW survey from 2013	ST/KM	31.03.20	
23.10.19	37. Confirm dates for BMS education event 2020	ST/KM	30.11.19	07.02.20
07.02.20 20	38.LE to contact comms team regarding SaBTO recommendations and pooled platelets	LE	15.03.202 0	
07.02.20 20	39.Review and update top 10 tips document.	All	28.04.202 0	