

EAST OF ENGLAND TRANSFUSION PRACTITIONERS NETWORK

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2014 at the Cambridge Donor Centre **APPROVED**

Present:

Name	Hospital	Name	Hospital
Claire Atterbury CA <i>Chair</i>	Queen Elizabeth KL	Andy King-Venables AKV	Hinchingbrooke
Caroline Hough CH	Addenbrooke's	Tina Parker TPa	Broomfield
Julie Jackson JJ	James Paget	Janet Pring JP	Norfolk & Norwich
Kaye Bowen KB	Peterborough	Frances Sear FS	NHSBT
Natalie Outten NOu	Southend	Rebecca Smith RS	Ipswich
Joanne Hoyle JH	West Suffolk	Loraine Holland LH	Bedford
Gilda Bass GB	West Suffolk	Donella Arnett DAr	Watford
Claire Sidaway CS <i>Left 2 pm</i>	Addenbrooke's	Emily Okukenu EO	
Kairen Coffey KC <i>left 2 pm</i>	NHSBT	Jane O'Brien JO'B <i>minutes</i>	NHSBT

Apologies:

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Ali Rudd AR	Norfolk & Norwich	Sheila Needham SN	QE II
Alex Boyle AD	Norfolk & Norwich	Lorraine Mounsey LM	Papworth/Addenbrooke's
Sue Turner ST	Colchester	Aman Dhesi AD	NHSBT
Maria O'Connell MO	Basildon	Tracy Nevin TN	Princess Alexandra
Sharon Kaznica SK	Ipswich	Karen Baylis KBa	Lister
Michaela Lewin ML	Papworth	Julie Edmonds JE	Lister

NB: Due to traffic incidents in the area, several attendees arrived late and so took no part in early discussions

1. Welcome and apologies: CA welcomed everyone to the meeting and round the table introductions were made.

2. Minutes of previous meeting: agreed as accurate.

Matters arising:

- NOu sent a copy of the transfusion sticker used at Southend. This reads **"TRANSFUSION OF GROUP PATIENTS WITH GROUP..... BLOOD/FFP/PLATELETS POSES NO ADDITIONAL RISK OF ADVERSE REACTIONS"** in red text on a white background.
- Paediatric MBL policy – this relates to SK's query about transfusion rates for paediatrics which is not stated in the MBL policy. This action is still outstanding await Dr Foukaneli's input.
- Write to Craig Taylor expressing concern re: NPSA competency review group. This was put on hold pending a further meeting of the review group. JO'B said that Jim Bamber had reported to the RTC that the NBTC had not made any changes to the group's recommendations. KC said that the NBTC did not challenge the concept of a one-off face to face assessment but since the NPSA disbanded, no other body has taken ownership of competencies. The London TP group has produced a Training Passport which will be on the Skills for Health website. CA noted that the introduction of competencies had made almost no difference to related SHOT errors. CS expressed her concern that without mandatory instruction, competency training will be thought less important and possibly lost. DAr thinks that competencies assessments have reduced errors but maintains awareness. NO uses workbooks which are cascaded

to assessors but is concerned that results are not always entered onto staff ESRs. It was suggested that she set up regular meetings with assessors.

3. RTT/RTC Update:

- Transfer of blood audit results: these were presented at the last RTC meeting and a summary will be distributed together with a PowerPoint presentation with the request that this be given at HTC meetings.
- Pre-transfusion Hb audit: all data is having to be entered manually by JO'B in order to be analysed. Preliminary results should be presented at the June RTC meeting.
- A presentation on the London RTC Twitter account was made at the last RTC meeting, but very few of those present were Twitter users. The RTT agreed that FS is to look into the logistics of setting up an account for our region. FS said that we were lucky in this region to have very effective networks of communication but thought a Twitter account would be used by other groups, for example junior doctors. EO said this is the case in London where trauma groups access the account. CA said she found it very helpful because it contains web links to other useful sites. JJ expressed her concern that it is not secure and in any case James Paget do not allow staff to carry mobile phones. CA said any potentially sensitive information would never be put on such a Twitter account. KC said with the introduction of training apps for mobile phones, m-learning is beginning to overtake e-learning.
- Concern was raised by Norfolk and Norwich during the transfer of blood audit when a member of the CATS team took a unit of blood because there is a fridge on board their ambulance. Because there is very little knowledge in the region about the activities of CATS, the RTC have invited a member of the team to attend the next RTC meeting.
- The midwives study day, "Mums, Babies and Blood" is to be held for the fourth time on 19th June at St John's Innovation Centre. Because of space restrictions, in the first instance places are limited to 4 per Trust to ensure that as all Trusts have the opportunity for representation. After the 20th May, vacant places will be filled from a waiting list. This event was first held in 2010 having been set up by a small working group of TPs. It has been over-subscribed on each occasion and it is hoped to use a bigger venue next year so that students and other interested parties, such as TPs, can attend as occurred in 2012.
- "Blood Transfusion in Surgical Practice" is to be held at Wyboston Lakes on 18th September and the programme is now confirmed. This was circulated and will be distributed along with a flyer and application form next week.

