

Welcome

written on behalf of
Dr Stuart Cleland

Welcome to the first regional Newsletter! Designed to keep you up to date on regional activity and events and general transfusion news and provide a forum to share projects and successes from your Trusts.

We have survived our first foray into virtual meetings and events, and I would like to thank everyone who worked to bring the events together, and for everyone who joined, participated and gave such great and constructive feedback. The RTT will be meeting shortly to take the next steps with our regional objectives and projects and look to put your feedback into action.

For now, I will wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

South West RTC Newsletter

Dec 2020

Regional Events Recap



SW PBMG working group- The September meeting saw great discussion around the impact of COVID, a review of the PREVENTT trial, and the launch of a rolling Regional Cell Salvage Audit, with Data collection starting Dec.

SW RTC Meeting- A mix of business and education, saw the regional committee form action plans to support the regional objectives, various trusts shared their experiences and work carried out in the pandemic, as well as an excellent survey on Trust responses to PREVENTT. A fantastic 46 committee members joined us for the meeting.

TLM Meeting – 10 regional TLMs joined the meeting to discuss their recent inspections and respective progress rolling out bedside tracking and the use of O+ emergency units for adult males. Plans are in place to time meetings in advance of RTC meetings so feedback can be given to the wider committee. Thank you to all who attended for an interesting and informative meeting.

Lab Matters... Virtually- 2020 has seen the return of the junior BMS education day supporting scientific education and empowerment. The course was a mix of pre-course learning and live Q&A's and scenarios. The session saw 25 delegates join in. The feedback will help springboard a growing rolling calendar of events for all BMS' in the near future.

***Are you a BMS, or know a BMS interested in training and education? We are looking for 2 BMS's to join us in developing this program of events. Contact Sam Timmins PBMP @ samantha.timmins@nhsbt.nhs.uk**

Events Calendar

Getting positive about group O in male emergency transfusion: education and discussion event for trusts without a policy

Date 22nd Jan 10am-12pm - TEAMS

SW PBM working group – Business and education event

Date 28th Jan 10-12pm TEAMS

SW TP Group – Business and Education Event

Date 23rd Feb 10-13.45 TEAMS

National BMS Empowerment & Discussion Group

Last Weds of Month TEAMS

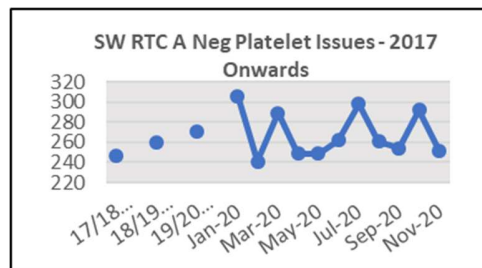
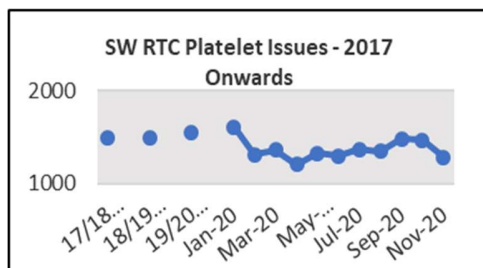
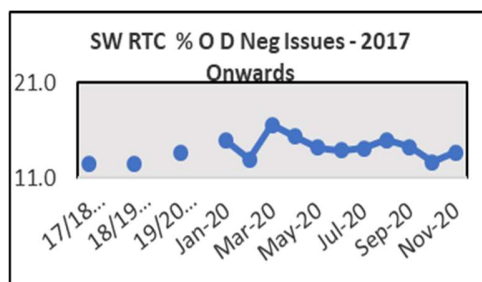
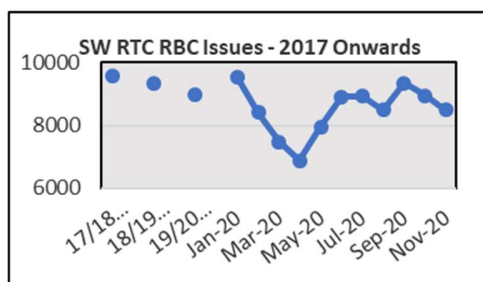
(next is Jan 2021, registration required, will be circulated to TLM's via email)

TP Group Update:



Congratulations and Welcome to Stuart Lord our New TP group Chair. Stuart is a BMS trained Transfusion Practitioner at Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Stuart has many years of TP experience and was an active member of the Yorkshire & Humber RTC. There will be a formal meeting early next year to kick off some regional projects and TP focused education.

Regional Component Issues:



Regional Objectives:

O + for male emergencies



The regional initiative will be kicked off with an education and discussion session to support Trusts without a policy to consider how this might work for their service and patient needs, led by a panel of national clinicians and scientists.

Maternal Anaemia Management

As part of the annual regional survey, a summary of hospitals working in line with BSH 2019 guidelines will be compiled. An outline of the project running at Derriford Hospital that trusts



Virtual NMA NHSBT Course

Dates:

26th-29th Jan

8th – 11th March

May & June TBC

BGS Transfusion Conference

25-27 April 2022

within the region have been invited to participate in will be supplied for information and clarification along with the minutes of the RTC meeting. This project will also be presented at the regional Obstetric and Gynaecological meeting with an invite to participate.

Regional HaemSTAR Project



HaemSTAR is a haematology specialist trainee focused network to promote non-malignant haematology research. We will be contacting the regional lead in the New Year to invite discussion around a regional project.

