## NBTC Education Working Group

### Zoom meeting – 21 September 2020

(12pm – 1.30pm)

### Draft Minutes and action points

**Present:**
Lise Estcourt (LE) Chair, Cath Booth (CB), Fatts Chowdhury (FC), Anne Davidson (AD), Dora Foukaneli (DF), Jo McCullagh (JM), Shruthi Narayan (SN), Helen Witham (HW), Sue Katic (SK - Minutes)

### ACTION

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<td>Welcome and apologies</td>
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<td>Apologies: Peter Baker (PB), Paula Bolton-Maggs (PB-M), Ruth Evans (RE), Jane Graham (JG), Suzy Morton (SM)</td>
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<td>Minutes and Matters Arising</td>
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<td><strong>Matters arising:</strong></td>
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<td>- SN has written a draft joint letter from SHOT, NBTC, RCPath Transfusion SAC about the lack of transfusion within the MLA (Medical Laboratory Assistant). <strong>LE will edit and send to SN and PB-M.</strong></td>
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<td>HEE Bids: FC has submitted a bid for anaesthetist training and AD for updated anaemia training. Andy Charlton and Andrea Marshall are compiling an anaemia management tool (with HEE funding), AD is looking at anaemia education; primary care is void of material; midwife module has received good feedback. Will think about Anti D education in future. Andy Miller has been reviewing TP training for Kings Health, not working there now, considering a way forward.</td>
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<td>SN, JG and SM ran the Foundation Doctors’ Transfusion Education course early 2020, not re-grouped yet to discuss future courses. SM is talking to BSH about further courses in future. This was not well promoted by BSH, want it to be taken over with BSH promotion and support. People not fully engaged, maybe have some sort of commitment so not just signing up to a portfolio.</td>
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<td><strong>Transfusion Training Checklist:</strong> DF had discussed with Sally Procter, first draft done which will be ready to share in the next few weeks. It will support lecturers and educate those delivering training. Will get more detailed feedback on the haematology curriculum from JRCPTB, how assessments will be performed and delivered. LE has asked Sally to create something that trainees would be expected to be doing in the Labs prior to the courses. <strong>Action: DF to circulate draft to group for comment</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Essential Medicine Course:</strong> LE asked for them to have a slot to go to the Lab as Study Leave to get experience as this cannot be provided by NHSBT at the current time.</td>
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Virtual Training: Revision Course training in September went well, very positive feedback as less concerns about travel, childcare etc. ETM and ITM also to be run virtually.

- ETM: Using on line education developed for scientists, adapt slightly for medics. Practical Introduction to Transfusion Science (PITS).
- ITM: Virtual lectures, less specific developed on line. Video lectures, can be played again with a Q&A session of half an hour.

Discussion on teaching resources for virtual teaching and how people carrying out at the moment:
- CAHOOOT, Slido, knowledge based questions.
- DF teaching each week, using slides and asks questions on each slide, waits for answers before progressing to the next.
- Have a chat box open in the corner and at the beginning suggest people click raise hands to ask questions. Can have breakout groups.

5 Education Team update (AD)

NMA course: The course will be run virtually via Teams. Four 2.5 hour sessions. Two smaller sections for case studies, 10 delegates. There will be one per month until Christmas at a reduced price. AD thanked everyone for their help. LE has emailed the PBM Consultants for help with giving sessions. AD will be putting in a bid to HEE to improve this course.

The NMA course added to proficiency for newly registered nurses to be compliant in transfusion. This was being done but halted due to COVID, now re-started. Across the UK student nurses will be under direct supervision. It is not a huge project yet.

6 Educational Resources and Apps

Blood components: The new indications codes have been ratified and come into effect. This will necessitate an update to the Blood Components app as well as the NHS branding etc. Have asked for a quote, from the developer, for the necessary work.

Blood Assist: Has been a delay with the pilot due to hospital IT issues, not our developer. LE asked if DF could review.

Action: AD will forward the link to DF

Irradiation Guidelines: Discussion on some problems that have been occurring with BSH recently, with errors in publishing. PB-M has sent a formal complaint re the publishing of the Irradiation Guidelines which were published before ready. Guideline taken off again and due to be published again imminently.

PILS Anti D resources, there was an issue last year with the guidelines. Now superseded so the NHSBT leaflet is out of date. The PBM Team will not produce an Anti D leaflet. RCI will still do so but it will need updating.

7 Technical training and Higher Specialist Scientific Training (HSST)

HSST pathway, increase eligibility for BMS’s. There has been a lot of discussion around the criteria for entry onto the HSST which is an IBMS specialism rather than BBTS, a lot of our BMS’s do not meet the criteria. LE has raised this at multiple meetings to try to make it so that most BMSs can access the HSST pathway.
MSc in transfusion and transplantation has been redeveloped with the University of the West of England, will re-start in 2021. This will be useful for developing BMS’s to become more senior in Labs.

PITS programme – now a blended learning approach. Will be a mixture of on line and F2F training. Need to look at how else to increase scientific and technical training in hospitals.

Nothing further on transfusion competencies.

## 8 AOB

The release of the SHOT report had been done via a Webinar format which worked well with a Q&A session.

There will be a further Convalescent Plasma webinar in November.

RTC Education days in future will possibly be run on a national and virtual basis, each area will lead a particular session, hoping to run one a month. This will enable the workload to be split. To be taken to the NBTC meeting on 28 September.

PBM team keen to create an idiot’s guide to transfusion for staff coming in to help in hospitals. This will be put on the Hospital and Science website. CB asked whether this could go on the COVID section of the website.

*Action: AD will ask if this would be possible*

## 9 Next meeting

SK to circulate a doodle poll for dates for the next telcon