

Monday, 19 September 2016 10:00 – 11:00

Rooms on Regents Park, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Confirmed Minutes

Present:

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| Dr Youssef Sorour | YS | Chair and Y&H RTC |
| 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 Nicola Jones | NJ | East of England RTC |
| Dr Phil Kelly | PK | London RTC |
| Dr Chris Newson | CN | West Midlands RTC |
| Dr Kate Pendry | KP | NBTC Secretary |
| Dr Nigel Sargent | NS | South Central RTC |
| Ms Louise Sherliker | LS | Interim National Lead: PBM Team |
| Dr Howard Wakeling | HW | South East Coast RTC |
| Dr Jonathan Wallis | JW | NBTC Chair |
| Dr Sarah Wexler | SW | Interim Chair South West RTC |

Apologies:

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| Ms Teresa Allen | TA | NHSBT Assistant Director: Customer Services |
| Mr Brian Hockley | BH | Data Analysis and Audit Manager - BBTS (NHSBT) |

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| RTC 13/16 | Welcome and Introductions, Apologies |
| | Noted. Specifically noting that Teresa Allen is on secondment for a year and that the meeting today is a shorter meeting of one hour followed by a workshop on blood components. |
| RTC 14/16 | Minutes of the RTC Chairs Meeting – 16 March 2015 |
| | The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2016 we agreed as a true record. |
| RTC 15/16 | Matters Arising |
| 03/15 | <u>Updated ToRs for NBTC/RTC</u> |
| | Reporting arrangements have been confirmed and the NBTC are to |

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| | report to Professor Sue Hill, Chief Scientific Officer, NHS England. JW confirmed that a telephone conference is scheduled to discuss the results of the UK Transfusion Laboratory Collaborative survey. |
| RTC 16/16 | Review and discussion of the RTC reports |
| | <u>North East RTC – Allistair Dodds</u> |
| | FFP usage is in hand. 2016 Annual study day – “Managing Major Haemorrhage’. Symposium covering a range of topical issues in transfusion medicine. Event fully subscribed with delegates and sponsors. |
| | <u>East of England RTC – Nicola Jones</u> |
| | Invited all regional hospitals to conduct an audit of FFP and Cryo use during May and June. 14 hospitals participated; 4 were unable to do so because of staffing issues. The results are currently being analysed by the RTC administrator and will be presented at the October meeting of the RTC. The frequency of RTC meeting has increased from 3 to 4 per year. |
| | Addenbrooke’s Hospital has given notice of its intention to withdraw as host of the Pathology Partnership (tPP) causing significant concern for the 6 hospitals remaining in the partnership. |
| | <u>South Central – Nigel Sargant</u> |
| | Are reducing O neg usage in the region. |
| | Apr – July 2016/17 in comparison to same period 2015/16 |
| | RBC have decreased by - 6.7% Platelets have increased by + 1.3% FFP has decreased by - 11.6% Cryo has increased by + 1.7% |
| | LS noted that the usage / wastage reports circulated to hospitals in the South Central RTC are well-received and will be rolled out to all RTCs in October 2016. |
| | <u>South East Coast RTC – Howard Wakeling</u> |
| | 19th May 2016 – ‘PBM the Laboratory and Beyond’ TADG/RTC Education Day. |
| | 21st March and 4th April 2016 – ‘How to Make Friends and Influence People’ BMS Empowerment and Education Day– South Thames Region. |
| | Harvey’s Gang (HG): The standardisation of the HG experience across the UK with the introduction of ‘Harvey’s Gang in a Box’ is live in 10 NHS sites. This initiative invites youngsters with cancer and other serious illnesses to become trainee BMSs for a day and tour pathology laboratories with their families. This is moving towards charitable status with potential book deals. |

