

South East Coast Regional Transfusion Team Meeting

By Teams

Thursday 2 July, 2020 (1545 – 1715)

	MINUTES
1.	<p><b>PRESENT:</b></p> <p>Howard Wakeling (HW) RTC Chair, Consultant Anaesthetist, Western Sussex Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (FT)</p> <p>Fatts Chowdhury (FC) Consultant Haematologist in Transfusion Medicine Imperial College Healthcare NHS T/ NHSBT</p> <p>Anwen Davies (AD) Patient Blood Management Practitioner, SEC/NHSBT</p> <p>Nelson Johnson (NJ) Transfusion Site Lead, Berkshire and Surrey Pathology Services</p> <p>Lisa March (LM) Transfusion Practitioner, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother Hospital</p> <p>Ruth O'Donnell (RO'D) Transfusion Practitioner, Western Sussex Hospitals NHS FT</p> <p>Simon Rang (SR) Consultant Anaesthetist, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother Hospital</p> <p>Zoe Sammut (ZS) Laboratory Manager, Western Sussex Hospital NHS FT</p> <p>Liz Tatam (LT) Transfusion Practitioner, Sussex &amp; Surrey Healthcare Trust</p> <p>Richard Whitmore (RW) Customer Services Manager NHSBT</p> <p>Minutes: Frances Moll (FM) SEC RTC Administrator, NHSBT</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Emma O'Donovan Consultant Haematologist, East Surrey Hospital</p>
2.	<p><b>Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 31 March 2020</b></p> <p>The Minutes were approved as being a true record– ACTION FM to update the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action points and matters arising from 10 Dec 2019 were being considered at this meeting having been postponed due to a shortened agenda in March.</li> <li>Action points any matters arising from 31 March 2020</li> </ul> <p>Addition to March Minutes: The March meeting had been Jey Visuvanathan's last having moved out of the SEC region. HW thanked him for his contribution and support to the RTT, with particular reference to the successful Education Day held at Ashford Hospital (Surrey) in February. HW to send a note of thanks</p> <p>Some action points have been interrupted due to the Covid-19 pandemic and where possible will be "picked up" in the coming months.</p> <p><b>Demand and Supply challenges:</b> SR and LM would schedule time in the Autumn to discuss.</p> <p><b>Blood Stocks Management (BSMS) Workshops</b> would not be possible face to face at present. It was proposed that these could be a virtual meeting via Teams. ACTION: RW to approach BSMS Manager and ask if he would consider offering a VANESA SEC Training session (about an hour).</p> <p><b>Ordering HLA selected platelets:</b> The poster recommended by RW was available and could be <a href="#">downloaded</a></p> <p><b>FY1 Transfusion Training:</b> FC informed members that this had been discussed by the NBTC education working group, colleagues in the North have put together basic information to be circulated by Health Education England, basic training material would be the same across the country, for local distribution and to add local needs.</p>
3.	<p><b>NBTC Summary</b></p> <p>The following documents had been circulated to all members in the last few months for their information and action were appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demand and Supply Challenges presentation to NBTC EWG 22 June 2020</li> <li>Appointment of new NBTC Chair – Professor Cheng Hok Toh</li> <li>NBTC Patient Blood Management and Restoration of activity</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID-19 Information regarding restoration and recovery to inform Blood supply. Reminder that any information regarding the pace and capacity of resuming clinical services which impact blood demand should be emailed to <a href="mailto:Covid19BloodRecovery@nhsbt.nhs.uk">Covid19BloodRecovery@nhsbt.nhs.uk</a></li> <li><a href="#">NBTC Guidance &amp; Triage Tool for Massive Haemorrhage in Severe Blood Shortage</a></li> <li>BSMS Hospital Inventory Support Document</li> <li><a href="#">COVID-19 information for hospital transfusion teams (FAQ 2)</a></li> <li>SaBTO Consultation: SR understood the need for a national perspective, and felt the document was comprehensive, but for local use it needed to be simplified and succinct. RW referred to the East Surrey ICAG pad, which had been updated. Everyone was encouraged to look at the consultation and respond independently via the link provided. The practicality of adapting this to local policy was important to feed back. The document would be circulated further after the meeting - <b>SaBTO Consultation – response by 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> and members were encouraged to reply to this consultation. ACTION FM to circulate document to RTT and HTC Chairs; ACTION All to respond.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>RTT Membership</b> – continuing Review</p> <p>It was agreed that HW should approach a colleague - Consultant in Cardiac Anaesthesia &amp; Intensive Care, with a view to inviting him to join the RTT. ACTION</p> <p>All members were again encouraged to consider others.</p>
5.	<p><b>Budget Update:</b></p> <p>No monies had been spent this financial year. With the likelihood of no face to face meetings until the end of the year, other ways of holding education events were being considered, which might require licences (Zoom) or better communication equipment – video training etc. At present Teams would be the most likely way we will host events.</p> <p>HW suggested someone could be commissioned to run an emergency blood event.</p> <p>RO'D recommended Kahoot, there is a free version, or a licenced version, they provide an online learning quiz, which makes training more interactive. ACTION RO'D to send details to FM</p>
6.	<p><b>RTC Work Plan 2020</b> – verbal update</p> <p>AD reviewed the 2019 Work Plan most actions have been completed, with the exception of the National Comparative Audit results, these have been moved to the 2020 work plan.</p> <p>AD updated members on the latest work plan, which would be circulated after the meeting. ACTION FM.</p> <p>A number of National audits were still awaited (highlighted in yellow); other events impacted by Covid-19 have been transferred from the 2020 plan.</p>
7.	<p><b>Meetings and Events Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback from RTC Education Symposium 26 Feb 2020</li> </ul> <p>There were 60 attendees at the South East Coast RTC Education Event at Ashford Hospital, Surrey on <b>26 February 2020</b>. The theme of the day was <b><i>Trials in Transfusion: Uterus to University</i></b> and included three patient case studies and presentations on paediatric anaemia, intrauterine transfusion, guidance on Blood Component Selection. Top Box score 3.8 (100%). The Venue was well received, with the added bonus of free parking.</p> <p><b>Comments from the Feedback Survey included:</b> Variety of speeches, from clinical to laboratory issues; Informative, interesting and learnt many new things; Chance to meet others from across the region; The broader picture across the network; The speakers made the talk interesting and made the participants part of the talk as well.</p> <p><b>Take home messages from the day included:</b> Importance of proper checks before transfusion procedures, communication, documentation and recognition and management of massive haemorrhage; Communication is key; The paediatrics and adults blood transfusion are different in many aspects and the BMS must be aware of that differences; The need to continue to promote transfusion education with medical staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Joint SC/SEC Education Day</b> – Members suggested alternatives to face to face meetings, Transfusion Bites, short educational videos/lectures which could be circulated for wider use – this was a good opportunity to make material available nationally.</li> </ul> <p>All members thought this was a way forward to share costs and increase the number of available education events. People could watch training videos at a time convenient to them.</p> <p>One obvious drawback would be the lack of networking opportunities.</p> <p>FC said we should consider a date for the RTC Business meeting and have 2/3 bite size presentations.</p>

