

**Confirmed Minutes of the
London Regional Transfusion Committee
London Blood Transfusion Forum (RTC Business Meeting)
held on 20th April 2016
at W12 Conferences, London**

Present:

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Shan Adlam	Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Felix Agyemang	Barnet General Hospital
Mohammed Al-Aqly	St. John & St. Elizabeth Hospital
Sandra Amajor	University Hospital Lewisham
Julia Balcioglu	Kingston Foundation NHS Trust
Chetan Bhatt	Whittington Hospital
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Sandeepa Chandarana	Barnet General Hospital
Andreas Christensen	Pharmacosmos
Ben Church	Kingston Foundation NHS Trust
Helena Day	Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trust
John Dick	University College London Hospital
Mano Doraiswami	Queens Hospital Romford
June Douglas	The Portland Hospital
Susan Eales	Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Trust
Fernando Fegarido	Kings College Hospital
Charlene Futado	London Northwest Healthcare NHS Trust
Champika Gamlath	Kings College Hospital
Susan Gane	Imperial NHS Trust
Lisa Gibb	Great Ormond Street Hospital
Jan Gordon	Chelsea & Westminster Hospital
Sofia Hasan	Barnet General Hospital
Richard Howard	Queens Hospital Romford
Mairead Hurley	St. Thomas' Hospital
Clive Hyam	NHSBT Colindale
Charmaine Jardiel	West Middlesex NHS Trust
Jojo Jimenez	Barnet General Hospital
Lesley Jones	Spire St. Anthony's Hospital
Amanda Joseph	Kingston Foundation NHS Trust
Sandy Kidd	Epsom & St. Helier NHS Trust
Jemma Kyte	Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Trust
Sarah Lambert	Kingston Foundation NHS Trust
Angela Maddison	Royal London Hospital
Mary-Anne Marchbank	BMI Coombe Kingston Hospital
Alexander Martinez	Homerton University Hospital
Wendy McSporran	Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Anne Minogue	Queen's Hospital Romford
Kehinde Muyibi	RCI Colindale
Kelly Nwankiti	King's College Hospital
Rebecca Patel	London Northwest Healthcare
Carolyn Price	Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Trust
Gill Rattenbury	Parkside Hospital
Faye Rees	Whittington Hospital
Brian Robertson	St. Mary's Hospital
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David Stokes	Spire St. Anthony's Hospital
Rachel Suri	Epsom & St. Helier NHS Trust

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Sandip Thakor	Locum
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Cecilia Tucker	Barnet General Hospital
Antoinette Turner	University College London Hospital
Paul Wadham	Royal Marsden NHS Trust
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Eve Wilson	Chelsea & Westminster Hospital
Julie Wright	Queen's Hospital Romford
Sonali Thakor	
Lucy Griffiths	Harefield Hospital
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Megan Rowley	Imperial NHS Trust
Elisha Thuesday	Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Trust
Simon Stanworth	NHSBT Oxford
Pascal Winter	Barts Health NHS Trust
James Uprichard	St. George's NHS Trust
Sarah Clark	Royal Free London NHS Trust
Anita Sugavanam	Brighton & Sussex University Hospital

01/16 Welcomes and Introductions

PK welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed them of the housekeeping for the building.

02/16 Minutes of Last Meeting (19th October 2015)

Any amendments, please send to London RTC Administrator, Angela Pumfrey. Otherwise, the minutes will be accepted as a true record.

Action: AP to arrange for them to be uploaded onto JPAC website.

03/16 NBTC & RTC Chairs Meeting Feedback

PK gave a presentation

NBTC Update

- Looking for a new patient representative. Let us know if you know anyone who would be interested.
- Decision taken not to mention HEV on patient information leaflets (treated the same as CMV)
- First draft of PBM Survey. Looking for somewhere to host them
- National Standards for Clinical Transfusion Process – final draft ratified, waiting for platform to host.
- SHOT & TLM Group want to highlight errors caused by staff shortages. Staff shortage and staff not having time to attend training is a national concern. When reporting errors, please identify whether the cause was staff shortage.

