

**North West Regional Transfusion Committee  
incorporating North Wales**

**Region: NW RTC incorporation North Wales  
Chair: Dr Mike Desmond**

## HIGHLIGHT REPORT for NBTC

Date	March 2013
<b>Regional Transfusion Team</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RTT comprises: RTC Chair, Deputy Chair, 1 NHSBT Consultants, 2 Customer Services Manager, 1 Transfusion Liaison Practitioner, 1 Transfusion Liaison Nurse, 4 TP representatives, 4 TLM representatives, 5 Other Representatives from North Wales and RTC Administrator.</li> <li>• RTT meets alternate months and RTC Chair meets with HL team in between.</li> <li>• Venue alternates between Manchester and Liverpool Heart &amp; Chest Hospital where video conferencing facilities are used which allows representatives from North Wales to attend meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>RTC Membership (including RTC attendance)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes representatives from all HTCs (including private hospitals) in the region covered by the NW Strategic Health Authority. Also, those hospitals served by NHSBT in North Wales and Nobles Hospital on the Isle of Man.</li> <li>• Also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– NHSBT representatives</li> <li>– RTC Administrator</li> <li>– Lay representative (always attends)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 53 attended last RTC meeting in October 2012 (8 apologies).</li> </ul>
<b>Does the RTC have a patient representative?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes. Attends both RTC meetings per year.</li> </ul>
<b>RTC Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings take place twice per year in April and October.</li> <li>• RTC business meeting in the morning and an educational symposium in the afternoon</li> <li>• Last meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012, next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013.</li> <li>• Venue used is located centrally for the majority of hospitals in the region (Haydock Park Racecourse).</li> <li>• A template is sent out in advance to encourage HTCs to report key issues to the RTC and raise items for discussion locally and nationally.</li> <li>• RTC Objectives on the website.</li> </ul>
<b>RTC Working Groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current working groups are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Education and Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 educational events 'The Transfusion Factor! Have You Got It?' held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 at Liverpool Blood Centre &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Manchester Blood Centre.</li> <li>- Quality Audit Training Workshop held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at Liverpool Blood Centre.</li> <li>- BMS Education Event 'Blood Matters – Beyond the Transfusion Laboratory' held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Audit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional Massive Haemorrhage audit: data collection July 2012 to September 2012 inclusive. Results to be presented at RTC Meeting in April 2013 – key performance indicators to be developed</li> <li>- Quick platelet audit planned June 2013</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>ATP</b> : Northern Assistant Transfusion Practitioner's Group This consists of 11 ATP's, 6 from the NW RTC region. The group meet four times per year. Currently working on a toolkit of educational sessions for HCA's.</li> <li>○ <b>Policies / Guidelines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Massive Haemorrhage Toolkit: Workshop to update the toolkit is planned for 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at Manchester Blood Centre.</li> <li>- TEG/TEM: Point of Care Testing &amp; Massive Haemorrhage Study Day held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Wythenshawe Hospital. Toolkit for implementation of TEG / TEM with five work streams has been produced and is to be launched at the RTC Meeting in April 2013. Repeat of study day planned for 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Aintree University Hospital.</li> <li>- Shared Care of Special Requirements: Document to be posted on the NW RTC Website. A pilot of the external use of the form was unsuccessful due to lack of staff engagement both in the laboratory and clinical areas. CMFT however, have devised a key fob for haematology patients. This informs clinical staff if they visit a shared care hospital that they need special requirements. The staff are asked to inform their Transfusion Laboratory to ring the Transfusion Laboratory at CMFT to clarify what the special requirements are. This is currently a pilot.</li> <li>- Pre-operative Anaemia: Workshop planned for 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Liverpool Blood Centre. Group to produce a regional toolkit.</li> <li>- Apheresis Roadmap Working Group: collaboration between NHSBT and North West RTC to develop a roadmap for timely access to apheresis services. Survey of current service provision in region is in progress.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Each working group to have an annual plan / objectives.</li> <li>• Each working group has at least one member of the RTT on it.</li> <li>• Verbal update on the working group provided at each RTT and written report completed for RTC meeting.</li> <li>• Details of all working groups are on the RTC website.</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RTC Meeting in October 2012 was followed by an Educational Event 'It's In The Bag! Appropriate Use of Blood Components'. 120 delegates attended.</li> <li>• 'Patient Blood Management – The Future of Blood Transfusion' Event held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Haydock Park Racecourse. 117 delegates attended.</li> <li>• Educational Event planned for April 2013 entitled 'One HIT Wonders! Clinical Management of HIT'.</li> <li>• Non-medical authorisation of blood components course: 4 day course delivered Nov 2012, March 2013 and planned for Sept 2013 and Dec 2013</li> </ul>
<b>Audits/Regional Surveys</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Massive Haemorrhage Audit: ongoing – will be revised in June 2013 with development of key performance indicators</li> <li>• Platelet Quick Audit to be piloted in NW June 2013</li> <li>• Many Trusts in Region participated in Liver audit Feb 2013</li> <li>• Survey Monkey in progress of March 2012 cohort to understand progress with Non-Medical Authorisation in their Trust following attendance on the Pilot Course.</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regularly update and populate the website with items from hospitals in the region e.g. policies/ guidelines.</li> <li>• Post regional audits and educational events on the website.</li> </ul>

<b>Planned Activities for next Reporting Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RTC meeting in April 2013 to be followed by an educational event on 'One HIT Wonders! The Clinical Management of HIT'.</li> <li>• To continue to fund places for hospital representatives to attend education events and conferences.</li> <li>• To continue to work with hospitals in reducing the inappropriate use and wastage of platelets.</li> </ul>
<b>Constraints/concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential closure of stock holding unit at Lancaster</li> </ul>
<b>Administrative support for the RTC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided by Jane Murphy based at Liverpool Blood Centre.</li> <li>• Shared External Mailbox 'North West RTC' available to enable hospitals to contact RTC administrator and HL staff.</li> </ul>
<b>Other issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>