

South East Coast Regional Transfusion Team Meeting

By Telecon
Tuesday 25 September 2018

APPROVED MINUTES

Present		
Howard Wakeling	HW	RTC Chair, Consultant Anaesthetist, Western Sussex Hospital NHS FT
Anwen Davies	AD	Patient Blood Management Practitioner, NHSBT
Robert Goddard	RG	Chief BMS/TLM, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother Hospital Blood
Lisa March	LM	Transfusion Practitioner, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother Hospital
Ruth O'Donnell	RO'D	Transfusion Practitioner, Western Sussex Hospitals NHS FT
Simon Rang	SR	Consultant Anaesthetist, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother Hospital
Rashmi Rook	RR	Lead Biomedical Scientist/TLM, East Surrey Hospital
Richard Whitmore	RW	Customer Service Manager, NHSBT
Minutes		
Frances Moll	FM	SEC RTC Administrator NHSBT
Apologies		
Fatts Chowdhury	FC	Consultant Haematologist, NHSBT and Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
Lynne Balderstone	LB	Deputy Transfusion Practitioner, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust
Leslie Delieu	LD	Transfusion Practitioner, Darent Valley Hospital
Emma O'Donovan	EO'D	Consultant Haematologist, East Surrey Hospital
Malcolm Robinson	MR	Chief BMS/Transfusion Lab Manager (TLM), Western Sussex Hospital NHS FT

		ACTIONS
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Howard Wakeling welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed members this was Rashmi Rook's last meeting, as she was standing down from the RTT; and Leslie Delieu retires from the NHS at the end of the month. RR informed the RTT that she will remain on the UKTLC Committee and would like to be kept in the loop regarding laboratory matters.</p> <p>ACTION: RR to be copied in to future distribution of RTT minutes.</p> <p>Under the Terms of Reference, a Consultant Haematologist should be present for the meeting to be quorate. With apologies sent from both Fatts Chowdhury and Emma O'Donovan, the meeting was not quorate. It was agreed that recommendations could be made and those absent would be briefed on matters requiring agreement.</p>	FM

2.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19 June 2018</p> <p>The Minutes were agreed as a true record and approved for publication on the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > JPAC SEC Website – where permission has been given, e-mail addresses were now on the Contacts section of the SEC RTC’s webpage. > Work Plan – on agenda > Education Event – on agenda 	FM
3.	<p>RTT Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TP representative – Lynne Balderstone is the new TP representative, replacing Leslie Delieu. • TLM representative to replace RR – The RTT agreed the SEC RTC Terms of reference would be sent to the Blood Transfusion site leads at Ashford and St. Peter’s/Royal Surrey and Frimley Health with an invitation to join the RTT Committee. ACTION • Malcolm Robinson is retiring at the end of the year, it was proposed that the Senior BMS at Western Sussex, would replace Malcolm; Robert Goddard informed members that he would be retiring in 2019 and he would ask locally for a possible replacement. ACTION <p>Simon Rang joined the meeting</p>	<p>AD/FM</p> <p>RG</p>
4.	<p>NBTC Meeting update (meeting held on 24/09/2018)</p> <p>HW provided an update from the Regional Chairs meeting; he raised five concerns/constraints from the SEC RTC September bi-annual report, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Poor attendance at the Laboratory Manager User Group (TADG) > Continued lack of time and shortage of staff in laboratories > Loss of collective knowledge, experienced staff retiring > Reduction in RTT membership > 2019/2020 Budget - potential reduction <p>All regions across the country had similar concerns. It was confirmed that there will be a RTC budgetary reduction of 15% next year, which may have a significant impact on the format and frequency of RTC education events; NBTC members did not find a solution to improve attendance at TADG (see later agenda item); HW asked for the following document to be circulated to all RTC members ACTION</p> <p>https://improvement.nhs.uk/documents/3240/Pathology_state_of_the_nation_sep2018_ig.pdf</p> <p>Other areas discussed by NBTC members included a blood component update which included; ongoing high demand of A D Neg Platelets, introduction of new blood bags, recent publicised changes to irradiation labels and recent notification regarding latex signage on blood packs on adult red cell packs, and a talk from the Blood Stocks Management Scheme Team regarding reviewing stock inventory. HW encouraged members to promote attendance to a Blood Stocks Management Scheme Roadshow education day, which are usually held twice a year. ACTION Dates to be circulated when confirmed.</p>	<p>FM</p> <p>FM</p>