London RTC Update

- Jen Heyes is now back and covering London
- Clare Denison will be returning in July and also cover London.
- Rachel Moss will be covering South Central and London until October
- Emily Carpenter will be covering South East Coast and London until October

Haematology & Trauma Group:

- Holding an all day free education event on 18th May at St. George's Hospital.
- Working on an aide-memoire re. major incidents following terrorist attacks

LoPAG Group:

- 'Where do Platelets Go' RTC and hospitals' reports finished. Copies of both available from PBM team.
- Platelet Champion Newsletter No5 sent out in January. Copies available from PBM team
- Platelet Champion Day planned for October/November 2016.

- National Platelet Group now established

Massive Haemorrhage DVD:

- North West region's DVD is finished. Filming of ours will start in the summer if deemed appropriate.

Nurse Authorisation:

- Still waiting for response from RCN. Has anyone got an idea how to engage with either RCN or NMC?

Nurse Lanyard Cards:

- Have now been printed.
- Will discuss with TP group how to take forward.

BMS Empowerment:

- Two empowerment workshops held in March and April.

Consent Group:

- Looking for new Chair
- Will discuss with TP group how to implement in Trusts.

January Renal Day Feedback:

- RTT not aware of another region that has done an educational day just for renal medicine.
- Evaluated well with 100% top box score.
- Permitted presentations are on our You Tube channel Search for London RTC.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaDmgIC5h5d9Gpu3EkadjLQ>

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Shared Care Update

- Results for patients not irradiated blood when required in 2014 SHOT report were poor
- No audit has been done since the recommendations were introduced.
- Less than 10% of hospitals are using the shared care form. Please use the form – it is available on JPAC website and can be amended to suit your own hospital. If you are not following the shared care process, you cannot be sure you are transfusing the right blood.
- How can we put HEV under special requirements on the shared care form, we need to transfer the information to another Trust. Such patients need a 'I need special blood' card, but not sure if it is going to be given to patients.

05/16

NHSBT Update

HEV –ve Products:

Stock is now available. NHSBT able to meet demand of RBC, FFP and Cryo, but HEV platelets remains a daily challenge. Therefore, would like hospitals to minimise the stock they hold, but appreciate that big transplant centres need more.

CMV Testing:

Has been reduced for blood donations following downgrading of risk by SaBTO. This has been trialled in the North East and was successful.

FFP Post-Thaw Expiry:

Expiry of adult FFP only to be extended for major haemorrhage cases from 24 to 120 hours. Guidelines to follow.

OBOS HLA Platelet Ordering:

Now available, but only for second and subsequent ordering.

Transport Boxes for Hospitals:

3500 boxes ordered and will be validated by NHSBT. Will be trialled by one hospital first before being rolled out to others.

Recalls:

Recall form and accepted reasons for recall were shown. One delegate mentioned that to be able to recall you need a fax machine, but many hospitals are removing them. RW said that they are looking for alternatives, but cannot find anything suitable.

Labelling of Samples:

RCI and H&I samples are stored at different temperatures so it is very important to label samples properly. RW showed some examples of incorrect or poorly labelled samples. Please ensure samples are labelled correctly and clearly. Also do not

use tubes that are out-of-date as they will not be processed.

Phoning RCI:

RCI need to fill out a form (Record of Verbal Contacts form) for every telephone call they receive – an example of the form was shown. Make sure you have the answers ready before you call them.

06/16 Where do you Find all this Transfusion Information?

There is lots of transfusion information available, but people are not aware of what it is or how to find it.

Hospital & Sciences Website: A very useful website with a lot of information. Contains items that have been produced and things you can order or download.

JPAC (Transfusion Guidelines): Lots of resources, articles from journals plus RTC pages

SHOT: Slides are updated every year. You can use their slides, cases and diagrams in your own presentation as long as you credit them in the presentation. SHOT Bites is very interesting.