	<p>FC informed members that London was holding an RTC on 16 July – short presentations, with a longer session for Q&amp;A; and a BMS Empowerment Day on 21 July. Both were virtual sessions. ACTION FC would feedback from both these events.</p>
8.	<p>AD presented the following results to the members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NCA 2018 Audit of the Management of Major Haemorrhage</b> SEC regional results. The National version has been circulated. AD gave the regional presentation, 10 hospital in SEC participated. HW recommended circulating as a document. ACTION</li> </ul> <p>HALT-IT it <a href="#">paper</a> published, highlighting a recent trial looking at the use of tranexamic acid in patients with acute gastrointestinal bleeding – ACTION :AD to circulate the article, HW to advise if this should be circulated more widely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2018 PBM Survey</b>: the national results came out in September and were discussed at the February RTC, they are available on the <a href="#">Hospital and Science website</a> . A regional report is being produced for local comparison – AGENDA item for next meeting (when results are available)</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>RTC Working Group Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>QS138</b> – AD updated members on the latest results from November 2019. The latest audit cycle April/May has been cancelled, but it is hoped to start again in November 2020. SR indicated a new <a href="#">Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) category (CCG10) listed for 2020/21</a>, This gives an incentive to provide pre-op patients screening and treatment of iron deficient patients going for major blood use surgery, this should improve the compliance for QS1a. Unfortunately, it was due to start in May, and may not return until the end of the year. It was not known how many Trusts were adopting this system. East Surrey has also been doing work around iron, and a dedicated nurse was starting this month.</li> <li>• FC said the use of IT has moved forward during Covid-19 and it was hoped that documentation of consent would improve in those areas using electronic systems.</li> <li>• <b>PBM Scorecard</b> – this was completed in December for the second year, indicating what policies were in place for PBM initiatives. This had been shared at the TP meeting and agreed that no further work was required at the moment, this will be replaced by a PBM survey agenda item at the next meeting.</li> <li>• <b>O D neg /A D neg platelets/Stock holding survey</b> RW reported that there had been less demand during the pandemic, but demand was almost back to normal. It was imperative for Hospitals to inform Customer Services of their return to a normal service. Wastage data – during Covid-19 there may have been extra wastage, and it was important to input data to Blood Stocks so lessons can be learned from the initial impact of Covid-19.</li> <li>• <b>London &amp; South-East Trauma and Haematology Group</b> – there were no updates, next meeting July 10.</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>NHSBT Update:</b></p> <p>Block Contracts were started in April and would continue at present, this related to Covid-19, and the need to cover costs. This will be reviewed, but in the meantime, RW encouraged Trusts to claim credits. A PBM Toolkit has been devised to show how to improve compliance and will be available on the Hospital Science Website soon.</p> <p>A Blood Assist App is being developed by the PBM team, to assist in the administration of blood transfusion in Adults. It is hoped it will be available in the Autumn.</p>
11.	<p><b>Group updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TPG Update</b> – 29 June 2020 (Teams Meeting). Topics reviewed at the meeting included the PBM Survey which will come out in September; QS138, and the PBM scorecard.</li> <li>• <b>TADG meeting</b> – it is hoped there will be a Virtual meeting at the beginning of August.</li> </ul>
12.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F1 Transfusion Training – discussed above</li> <li>• SaBTO Changes to Recommendations (UK Plasma) – completed</li> <li>• Survey by NHSBT PBM Team – Thank you to Hospitals that have submitted data on blood components used for Covid-patients, this is an on-going survey.</li> </ul> <p><b>Convalescent Plasma</b> – FC briefly outlined the REMAP-CAP and RECOVERY trial studies – nationally 60+ have been recruited to the REMAP-CAP trial. Thank you to everyone for their contribution and please keep recruiting. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a></p>

	AD said Convalescent Plasma <a href="#">Information leaflets</a> were available for patients being discharged from Covid wards, a link would be forwarded. ACTION
13.	<b>Next Meetings: Thursday 1 October 2020</b> Thursday, 3 December 2020