

Regional Transfusion Committee Business Meeting Confirmed Minutes

WEDNESDAY 02 NOVEMBER 2016 15.45 – 17.15

Held at University Hospital Post Graduate Centre, Metchley Road, Birmingham

Present:

Dr Chris Newson	(CN) Chairman, Walsall Hospital NHS Trust
Dr Charlie Baker	(CB) University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust
Suzy Biggs	(SB) NHSBT, RTC Administrator
Michelle Budd	(MBu) University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation
Dr Falguni Choksey	(FC) University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire Trust
Tracy Clarke	(TC) Wyre Valley Trust (Hereford) NHS Trust
Mandeep Dhanda	(MD) Walsall Hospital NHS Trust
Gill Godding	(GG) Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Brian Hockley	(BH) NHSBT, Audit Manager
Dr Ismail Hussain	(IH) Birmingham Women's Hospital NHS Trust
Jayne Khorsandi	(JK) Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
Cathy Lim	(CL) NHSBT, Customer Service Manager
Mike Herbert	(MH) The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
Pam Irving	(PI) University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust
Dr Matthew Lumley	(ML) Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Suzy Morton	(SM) NHSBT, Consultant in Transfusion
Angela Sherwood	(AS) NHSBT, PBM Practitioner
Jane Tidman	(JT) University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation
Antoinette Turner	(AT) University Hospital London

Apologies:

Julie Buchan	(JB) Burton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Maxine Boyd	(MBO) The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
Janine Beddow	(JB) University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust
Richard Cole	(RC) Birmingham Children's Hospital Foundation Trust
Debra Clinton	(DC) Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Jayne Evans	(JE) City and Sandwell NHS Foundation Trust
Mike Taylor	(MT) Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust
Dr Craig Taylor	(CT) Vice-Chairman, Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust
Craig Wilkes	(CW) NHSBT, Customers Services Manager

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table. Persons listed above sent their apologies prior to the meeting.

2. Matters arising and actions from minutes of 11 July 2016

RTC Attendance – SB continues to log attendance and non-attendance following each RTC Business Meeting, TP, TLM and Cell salvage group.

Action: SB

GP transfusion referrals – SWRTC had done an audit on this and AS had obtained a copy which has been sent out to TPs. This is “work in progress”, and the first region to do this, and will see what happens. AS will attach another copy to minutes.

Embed herewith.

Action: AS to send another copy

All other actions completed or on the agenda. Minutes accepted as a true copy.

3. RTC Objectives / Work plan – 2016/2017:

A copy of these for 2015-16 had been uploaded to the website. A copy for reference 2016-17 is embedded below:-



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CN asked if the group is happy that these represent the group appropriately. We aim to keep them fairly generic and make specific actions on page 2. If anybody can think of anything we are missing out, please let us know.

BCSH guidelines – education – HEFT asked if the group are mindful of the guidelines when creating educational agendas for our study days. SM and CL confirmed that this was the case, ie, if a particular author is local to the event, we will aim to get them to present it themselves.

4. NBTC EWG and RTC Chairs' meeting

Documents awaited from Dr Chris Newson to embed into document below.

Obstetrics anaemia survey in south east

- HEFT have done a anti-natel survey in clinics with 1100 women checked at 28 weeks and 27% of women were found to be anaemic.
- UCL – had conducted a quick audit of who was transfused over 12 month period (including 6,000 deliveries) and they were 9x more likely to receive a transfusion if you take part in a forceps delivery – (questioned if this is because they are more anaemic). HEFT confirmed they would be happy to pool their work to see if the West Midlands has a potential for an audit.
- BH said he and a couple of colleagues had completed some work at the Royal Free Hospital in London, who now had a large pool of data sets which could be accessed.
- RTC will ask audit group to see - next meeting to be held in Feb 2017.
- **Action: Ask audit group to consider this**

TTP – management – a patient had died because of the staff lack of training and awareness. What management is in place for TTP should there be a register of all these patients – The Chair asked if these training records should get completed and filed centrally:-

- HEFT - confirmed yes it should be they did not comply with this currently
- QEHB - confirmed that after Christmas they will be offering a 24/7 plasma exchange service.
- Improvements at QEHB are being done, thanks in the most part to Dr Will Lester.
- WNX - is completed on an adhoc basis.

Action: SM will ask Will Lester to send formal document to SM

- QE will be moving to 24/7 plasma exchange and HEFT only during the day. ? Which other hospital provide this service. NHSBT to ask for a National register (SPICE) for special requirements to cover when patients attend different trust out of the regional

SHOT - RCT members to report the sharing of patients' irradiated blood.

National database - WNX reported that the shared care is on the LIMS system but he would like to have a joint database. Also, on the SPICE system, could have a specialised TAB and each hospital could access these online.

- NBTC asked if anyone would like to go back to whole blood with platelets, for certain clinical situations. – Leucocyte drops by 20%.
 - Self-collection charge – HEFT are not happy with this.
 - TACO checklists – to be used following SHOT recommendations
 - Standardised boxes – The boxes say on the side of them “only valid if packed by NHSBT staff” WNX said some people have moved away from these as they are sometimes hard to handle/open.

5. Patient Blood Management :

AS presented to the group and discussed below:-

- Platelet champions – Blood Bank, BMS (non transfusion) monitor requests
- Next WMRTC Conference – will be about “Platelets”
- O neg – SM wanted to formally thank all the hospitals who took part in a question and answer session with NHSBT, some questions asked below:-
 - Who was identified as a high O neg user?
 - Who were giving O pos to males?
 - Who reviews every unit of O neg blood given?

All hospitals who took part were very co-operative and helpful and SM will be sending out feedback very soon.