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| | Staffing concerns over Junior staff gaining experience and then leaving. This is a global issue. |
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| | Discussions around the 2 sample rule. Despite training it is up to the individual to understand dangers. The use of electronic labelling has seen an increase in errors in some centres as the staff need to leave the bedside to print a label. |
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| | The PBMP post will be vacated by Emily Carpenter in October with her replacement not coming in to post until 14th November; as a result, the London PBMP services will provide cover in both regions for several weeks. |
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| | <u>West Midlands RTC – Chris Newson</u> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wrong Blood In Tube audit</i> – report released, and published on website, also in an article in “Blood Matters” in July. • <i>IV iron survey</i> – to find out the barriers to giving IV iron. Completed and reported back to RTC • <i>Albumin usage survey</i> – due to more urgent issues currently this is on hold • <i>Out of hours transfusion audit</i> – audit went out in June/July 2016 and results are being analysed to report back at November RTC. • Tranexamic Acid – Survey in development • Laboratory audit – observe samples being taken during an audit, then put on JPAC website and use as a learning and sharing tool. • Hep E Neg – regional audit planned to assess current methods of notifying referring hospitals |
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| | <u>South West RTC – Sarah Wexler</u> |
| | New patient representative appointed August 2016. |
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| | Concerns over Rising O D Negative issues in the region. |
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| | Planned activities: |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasis will be placed on the appropriate use of blood components, especially platelets and group O D negative red cells, and the avoidance of unnecessary use and use of alternatives where possible. This will include the production of a regional O D negative strategy ○ Establishment of regional ICS database ○ Production of algorithm for surgical use of tranexamic acid ○ Develop a template for a consent sticker and a transfusion record in conjunction with the South West Transfusion Practitioners group. |
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| | <u>London RTC – Phil Kelly</u> |
| | Patient Blood Management –implementation of PBM within the London region. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Unit policy; work with Kings to be published. Work with Lewisham Hospital approaching end of data collection • Iatrogenic anaemia; work with St Georges has shown variation in practice with regards to returned blood volume. Recommendations to be developed following project. • PBM in Obstetric; Single unit policy and iv iron work being established in Royal Free Trust and Royal London Hospital. |
| | Events Planned for Next 6 Months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTC education session “New Twist on an Old Tale” – 14th October, Royal Free Hospital • Platelet Champions Day – 23rd November • BMS Education Days – Feb 2017 |
| | Constraints/concerns in the region: |
| | Reduction in PBM Practitioner support for London region following end of secondments for Emily Carpenter and Rachel Moss. Also a Lack of Lab Manager input at Regional Transfusion Team level |
| | <u>East Midlands – Jon Cort</u> |
| | National recruitment issues around training and retention of BMSs within the Hospital system. There is also an increase pressure with limited Locums available due to Hospital Capping the finance for ‘Bank and Locum’ staff. Issues are raised locally but assistance on the training of specialist BMS is crucial for the motivation and retention of BMSs. |
| | <u>Yorkshire & The Humber – Youssef Sorour</u> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staffing levels & escalating workloads are giving insufficient time to do additional quality work / service development. ○ Concerns over whether there is a training budget this year. |
| | <u>North West RTC– Craig Carroll</u> |
| | Planned activities: |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RTC Business Meeting in October 2016. ○ RTC Education Event ‘Patient Blood Management in Gastroenterology and Hepatology’ in November 2016. ○ To continue to fund places for hospital representatives to attend education events and conferences. ○ To continue to develop programme for implementation of pre operative anaemia and TEG / ROTEM / near patient testing. ○ Engagement with HTC Chairs at RTC Meetings. |
| RTC 17/16 | RTC Audit Update |
| | Any questions regarding the report submitted by Brian Hockley should be directed to him via email. |
| RTC 18/16 | RTC Chair of Chairs’ Items |
| | There is engagement with NHSBT twice a year at the NBTC Executive Working Group meetings in January and June. A request will be made |

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| | for a second RTC chair to attend these meetings. CBe to circulate dates of forthcoming meetings. |
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| RTC 09/16 | Date of next Meetings |
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| | NBTC/RTC Chairs – Spring meeting Monday, 20 th March 2017 at Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, (Rooms on Regents Park) 27 Sussex Place, Regents Park, London, NW1 4RG |
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| | NBTC/RTC Chairs – Autumn meeting Monday, 18 th September 2017 at Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ |

Regional Transfusion Committee Chairs

Summary of Agreed Actions: Meeting held on 19 September 2016

| Minute Ref | Agreed Action | Responsibility | Completion /Review |
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| RTC 18/16 | Chair of Chairs' items | | |
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| | Circulate dates and venue details of forthcoming NBTC Executive working group meetings to ascertain a second representative to attend in addition to the Chair of Chairs. | CBe | Complete. |
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