

# London Platelet Action Group



## LoPAG Steering Group Minutes

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019

West End Donor Centre: Meeting room 4b

Attendance	Role	Organisation
Kelly Nwankiti (KN) - Chair	Trust Patient Blood Manager	Kings College Hospital NHS Trust
Rebecca Patel (RP)	Transfusion Practitioner	North West London Hospitals NHS Trust
Gemma Fawke (GF)	Patient Blood Management Practitioner	NHSBT
Wendy McSporran (WMc)	Transfusion Practitioner	Royal Marsden
Ursula Wood (UW)	Transfusion Practitioner	GSTT
Apologies		
Dr Fatts Chowdhury (FC)	Consultant Haematologist	NHSBT & Imperial College NHS Trust
Kelly Feane (KF)	Transfusion Practitioner	St. Georges NHS Trust
Richard Whitmore (RW)	Customer Services Manager	NHSBT
Gill Rattenbury (GR)	Transfusion Practitioner	Chelsea and Westminster
Sajal Patel (SP)	Senior BMS	UCLH
Helen Wadham	BMS	GSTT
Sheena Gardner (SG)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager	The London Clinic
Other Members		
Tim Maggs (TM)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager	Guys & St Thomas NHS Trust
Denroy Lindsay (DL)	Senior BMS	GOSH
Dr Sue Robinson (SR)	Consultant Haematologist	GSTT NHS Trust
Sara Hammond	Transfusion Practitioner	Barts Trust
Dharshana Jeyapalan (DJ)	Transfusion Practitioner	GSTT NHS Trust

## Item 2 - Minutes from previous meeting

Accepted.

## Action Log

See appendix.1 at the end of this document

## Item 3 – Educational Events

Before the meeting FC informed GF she had been in contact with the Deanery to discuss a potential SpR Training day this year. They had suggested a date in July, but FC said this would not be suitable and asked for a date in September and is waiting to hear back. GF informed the group that the RTT had suggested an 'Emergency Day' theme to include all component use in trauma, major incidents etc.

Previously the group discussed contacting the Royal College of Nursing, Royal College of Physicians and Royal College of Midwives to discuss a joined up educational event. The group agreed to put this action on hold.

**Action 24: Group to draft email (on hold).**

GF informed the group that it would be possible for LoPAG to present at a TP meeting once a year. TPs are aware of A neg platelet data as this is presented by GF in the NHSBT update at every TP group meeting.

## Platelet Champion's Day

The Education day was held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Tooting.

The programme and the overall evaluation are embedded below.



LoPAG Programme  
Jan 18th 2019.pdf



Overall  
Evaluation.pdf

The event received a top box score of 100% with all good/excellent feedback for the speakers. GF noted about 1/3 of the 30 delegates did not attend and most gave no notice or reason. This will be raised at the next RTT for suggestions on how to try to avoid this.

Previously the Champion's Day had run every other year, however the group agreed there was merit in this being an annual event. GF commented that we would need to avoid all the other planned education days (mainly external) and target the intended audience i.e. haematology nurses.

All presentations are available on the JPAC website – please promote.

## Item 4 – London RTC Platelet Issue & Wastage Data (BSMS)

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



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It was previously discussed if NHSBT could use an 'algorithm' in the issues department for selecting platelets/substituting appropriately to better manage stock. GF & KN spoke to Mike Roberts (National Platelet Supply Manager) who presented at the Platelet Champion's Day. He has drafted a Platelet Stock Management SOP for hospital services which could include providing AB neg platelets as a substitute for A neg platelets, when there is a surplus. NHSBT are working on providing clear guidance on what to select and the 'order' of the substitution criteria.

GF informed the group the 'Using Platelets Across Groups' guide is being updated and will soon be available on the Hospital and Sciences website as a resource for both clinical and lab teams.

## Item 5 – Platelet Champion Newsletter

Edition 10 will be the final newsletter. The group discussed using it as a round-up of the other 9 newsletters and KN suggested including feedback from the Champion's Day and some A neg platelet use information. KN is the author and said the plan is to get this out before the next LoPAG meeting in June.

## Item 6 – A neg Platelets

National A neg platelet profiling update given as Item 4.

SP had previously met with GF to discuss the platelet use in UCLH. It was agreed an audit would be performed to see if their A neg platelets are being appropriately and if there is a need for lab or clinical education which GF would help support. This has been pushed back until June due to MHRA and UKAS inspections. RP asked GF to send the audit templates that had been sent to UCLH as they would be keen to do a similar audit.

## Item 7 – PAG

KN reported that unfortunately PAG will no longer exist. It was decided to disband the group after 4 years, but members will be available as a 'sounding board' for any future resources.

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## Item 8 – AOB

GF informed the group she would be going on secondment into Manufacturing from the 1<sup>st</sup> July and Sasha's replacement would not be starting until mid-September. WEDC can still be booked and used so GF suggested contacting Richard Whitmore (who is a member) as the NHSBT representative to attend arrange the venue.

There were concerns from the group about membership and that some of the biggest platelet users were often not represented.

GF said she would find the Terms of Reference for the group and compile an attendance record for the last year, so it can be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Action 30: GF to circulate ToR and attendance record.**

## Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at West End Donor Centre.

## 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.	KN/ SW		

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	6. Action update 07.02.18 – KN and SW to complete ed. 8 of the newsletter and send to platelet champions.		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
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 Shubah 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.  <b>Action update:</b> 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,	KN/SW		16.05.18

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	TLM's and Platelet Champions			
12.09.18	19. GF to contact the Deanery to chase feedback for SpR Platelet Ed. Day on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 18	GF		28.11.18
12.09.18	20. Platelet Champions Day:  FC to contact Simon Stanworth, Lise Escourt & Helen New.  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)	FC  GF  KN  FC	GF to contact SS  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. <b>To complete June 19.</b>	SP	27.03.19	
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	