- Monthly highlight report – this is a new report which hospitals receive monthly. Hospitals are being asked to provide comments back about as this report will be reviewed in 6 months. This tool it to aide hospitals monitor issues and wastage.
- Hospital and Science website – please use.
- Indication code bookmarks should be available soon to order

6. Audit Updates :

Regional Audit:

- *Out of hour's transfusion audit* – BH presented the following:-
 - 117 cases of out-of-hours transfusion received from 16 hospital sites
 - > 45% of cases were 70 years plus
 - 2% of cases suggested transfusion given to facilitate next day discharge

National Audit:

- Combined platelet audits published on NICE website
- Patient Blood Management in Europe (PaBLOE) launched in 8 countries, UK arm Manchester (part of NCA programme)
- Unit specific O D neg audit (London/East Midlands)
- Managing anaemia in obstetrics - London
- International Development projects-
 - Blood Use in UTH, Lusaka, Zambia
 - What's Your Type, Uganda
- Conference, teaching evaluations and practice survey's
- IV Iron – SM will write up and send out soon.
- TXA Survey – AS is Audit Lead and will send it out soon.
- RTC Audit group Meeting – next meeting to be arranged in February 2017.

7. RTC New Chair role :

The RTC still requires an RTC chair, and SB will send out another request via email. SM reported that there had been an influx of new consultants in the WM region, and we would contact them to see if we could invite them to a meeting (so they can see what happens) as opposed to inviting them to become a chair and elect with immediate effect. SM will send email details to SB.

The chair, reported that this was an extremely rewarding role would encourage anybody to follow in his footsteps. It is for a short period of time (2 years) but came with a team at the NHSBT who assist at every step of the way. (SB,AS, SM and CL)

Action: SM/SB

8. Updates and Issues from Regional Groups :

A - Transfusion Practitioners

- SM has produced a 8 minute CD for patients and family – This is to aid the transfusion consent process, and could be used in waiting rooms/Pre-op areas. Please contact SM if you would like a copy.
- TACO check list? To be added to PAS
- Is there justification for whole blood for massive haemorrhage if viable?
- Liquid versus frozen in FFP (Sweden have liquid). .
- RTC issues – RBC issues going down in the West Midlands region. Nominated PH transfusion champion – BMS
- There is a National framework for anti-D
- ICI changing pink top tubes soon.
- Cell salvage booklet to be updated soon as it is too cumbersome.

B - Laboratory Managers Group

- Staffing issues in Transfusion remain a concern with Band 4s issuing blood and the lack of recruitment to Biomedical Science degrees
- Notifications from transplant centres for renal & liver patients are now making an appearance.
- There will be a national Albumin & Anti-D tender framework in the early part of 2017
- Mark Williams, RCI has alerted TLMs to a draft ISO standard which will standardise blood tube colours, the current BD transfusion (salmon pink) sample will be used for a rapid glucose.
- TLMs are against the proposed price increase for O Rh (D) neg red cells, platelet surcharges, zonal transport charges and the collect charge.
- To receive an email alert when a new BSH guideline comes out please register http://www.bcsghguidelines.com/CONTACT/296_Guideline_Alert.html
- A survey from BSMS regarding A- platelets has been sent out
- RCI are to implement a national zero tolerance policy for sample labelling

C Cell Salvage Group

- Held twice per year - Friday 24 March & Friday 15 September 2017 – both at Birmingham New Street
- UK Cell Action group – FC has become a core member and will be working on a competency workgroup booklet and will update this to make is more user friendly
- Membership/attendance from each clinician is a little hit and miss
- Taking place is a regional survey on using cell salvage. This is related to public/staff awareness(and their understanding) – This has been designed using a survey link(Survey Monkey) – which has gone out. BH confirmed some hospitals will not be able to use this at their hospital or trust
- Whatsapp group has now been set up by SB
- A Major issue is training and refresh training(finding the time) and then keeping up to date and managing competencies

D NHSBT Updates

- Irradiated stock from Filton prevent delays and split orders occasionally
- irradiated products and CMV products will put in official actions. Asked group if they have any problems to inform NHSBT, Customer feedback is very important

- Additional deliveries - application for more funding to cover additions. Graduate (Tom Hodgkinson) is working on adhoc routine deliveries, and he has funding to do this and will be in contact with hospitals
- Trusts to be charged for picking up components.
- Re pricing of 0 neg put on hold for 12 months (no increase.)
- NHSBT to ask for a National register (SPICE) for special requirements to cover when patients attend different trust out of the regional
- Apologies made for any delays and to let NHSBT know if there are any issues

9. Suggestions for future RTC Meeting/Educational Events :

- Platelets for next Study day
- Study Day Numbers – if spaces are available, the group are happy to open these up to east midlands to see if they want to join in.
- College of anaesthetists' points – CN now knows how to get points for next meeting for free and all the academy allows in other colleges. This will make is more attractive to medics
- **Action: CN**
- Laboratory Matters – anyone can join in for Filton – try and replicate for Birmingham CL said if this would be called for.
- Just bites - Truro did it in hospital for 1.5 hours (over lunchtime).
- Newsletter – laboratory staff to get them engaged

If anybody has any topics or suggestions for future dates, please let SB know

Action: All

10. Any Other Business:

SLA for blood going out to trauma calls

Mike Taylor raised this – MH has done this for the REPHILL trail to get blood back for the centre.

Blood to scene arrangement - MH and JE have got this in writing as a template and are happy to share it with the group.

Action: MH to send SLA to MT

Blood Management Transfusion Consultant / Competency training –

QEHB are getting some resistance to training and wants to know how to proceed forward?

11. Date of next meeting:

RTC Conference and Business Meeting –

DATE: Wednesday 28 June 2017 –

VENUE: Queen Elizabeth education centre

Seminar room 1(in the main hospital building, not the Post Graduate Centre)