4. NHSBT Update: Power Point attached with minutes.

5. Sharing good practice and hospital updates:

- RS reported that Ipswich now have a simulation suite and they had their first practice with junior doctors, preceded by a talk on massive haemorrhage. NO said Southend had an issue with flying squad blood taken when not needed and then wasted because it is out of temperature control. RS said Ipswich store flying squad as 2 x 2 units so that if blood is wasted it's not all 4 units.

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- TP said Broomfield are conducting a staff survey on the use of 2 samples for pre-compatibility testing. 2 samples have always been used at Broomfield but it was not written into policies.
- LH said she and the locum Consultant Haematologist at Bedford had recently conducted a survey of medical staff asking them 10 transfusion related questions. As the result was an average of 5.2 correct answers, they will now have an hour long session at an audit day. *Action: LH to send questionnaire to JO'B for circulation to the group.* Several present agreed that they had problems with doctor training. KC said that she feels there is lack of basic knowledge and CS said that because doctors move faster through their training these days, they have less experience to reach the same grade.

6. Leadership – what's the fuss? Kairen Coffey, NHSBT education and audit lead, attended to give a presentation and workshop on leadership skills. (Following notes provided by FS)

- The session commenced discussing the leadership experience of those present.
- The current framework and courses available were discussed. The website www.leadershipacademy.nhs.uk was recommended.
- KC offered to return to deliver a second development session including action learning sets. However this would require a full day.
- KC suggested a rotating Chair for TP meetings but CA said it would be difficult to find volunteers.

Kairen's presentation is attached with these minutes.

8. Blood Transfusion Course: KB attended a year long course run jointly by NHSBT Newcastle and Newcastle upon Tyne NHS Trust.

- Attendees at the course were about one third TPs and two thirds BMSs.
- Dr Hazel Tingate and Dr Jonathan Wallace led the course.
- The course was 1 day per month for 11 months and cost £500 which Kaye felt to be very good value with some excellent and knowledgeable speakers
- There was a poster competition at the end, in which Kaye came third, and all three winners were recommended to submit their posters to SHOT.
- Kaye felt one considerable advantage of the course was that it gave her confidence in her own knowledge. In addition it has given her a network of friends around the country, whose knowledge and experience she feels able to call upon at any time.
- Advertising poster for the 2014 – 15 course is attached with minutes
- TPa has recently completed an online course run by Greenwich University.
- Passing the course provided 30 credits towards an MSc.
- The course ran from October to March and weekly log in was required plus attendance twice. It cost £1100.
- If interested see: <http://w3.gre.ac.uk/biomed/msc.html>

9. A.O.B:

- Since her retirement EO has been an ambassador for the London air ambulance service. She put AD in touch with a colleague who wishes to attend an RTC to discuss carrying blood on the East Anglia Air Ambulances (EAAA).

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FS said that the RTT had decided to invite him to the October meeting.

Plans are in place for the helicopters which operate from Norwich to carry blood and JP said the crew would be asked to take a pre-transfusion blood sample but there were concerns as to whether this would be accepted by the receiving hospital because of identification issues. E.O. said in London patients in such cases are given a unique number which identifies them at any hospital served by the air crew.

- As this was her last meeting with us, EO was presented with a card and flowers and wished a very happy retirement by the group.

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

Attachments with minutes:

- NHSBT Update: Power Point, Frances Sear
- Leadership Skills: Power Point, Kairen Coffey
- Blood Transfusion Course, Newcastle: flyer

Future meetings:

RTC meeting: 26th June 2014 10 am to 1 pm, St John's Innovation Centre

TP meeting: 16th July 2014 10 am to 3.30 pm, Cambridge Donor Centre