5.	<p>Meeting and Events Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Event: Wednesday 17 October 2018 At present thirty delegates had confirmed places for the Education event. We are currently covering our costs, but only three sponsors have come forward to support this event. More notices will be sent out. ACTION • Dates for 2019 Events – It was agreed that East Surrey's Post Graduate Education Centre was a good venue, if the proposed dates are available. The theme suggested for this event included platelets or clotting. ACTION: Dates to be circulated and PGEC to be approached by EO'D. Dates to be considered: Wednesday 30 January, Fridays 8 or 15 March 2019? 	<p>FM</p> <p>FM/ EO'D</p>
6.	<p>RTC Working Group Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICAG/Consent - The finalisation of the 'Consent pad' as a national resource was delayed slightly so that recommendations made in the 2017 NCA TACO and SHOT report for mitigating risks associated with TACO could be included. This process is near completion; this resource will be available for hospitals to order via the NHSBT distribution hub in due course. Regional compliance of consent will continue to be monitored via regular audit of the NICE QS138 Quality Standard. • QS138 Toolkit : AD said the final online QS138 tool, guidance and audit proforma has now been published on the Hospital Services website: http://hospital.blood.co.uk/audits/audit-tool-for-transfusion/ , available for hospitals in England to use. This tool will enable hospitals to perform a gap analysis to measure their compliance against the quality standard. As more hospitals use this tool, it is hoped that benchmarking data will become available. The SEC TP group will use this tool to perform a gap analysis every six months. A letter has been submitted to NICE with feedback on elements of the quality standard which has been gathered during the development of this tool. It is hoped that this will be considered at the next review. August cycle completed, five hospitals took part, report being generated for October's TP meeting. • BMS Empowerment Group (Joint London/SEC): AD confirmed that there will be a single BMS Education and Empowerment Day on November 30 this year, with a larger capacity than usual, rather than holding two separate events as per previous years. There will be a 'Paediatric' theme with a BMS Empowerment workshop at the end of the day. ACTION: Flyer to be circulated to SEC TLMs. • O D neg - RW confirmed that submissions phase of the National Comparative Audit of O D Negative was now complete. RW updated the RTT regarding the aforementioned O D negative trial at Tooting NHSBT where a O D neg orders were adjusted to a distribution of 80:20 O D neg K neg : O D neg K pos units. Very few complaints were received during the trial which was felt to have generally gone well. • Harvey's Gang (MR e-mail) Update received that Harvey's Gang is now live in 47 Trusts and an additional 37 Trusts were working towards introducing the scheme. In the year of NHS 70 this is terrific. Additional funding has been requested from the IBMS to help the programme continue to grow. 	<p>FM</p>

