

London Transfusion Practitioner Group Meeting

Monday 9th May 2016

Seminar Room 1, Education Centre, Northwick Park Hospital

1. Welcome Introductions and Apologies

JH welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the room. Attendance and apologies were noted as below.

Attendance

Emily Carpenter – EC	NHSBT
Chris Steward – CS	UCLH
Zeynab Jeewa – ZJ	UCLH
Alexander Martinez – AM	Homerton Hospital
Bassey Williams – BW	St. George's Hospital
James Davies – JD	Kings College Hospital
Nicola Faulkner – NF	Hillingdon Hospital
Charlene Furtado – CF	London Northwest Healthcare NHS Trust
Wendy McSporran – WMc	Royal Marsden Hospital
Rebecca Patel – RP	London Northwest Healthcare NHS Trust
Monique Chituku – MC	Chelsea & Westminster Hospitals
Rachel Moss – RM	NHSBT
Rachel Suri – RS	Epsom and St Helier Hospitals
Jennifer Heyes – JH	NHSBT
Mohammed Al Agyl - MA-A	St Johns and St Elizabeth
Dharshana Jeyapalan – JD	UCLH
Jan Gordon – JG	Chelsea & Westminster Hospitals
Jemma Kyte – JK	Guys and St Thomas'
Nicky McVeagh – NMc	Surrey Pathology Services
Fernando Fegarido – FF	Kings College Hospital
Treiza Trueman-Dawkins – TT-D	Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

Apologies

Lisa Gibb - LG	Great Ormond Street Hospital
Sarah Lennox - SL	Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore
Sarah Clark - SC	Royal Free Hospital
Angela Short - AS	Epsom and St Helier Hospitals
Joe Nanuk - JN	Lewisham University Hospital
Sue Cole - SC	Princess Royal Hospital
Mandy Hobson - MH	Royal Free Hospital

2. Previous Minutes and Action Log

- Minutes accepted
- Action Log reviewed. Log updated with new actions and is a separate document.

3. National and Regional Updates

National TP Representatives Feedback

- NBTC Patient Information Working Group (MC) – No new update however just be aware of change in distribution hub from Access 24 later this year; PBM team will inform group when change happens.
- Transfusion Practice (BBT) Toolkit (JN) – No update.
- Blood Stocks Steering Group (Megan Lawn) – No update.
- BBTS TP Link – Alister Jones is no longer on the PBM team therefore JH will establish who has now taken over as lead for this group.

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Feedback from National Conferences

- No National conferences since last meeting.
- London PBM and Renal Conference in conjunction with ANSA (Anaemia Nurse Specialist association) was held in January 2016. Although it was a struggle to fill the 150 delegate spaces (90 including speakers was the final total) it was a very interesting day and it evaluated very well.

RTC Working Group Updates

- *Nurse Authorisation of Blood Update* (WMC) – There has been no response from the RCN therefore WMC and Tollene Riley have decided to approach the NMC themselves.
- *London Platelet Action Group: LoPAG* (RM) – The Steering Group has met to discuss the results of the “Where do platelets go in London” Survey. There are plans for another Platelet Champions day later in the year. RM and Aman Dhesi are planning a BBTS poster based on the dashboard reports developed for the individual Trust reports so a short survey to the TPs will be sent out in the next 2 weeks.
- *Transfusion Training Passport* (MH) – Live on the Skills for Health website. At the last TP meeting Aman Dhesi and MH sent an email out asking who was using it but not much information was forthcoming. The Skills for Health transfusion training document is also under review by the NBTC as part of an overall review following the distribution of the recent NBTC Requirements for Training and Assessment in Blood Transfusion.
- *Nurse Lanyard Cards* (JH) – A limited number of cards have been printed for all of NHS England, however there is currently no funding for any more therefore it has been agreed to establish that they do improve transfusion practice so giving an evidence base for further funding. If any Trust would like to implement the cards they need to undertake a pre and post audit to show improvement. WMC felt this work should be published and the need to ensure the audit process is robust. RM suggested she links in with Aman Dhesi as he is leading this project. If anyone is interested in undertaking this validation audit please contact your PBM practitioner.
- *Major Haemorrhage Video* (JH) – There is a similar DVD (on major haemorrhage management perspectives from both the laboratory and clinical sides) already done in the North West therefore the London group are going to review and then decide how to proceed further. Some preliminary filming has already been done.
- *Consent WG* (JH) – See item 7
- *Agency Nursing* (RM) - Survey from TP Group completed. Now plan to survey the agencies to establish what transfusion training they offer their agency nursing and midwifery staff.
- *Hospital Acquired Anaemia* (RM) – A joint piece of work between St George's NHS Trust and Western Sussex NHS Trust looking at reducing blood loss associated with phlebotomy. Plan to implement a couple of strategies to see if they reduce hospital acquired anaemia.
- *BMS Empowerment and Education* (EC) – 2 very successful days run since January. All those that attended will be sent a post survey 6 weeks after their day to assess impact in their workplace. Tools are to be developed for all to use.
- *Blood Track Systems* (EC) – A spreadsheet has been populated with the systems in use in each Trust (from those that responded) across London, East of England, South East Coast and South Central regions. The idea is for those with similar systems to develop connections for informal support. It is recognised this information is not for wider distribution however links can be made within the TP networks.

