

**The Chief Medical Officer's
National Blood Transfusion Committee**

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

HIGHLIGHT REPORT for NBTC

Date	March 2012
Regional Transfusion Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTT comprises: RTC Chair, Deputy Chair, 2 NHSBT Consultants, 1 Customer Services Managers, 1 Transfusion Liaison Practitioner, 1 Transfusion Liaison Nurse, 4 TP representatives, 4 TLM representatives, Rep from North Wales and RTC Administrator. RTT meets alternate months and RTC Chair meets with HL team in between. Venue alternates between Manchester and Liverpool Heart & Chest Hospital where video conferencing facilities are used which allows representatives from North Wales to attend meetings.
RTC Membership (including RTC attendance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes representatives from all HTC's (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. Also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHSBT representatives RTC Administrator Lay representative (always attends) SHA representative (not yet attended a meeting) 49 attended last RTC meeting in October 2011 (7 apologies).
Does the RTC have a patient representative?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes. Attends both RTC meetings per year.
RTC Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings take place twice per year in April and October. RTC business meeting in the morning and an educational symposium in the afternoon Last meeting 17th October 2011, next meeting 30th April 2012. Venue used is located centrally for the majority of hospitals in the region (Haydock Park Racecourse). A template is sent out in advance to encourage HTC's to report key issues to the RTC and raise items for discussion locally and nationally. Terms of Reference and RTC Annual Plan on the website.
RTC Working Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current working groups are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 educational events planned for newly qualified nurses 'The Transfusion Factor! Have You Got It?' To be held on 19th March 2012 at Manchester Blood Centre & 30th March 2012 at Liverpool Blood Centre. Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Massive Haemorrhage audit: data collection December

	<p>2011 to February 2012 inclusive. Results will be collated for report in April 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ATP : Northern Assistant Transfusion Practitioner's Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This consists of 11 ATP's, 6 from the NW RTC region. The group meet four times per year and have recently produced a Terminology Resource File available on the RTC Website with 884 downloads in the first three months of publication. Their next project is an Audit of Traceability – looking at the time spent ensuring 100% compliance is maintained with a paper based system. The group have also had two posters at previous BBTS Meetings. ○ Policies / Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Massive Haemorrhage Toolkit: Updated March 2012. – Shared Care Document: To commence phase 2 of pilot and launch roll out at RTC Business Meeting April 2012. – TEG/TEM: Workshop x 2 held. Plan for regional implementation support and guidelines. <p>In planning; 2 new working groups to be set up:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Platelet Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Group to be launched at RTC Meeting in April 2012. Each hospital has been asked to report on their hospital action plan to reduce platelet usage/wastage and the results will be summarised for the RTC Meeting. ○ Management of Pre-operative Anaemia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Group to be set up to drive forward producing a regional toolkit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each working group to have an annual plan. • Each working group has at least one member of the RTT on it. • Verbal update on the working group provided at each RTT and written report completed for RTC meeting. • Details of all working groups are on the RTC website.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTC Meeting in October 2011 was followed by an Educational Event 'Anaemia – How to Enhance the Recovery'; 158 delegates attended. • Educational Event planned for April 2012 entitled 'Transfusion Bites!'
Audits/Regional Surveys	<p>Regional Surveys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab Empowerment • TEG Implementation
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly update and populate the website with items from hospitals in the region e.g. policies/ guidelines. • Post regional audits and educational events on the website.
Planned Activities for next Reporting Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTC meeting in April 2012 to be followed by an educational event on 'Transfusion Bites!' • To continue to fund places for hospital representatives to attend education events and conferences. • To continue to work with hospitals in reducing the inappropriate use and wastage of platelets.
Constraints/concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncertainty and concerns continue in North Wales Hospitals if their supply of blood will come from the Welsh Blood Service in the future. • Trusts would like to be able to benchmark themselves against other Trusts with the NPSA Competencies. • Communication with Special Requirements from Trust to Trust. • Integrated Transfusion Services.

Administrative support for the RTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided by Jane Murphy based at Liverpool Blood Centre. • Shared External Mailbox 'North West RTC' available to enable hospitals to contact RTC administrator and HL staff.
Other issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: ongoing issues over payments for catering. Catering seems to get paid but not always from the NW RTC budget. • Platelets; can NHSBT take unused platelets back?