

London Transfusion Practitioner Group Meeting

27th April 2017, NHSBT Tooting
Confirmed Minutes

Apologies:

Charlene Furtado (CF) – London Northwest Trust
Rachel Suri – Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust
Sadie Burrows - Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust
Sasha Wilson – UCLH
Emily Carpenter - Kings College Hospital NHS Trust
Monique Chituku – West Middlesex Hospital
Kelly Nwankiti – Kings College Hospital NHS Trust
Anna Li – Royal Free Hospital
Gill Algar – St Anthony's
Vanessa Faulkes – GSTT
Pooja Daggar – University Hospital Lewisham
Tollene Riley – Royal Brompton Hospital
Helena Day – Harefield Hospital

Attendance:

Wendy McSporran (WMcS) – Royal Marsden (Chair)
Mandy Hobson (MH) – Royal Free London
Sarah Lennox (SL) – RNOH
Angela Short (AS) – Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust
Anne Minogue (AM) - Barking, Havering and Redbridge
Lisa Jones (LJ) - Barking, Havering and Redbridge
Elaine Carter-Leay (ECL) - Barking, Havering and Redbridge
Rebecca Patel (RP) - London Northwest Trust
James Davies (JD) – Kings College Hospital NHS Trust
Hannah Turner (HT) – Hillingdon Hospital
Rachel Moss (RM) – Great Ormond Street Hospital
Jen Heyes (JH) – NHSBT (Minutes)
Clare Denison (CD) - NHSBT
Gill Rattendbury (GR) – Parkside Hospital
Sue Cole (SC) – Kings College Hospital NHS Trust
Denise McKeown (DMcK) – Imperial
Sapna Sharma (SS) – Imperial
Sarah Clark (SC) – Royal Free
Richard Whitmore (RW) - NHSBT

Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

WMcS welcomed all to the meeting and round the room introduction were made.
Apologies were noted.

Minutes and Action Log

The minutes from the meeting on the 13th January 2017 were accepted as an accurate record and approved.

The actn log was reviewed and updated.

National Updates

Monique Chituku was not at the meeting but sent an update from the Patient Involvement Working Group (PIWG) given by JH. The Informed Consent Action Group (ICAG) pad that was developed by the South East Coast RTC was looked as a national resource. This has been put on hold due to budget concerns. The NHSBT Patient Information Leaflets are going through a process to gain the information standard.

There was discussion about the National TP group and WMcS stated that she contacted the chair to find out what the current outputs are from the group. There is currently limited activity but there is a review of BBTS groups at the moment and any information on this group will be fed back to the grou

Working Group Updates

Nurse Authorisation of Blood (JH gave an update)

- Following the last TP meeting the chair is working on developing some case studies that can be used as part of the competency process. These have been drafted.
- There will be a working group meeting organised and JH asked the group if there was anyone interested in joining.

London Platelet Action Group (SC gave an update)

- SC was asked to present on the work of LoPAG at the South Central RTC event.
- The steering group is due to meet soon. The previous meeting was cancelled due to availability.
- There is a newsletter on its way. Just waiting for a case study. If anyone has a case study regarding indication codes please let CD know.
- Platelet use is continuing to reduce in the region.

ACTION: Let Clare know if you have a platelet case study for the newsletter

Nurse Lanyard Cards

- The cards are now available for national use. Please contact Jen or Clare if you would like any. There are 200 in a box.

ACTION: Let Jen/Clare know if you would like lanyard cards.

Major Haemorrhage DVD (CD gave an update)

- The group has developed a story board and time line. It is hoped that filming may be done in August this year. HT's brother-in-law works on Holby City and has agreed to direct. Still need a camera man.

Consent

- The RTT has agreed to run a service evaluation for consent in the form of a survey. This will be launched on the 9th May after the RTC.

NHSBT Update

JH gave the following update



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There was discussion about the proposed changes to the blood bag labels and compatibility with blood track software and the impact on staff training. JH asked for all comments to be sent to the customer service team who will pass them onto the group looking at this change.

ACTION: Send comments to JH/CD regarding new blood bag labels

Post meeting note: These labels will not be used until early 2018.

There was discussion about the new pricing schedule and apheresis platelets. NHSBT are still receiving a high number of orders for apheresis platelets and there is concern about being able to provide when clinically indicated. SC stated that pooled platelets maybe more beneficial for patients due to the reduced risk of anaphylaxis and asked why there wasn't an option to specifically order pooled platelets on OBOS.

ACTION: RW/JH to raise with OBOS team.

ISBT update (RM gave an update)

- There is now an international TP forum set up. This is available for staff registered with ISBT
- ISBT will be in Copenhagen from 17th – 21st June. There will be sessions designed to highlight the work of a transfusion practitioner.
- RM is working on a paper to show the roles of the TP (and TP equivalents) internationally. This will involve a survey for TPs.

Audits/Change in practice

NCA

CD presented the London results from the 2016 NCA audit in Haematology. This slide show is available from the NCA audit homepage.

Local Audits

- A bedside audit was performed at North West London Hospitals NHS Trust.
- Barnet Hospital has done a single unit audit which was presented to the medics and well received.
- RM stated that GOSH have started using electronic photographic patient ID carried on an iPod as children do not like wearing wristbands. There is concern regarding blood transfusion as the iPods can be used away from the bedside.
- ECL spoke about problems with electronic blood tracking and the use of wrong wristbands. The system has picked up a number of potential administration errors.

TP Discussion Points/AOBs

- RM is working on a project with Masimo to see if they can reduce blood sampling during pre-op assessment. There will be a 2 week trial in the thalassaemia day unit to compare traditional Hb monitoring and the non-invasive technique. RM will report results to the group when available.
- Queens Hospital has increased the capacity of their Iron Clinic to 2 days a week and is seeing around 20 patients a week. So far the service has seen 1500 patients. They have been able to employ a band 5 to support the service.
- RNOH have set up a pre op clinic for patients that need IV iron. There is a proposed trial to look at adolescents who have large 2 stage surgery and the role of iron/anaemia.

- RW stated the South Thames and North London Laboratory manager groups have merged. This group will feed into both the South East Coast and London RTC regions and there are approx. 60 hospitals represented.

Date of next meeting

TBC

Afternoon Session

JH ran a short survey to establish what role agency nurses are allowed to participate with regards to transfusion. The results of the survey are included below.



Survey results

ACTION: JH to contact agencies to find out what transfusion training is offered.

WMcS discussed the roles and responsibilities of the TP's in the region with the aim to publish the results in Transfusion Medicine. Wendy asked if the TP's would be willing to complete a diary for a day to allow key themes and examples to be drawn.

ACTION: WMcS to draft questionnaire and send to group.