	<p>Articles of interest: The Guardian www.theguardian.com/healthcare-network/2017/nov/02/sick-boy-leukaemia-pathology-lab IBMS Letter to Harvey: Sarah May; Deputy CEO, IBMS www.ibms.org/about/media-and-press/ibms-monthly-comment/ Scotland: www.scotblood.co.uk/news/blood-service-welcomes-mini-trainee-scientists/ Harvey's Gang; the film www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSiqlIVqmg LEGO: youtu.be/VFw-edXdQfU</p> <p>SR reported that there had been a very successful Harvey's Gang visit at QEQM, for two young people which had worked really well. Everyone agreed Harvey's Gang was a great achievement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Care (Cross-regional group) – No update received. • London & South-East Trauma and Haematology Group RW updated the RTT that the Cryostat 2 trial is ongoing at Major Trauma Centres, some initial difficulty was seen getting patients signed up, due to concerns about funding, but this has now been resolved. Two presentations were given at a previous TADG meeting. The first was from NHSBT, highlighting supply challenges and meeting the demand for MB non-UK plasma for those born after 1.1.96. A review of recommendations from SaBTO is expected next year. The second talk was given on 'Trauma at Brighton', the use of their TEG machines in theatres and A&E and result visibility of results to BMS staff to guide blood product issue. Also raised was their use of fibrinogen concentrate, as the first line in their major haemorrhage packs, whilst this product was more expensive the wastage was less as it can be returned to stock if not used. It has therefore proved to be cost effective. 	
7.	<p>2017 TACO Audit (SEC) This audit looked at patients over the age of 60 who had received a red cell transfusion. It looked if the patient could be considered to be at risk of TACO (from a number of causes), and, if so, whether such a risk was documented and appropriate action was taken to mitigate any such risk. Data was also collected on those who developed symptoms which might indicate that they experienced TACO. ACTION: Fatts to consider including this in her talk at the Education Day.</p> <p>The Regional audit report was now available, and would be circulated - ACTION.</p>	<p>FC</p> <p>AD/FM</p>
8.	<p>RTC Work Plan 2018/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work plan has been updated, and gave an overview of the work, including audits, education events etc. taking place across the SEC. • AD confirmed some of the activity – the Website continued to be updated, and there had been a significant increase in the number of hits to the SEC 	

	<p>JPAC site; A snap survey was issued to all TLMs in response to the NBTC workshop Ref: A D neg Platelet audit in stock – 15 responses with approximately 50% of hospitals holding stock platelets. Some further work needed to pull a summary report together, this is something to consider for sharing at the Spring Education Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a PBM survey to be sent out in October. (Update post meeting, date for circulation confirmed as 29 October 2018). ACTION 	AD/FM
9.	<p>NHSBT Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The switch to new style irradiation labels on components issued from Tooting centre will take place at the beginning of October 2018. Some recent struggles regarding stock of AB neg rbc's over the hot weather period. Stock has now improved. Some constraints with AB plasma supply, RW referred to the substitution table on the H&S website for alternatives to consider. EDN now have EDN capabilities with all LIMS providers, with the exception of Addenbrooke's and Great Ormond St. In 2019, information will now be unit specific and include all the antigen information, not just the information available on the bag. Hospitals will need to contact LIMS providers to access and validate this process. NHSBT Fridge Vans are to be reviewed – concerns include, storage of boxes, expense of vans, and reliability of cold chain records. RW might send out a survey. 	
10.	<p>TP: No meeting since last RTT. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 12 October 2018</p> <p>TADG Groups: The most recent meeting was attended by about 30 Hospitals. This was a great improvement on the last meeting (attendance 8-10). An electronic diary invitation went to individuals' which required a personal response, and following the success of this initiative it was agreed it should be used for subsequent meetings. Jeyakumar Visuvanathan (JV), Blood Transfusion Site Lead at Ashford & St Peter's Hospital, Royal Surrey County Hospital and Nelson Johnson (NJ), Blood Transfusion-Site Lead at Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust (both Berkshire and Surrey Pathology Services), were appointed new roles - JV is taking over from MR as TADG Chair, NJ will be a regional TLM representative on the National TLM group. The TADG was asked to nominate a representative to replace RR on the RTT. The TADG requested a summary of RTT expectations of this representative.</p> <p>ACTION: RTT TOR and summary of role to be forwarded to JV and NJ</p>	HW/AD/ RW
11.	<p>Any other Business & Meeting Date: <u>Tuesday 11 December 2018</u></p> <p>EDTA – no movement on this. NBTC hasn't had any feedback. RR said it was on hold at present, so could come off the agenda and return at a later date.</p> <p>On behalf of the RTC, Howard thanked Rashmi and Leslie for the valuable contribution they had both made to the Committee.</p>	
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