

# **CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Monday, 19 March 2018**

**The Montague on the Gardens, 15 Montague Street, London, WC1B 5BJ**

## **Present:**



Dr Youssef Sorour	YS	Chair and Y&H RTC
Dr Shubha Allard	SA	Secretary, NBTC, Royal College of Pathologists
Ms Celina Bernstrom	CBe	EA to the NBTC
Dr Craig Carroll	CC	North West RTC
Dr Jon Cort	JC	East Midlands RTC
Dr Alistair Dodds	AD	North East RTC
Dr Phil Kelly	PK	London RTC
Dr Chris Newson	CN	West Midlands RTC
Dr Nigel Sargent	NS	South Central RTC
Ms Louise Sherliker	LS	National Lead: PBM Team
Dr Howard Wakeling	HW	South East Coast RTC
Dr Jonathan Wallis	JW	NBTC Chair





## **Apologies:**




Dr Nicola Jones	NJ	East of England RTC
Dr Sarah Wexler	SW	South West RTC


## **In attendance:**

<b>RTC 01/18</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions, Apologies</b>
	YS welcomed participants and noted apologies.
<b>RTC 02/18</b>	<b>Minutes of the RTC Chairs Meeting – 18 September 2017</b>
	The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September were agreed as a correct record.
<b>RTC 03/18</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>
	Action points from the last meeting. Feedback from RTCs on the NCA audit program is being taken on board. Emphasis on an annualised process including national and

	regional audits and avoiding an excessive burden on hospital teams.
<b>RTC 04/18</b>	<b>Review and discussion of the RTC reports</b>
	<u>JPAC website</u>
	Concerns were raised over the information on the JPAC website. CBe confirmed that minor changes can be easily made to content. CBe said that each RTC Administrator is responsible for editing their regions information. It was agreed to have an item on RTC website review at the September 2018 meeting.
	<b>Action : CBe</b>
	<u>South West RTC – Dr Sarah Wexler</u>
	SW not present. RTC activities and planned audit and education initiatives noted in report. Feedback provided to AAGBI draft guidelines in particular around cell salvage and caesarean section.
	No RTC secretary since Dr Birchall left NHSBT post
	 <a href="#">Paper B1 - SW RTC Chairs Report.pdf</a>
	<u>South East Coast RTC – Dr Howard Wakeling</u>
	Very active in promoting patient consent. Guidance developed on iatrogenic anaemia. Harvey's gang continues to grow. Successful BMS empowerment days. There were concerns around continued lack of time and shortage of staff in laboratories
	 <a href="#">Paper B2 - SEC RTC Chairs Report.pdf</a>
	<u>South Central RTC – Dr Nigel Sargant</u>
	Successful Education day on Transfusion Bites with over 90 delegates. Continued lack of time and shortage of staff in laboratories. Staffing levels continue to reduce and vacancies are not attracting applicants.

	Concern that it is difficult for TPs and TLMs to attend meetings due to pressures of work, and meetings not being a priority for trusts.
	 Paper B3 - SC RTC <u>Chairs Report.pdf</u>
	<u>North East RTC – Dr Allistair Dodds</u>
	Very active working groups with very large attendance of 230 delegates at a recent physicians’ education event. Limited PBMP cover to the region at the present time. Appointment of new PBMP made (awaiting coming into post).
	 Paper B4 - NE RTC <u>Chairs report.pdf</u>
	<u>London RTC – Dr Phil Kelly</u>
	Very active Twitter activity in promoting awareness around RTC activities. Restrictions on being able to change RTC website page such as adding new sections means that the website is not in the ideal format is also not easy our RTC members to navigate.
	 Paper B5 - L RTC Chairs Report.pdf
	<u>East of England RTC – Dr Nicola Jones</u>
	NJ not present.
	Highly rated education event on ‘Human Factors’ . Further obstetric education day planned. Several toolkits developed. Pathology Modernisation continues to impact on staffing levels in the region’s laboratories.
	 Paper B6 - EoE RTC <u>Chairs Report.pdf</u>

	<u>East Midlands RTC – Dr Jon Cort</u>
	Active education and training group and regional lab managers group with good participation of RTC members on national groups. 150 delegates education day on disaster planning with excellent evaluation and ~70% likely to change practice as a result of the event.
	Concerns around implementation of electronic tracking systems. Would like information on Daratumumab and serological problems.
	 <a href="#"><u>Paper B7 - EM RTC Chairs Report.pdf</u></a>
	<u>North West RTC – Dr Craig Carroll</u>
	Education events to share learning post Manchester attacks. Education event on Sickle cell disease planned, Concerns around junior doctor training and induction within Trusts. Challenges around special requirements and shared care. Would also like more information on Daratumumab and transfusion. Shortage of haematologists noted.
	 <a href="#"><u>Paper B8 - NW RTC Chairs Report.pdf</u></a>
	<u>West Midlands RTC – Dr Chris Newson</u>
	Active regional working groups. Education day planned on Human factors. Change in RTC chair.
	 <a href="#"><u>Paper B9 - WM RTC Chairs Report.pdf</u></a>
	<u>Yorkshire &amp; The Humber RTC – Dr Youssef Sorour</u>
	Non-medical authorisation courses with excellent evaluation. Active training program planned
	Concerns regarding Laboratory staffing levels. Impact of NHS Improvement directive for Pathology Networks on hospital transfusion services. What lessons have been learned from past networking

	projects and the NHSBT “Integrating Transfusion Services” project? Staffing is a serious concern
	 Paper B10 - H&H RTC Chairs Report.p
	Common themes raised by RTC Chairs on laboratory staffing and also impact of Pathology networks to be discussed at main NBTC meeting
	Information pack on Daratumumab now available on NHSBT Hospital Sciences website:  <a href="http://hospital.blood.co.uk/media/29585/managing-patients-on-mono-clonal-antibody-therapies.pdf">http://hospital.blood.co.uk/media/29585/managing-patients-on-mono-clonal-antibody-therapies.pdf</a>
	Dr Youssef Sorour and rest of RTC Chairs felt that their AM meeting was not long enough and should be extended
<b>RTC 05/18</b>	<b>RTC Chair of Chairs’ Items</b>
	Verbal update from Dr Youssef Sorour, Chair of RTC Chairs
<b>RTC 06/18</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>
<b>RTC 07/18</b>	<b>Date of next Meeting</b>
	<b>Autumn 2018</b> 24 September 2018 (extended meeting being discussed) Venue - Ambassadors Bloomsbury, 12 Upper Woburn Place, London, WC1H 0HX