NHSBT update



Blood stock levels remain good after much work to maximise donation activity. However, forecasting remains challenging as Hospitals continue to adapt services and activity to manage the ongoing impact of COVID-19. We still require your updates and information on clinical activity via the covid19bloodrecovery@nhsbt.nhs.uk email. Thank you for your ongoing support!

A call to continue promoting Convalescent Plasma Donations was issued at the beginning of Dec. Thank you so much for all your efforts this far! There are resources available via the link below, but if the PBM team can provide any further support for this task please contact us.



<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/get-involved/download-digital-materials/convalescent-plasma-materials/>



The pre-operative anaemia management toolkit is now LIVE! With guidelines, publications and education resources, this kit will be reviewed and updated regularly with useful information, links, and documents to support best practice.

<https://hospital.blood.co.uk/patient-services/patient-blood-management/pre-operative-anaemia/>

The PBM/ SHOT videos are updated and available as are the platelet resources on the Hospitals & Sciences Website.

<https://hospital.blood.co.uk>



SHOT concluded their series of webinars for the year with a session on Febrile Allergic and Hypotensive Reactions on the 2nd Dec. All Webinars are available to watch @ <https://www.shotuk.org/resources/current-resources/webinars/>

Transfusion & PBM publications

SaBTO – NEW! Guidelines for patient consent for Blood Transfusion:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blood-transfusion-patient-consent>



NHS Transfusion
2024.pdf

Transfusion 2024: A 5-year plan supporting patient care across the NHS



Dexamethasone in
Hospitalised Patients

Publication from Recovery Trial- New England Journal of Medicine



Transfusion in Critical
Care - Trans Med 202

Review of transfusion practice in critical care, and summary of guideline development for the management of anaemia and coagulopathy in non-bleeding ITU patients



PBM and Hip
Fracture - Anaesthesia

Review of current clinical practice



How do I develop a
process to effectively

Summary of implementing IV iron use for the management of maternal anaemia



New Anticoagulants
Moving Beyond DOAC

Review of phase 2 studies for FXI and FXII inhibitors

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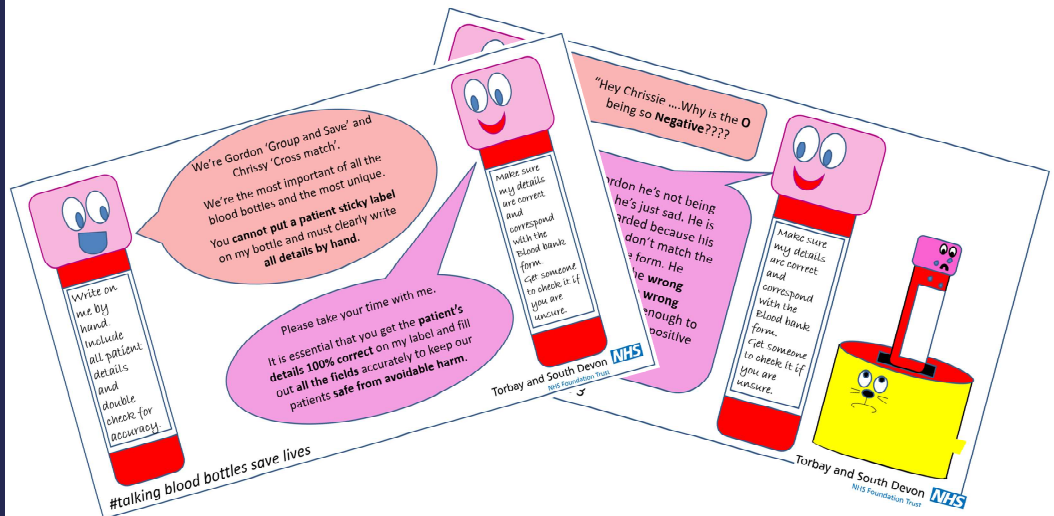
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Hospital Projects



Torbay & South Devon NHS Foundation Trust launched their “# talking blood bottles save lives” campaign. A light-hearted collaboration from Dr Amy Jones, Emergency Medicine Consultant and Transfusion Practitioner, Julia Pinder. A great way to catch the attention of busy staff and promote the importance of sample labelling and positive patient identification.

Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust are now proudly supporting the Cornwall Air Ambulance. Working collaboratively with Cornish blood bikes to supply emergency O+ and O – red cells and group A FFP for the helicopters.



Gloucestershire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust have successfully rolled out the provision of emergency O+ units for adult males in A&E and Theatres on both sites. The recruitment of a dedicated Blood Conservation Coordinator and procurement of new cell salvage machines is helping establish sound processes and drive PBM forward.



North Bristol NHS Trust would like to highlight a new adult critical care transfer service- **Retrieve**, now operating in the Southwest. This service coordinates the movement of critical care patients between trusts for ongoing care. This may involve blood components to be transferred with the patient. The SOP is currently being developed, but will follow established protocols regarding prescription, administration, cold chain and final fate. See <https://retrieve.nhs.uk/> for more detail.



Have your say...

Despite the positives of virtual meetings, they don't allow for networking in quite the same way. We all miss that lightbulb moment when you're having a chat over coffee. So, if you have a project on the go, a piece of work or success story we

would love to share it in our next newsletter, along with any other content you would like us to include.