International Websites (via ISBT): To be able to access their sites, you mostly need to be a member of their organisation. Australian and Canadian blood services have lots of resources to use for laboratory and clinical transfusion practice

07/16 Support for Implementing NICE Guidelines

JM explained about NICE's objectives, what it does, its core principles and why to use NICE guidance. She said that NICE guidelines are not statutory, but you are expected to implement them.

On their website is a section 'Put Guidance into Practice'. Also, in every Trust, there is someone who can help you if you are struggling to implement NICE guidance. There are usually four reasons why you cannot implement the guidelines – find out which is your reason. Once you know the reason, use the right solution to solve it. The best way is to help it happen. Acknowledge that you will not be able to get everyone on board at the same time – it will happen gradually. Do not get disheartened – slow gains are better than none. Target the innovators and early adapters (Rogers (1962) Diffusion of Innovation) first and make them champions, then the others will follow.

NG24 is the blood transfusion guideline. The quality standard on blood transfusion is being drafted at the moment – consultation due on 20/06/16.

08/16 Just Save One – Sharing Success

This follows on from the presentation about wastage and the implementation of the Just Save One campaign at last April's RTC meeting.

Great Ormond Street

- ❖ Saving of £20,000 so far
- ❖ Got Quality Improvement on board to assist
- ❖ Reduce reservation time
- ❖ Use up older blood first before fresh
- ❖ Use AB Octaplas for Group O
- ❖ Reduce flying squad provision

Next Steps:

- ❖ Will audit the appropriateness of requests
- ❖ Allocate a daily lab wastage champion

Guy's & St. Thomas'

- ❖ Concentrated on platelet wastage as this is where the problem was
- ❖ Communication with staff and getting them to help is key – you cannot do it by yourself
- ❖ Review of standing orders – are they necessary?
- ❖ No reservations
- ❖ Identifying and using short-dated stock first
- ❖ Changing wastage codes

❖ Electronic ordering

Results:

WAPI ↓ since January 2015 as shown in graph

King's College

- ❖ Concentrated on platelet wastage in the lab and in patients
- ❖ Urge BMS's to query requests from clinicians
- ❖ Have wastage champions
- ❖ Manage stock and standing orders better

Results:

- ❖ Wastage has ↓ from August 2015 to Feb 2016. Wastage is still occurring because they are a big user and some products have a short shelf life
- ❖ Usage has also ↓, but their activity has increased – this proves that components were being wasted into patients.

Imperial

- ❖ Imperial operates across four labs
- ❖ Biggest problem was out of temperature control
- ❖ Got IT on board to help with collating data – this really helped
- ❖ Have saved £100,000 in 7 months
- ❖ Reduction in RBC, platelet wastage and also usage
- ❖ They waste a lot of plasma so will look into this.
- ❖ Next project will be looking into O Neg.

09/16 Anti-D Provision – the Current Problem with Supplies

Changes to the supply of Anti-D in the UK. BPL are withdrawing the 250 unit vials of D-GAM. They allocate each hospital a certain number of units and no more. At Imperial they always have a shortfall which CSL Behring has kindly been making up. Imperial are considering changing to Rhophylac. This issue will be taken to the National Lab Managers' Group.

It was questioned whether hospitals should enrol for the NHSBT scheme. RW said that NHSBT can test D- mothers for a cost of £11 which is extremely accurate. It is better to do all D- mothers rather than individual patients. Erika Rutherford is the person who can explain more about it.

10/16 Ask the Audience

1. Reduction of Wastage

One delegate stated that, if you reduce wastage, your usage will also go down. He mentioned it is impossible to measure a 1% reduction.

2. Electronic Tracking

Royal Marsden are having problems with this. This is a future topic for discussion.

11/16 Any Other Business

a) Demand for Platelets

NHSBT are struggling to keep up with the demand for platelets every week. Please try to reduce platelet usage. There are lots of different strategies for saving platelets. One delegate suggested that requests for blood can only go through a Consultant – this saved a large amount in her hospital.