If any TP would like to be part of any of the groups established within the London TP Group then please get in touch with the lead or one of the PBM team.

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4. NHSBT Update



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Discussion points from presentation -

- ♦ As a TP Group we should consider writing up our achievements. There is lack of TP related peer reviewed articles in the journals. WMc will lead a piece of work to develop an article based on the output of the London TP Group.
- ♦ NF said she had successfully negotiated to use WIRED to document transfusion training within Hillingdon Hospital.
- ♦ The overall feedback on being shown the format for the Executive Summary of the 2015 PBM Survey report was very positive from the group.
- ♦ Discussion on current NHSBT supply issues of O Neg RBC, A Neg PLTs and AB MB FFP. Asked TPs to report back to Transfusion Teams and consider ways to reduce where possible use of all 3 components particularly O Neg (which is the most widely used).

5. NCA and Audit Updates

NCA

No new audit reports from NCA. A reminder to not share AFFINITIE reports. A question was asked about how individual hospital sites within bigger Trusts not sharing but work within same Transfusion Teams. Suggested for individuals to contact John Grant Casey to discuss so that the AFFINITIE Team know which hospitals/Trust are sharing reports.

Local Audits (please contact the relevant TP for further information)

- ♦ RP - Bedside audit at Northwick Park
- ♦ WMc – Nurse Authorisation audit at The Royal Marsden
- ♦ NM – Review of Nurse Authorisation Policy with Surrey Pathology Services. Will contact WMc to discuss audit.

6. TP Discussion Points (please contact the relevant TP for further information)

- ♦ Chelsea and Westminster (JG) – Transfusion polices completed including refusal of blood. Currently auditing anaemia in the pre-operative assessment setting with a view to establishing a POA IV Iron facility (currently have a medical iron clinic).
- ♦ Homerton (AF) – also reviewing pre-operative anaemia with a view to improving pre surgical optimisation.
- ♦ Epsom & St Helier (RS) – some issues with Midwives and understanding of Anti-D and possible solutions. Suggestions included a quiz used in training, handover time talks, ward posters, linking in with Maternity General Manager, full escalation of all anti-D related incidents. RS said some of those were already in use but will consider some of the other suggestions.
- ♦ UCLH (ZJ) – Asked about additional testing for prophylactic or immune anti-D. Discussion on patients where it isn't known whether it is immune or prophylactic. All agreed if unknown assume it is immune.

AOB

- ♦ A discussion was triggered about the London TP Group electing a Chair. In previous discussions it was felt it wasn't necessary however the PBM team across the South East is reducing after October from 6 PBMP previously (3 in London, 1 in East of England, 1 in South Central and 1 in South East Coast) to 3 PBMP for the same areas. Although the TP Group will still be supported it would help cross regional working if the TP Group chairs could link in and possibly set up cross regional work

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streams. Expressions of interest in becoming the TP Group Chair are invited from all members of the London TP group.

- ♦ JH asked for a venue for the next meeting in mid to late July. CS will look at a potential venue at UCLH.
- ♦ NF asked if everyone was just adding HEV special requirements to their paper special requirements form and not just through electronic ordering systems. All agreed both systems being used.
- ♦ RP said an issue had arisen about submitting Trust RCA reports (by the Trust) to SHOT. All submit as anonymised reports and this has not been highlighted as a problem elsewhere.
- ♦ JG said the human factors part of the new SHOT reporting was proving difficult to complete. RM will ask Alison Watt from SHOT (who is an expert in Human Factors) to come to a future TP meeting to discuss human factors.
- ♦ RM said there will be a BBTS campaign called #transfusionin3words and encouraged all to take part (see BBTS website)
- ♦ EC said there was a study day for South East Coast in Worthing on Thursday May 19th & would be of interest to TPs and Laboratory BMS staff.

7. Consent for Transfusion

Presentation from RS (to be added)

Post presentation discussions -

- ♦ The group discussed different methods for gaining patient consent available that they are using or considering plus barriers to use.
- ♦ AM has implemented a system at Homerton Hospital and agreed to present at the next TP meeting in July.
- ♦ JH said that as NICE plan to set quality standards against the 2015 NICE Transfusion Guidelines and it is very likely this some will be relating to consent so all agreed to establish a cross-regional working group for TPs pulling together all possible resources available (whether electronic or paper based) for Trusts to consider for implementation. Need members of the TP Group to be involved.

8. Pathology Networks, Trust Mergers and the TP

Talk from NM.

Talk from NF on current North West London plans (to be added)