

EAST OF ENGLAND REGIONAL TRANSFUSION TEAM

Minutes of the meeting held at 1.30 pm Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015, at St John's Innovation Centre, Cambridge

Present:

Name	Hospital	Name	Hospital
Jim Bamber <i>JB Chair</i>	Addenbrooke's	Carol Harvey <i>CH</i>	Southend
Donella Arnett <i>DAR</i>	Watford	Debbie Asher <i>DAs</i>	Norfolk & Norwich
Michaela Lewin <i>ML</i>	Papworth	Frances Sear <i>FS</i>	NHSBT
Jane O'Brien <i>JO'B Minutes</i>	NHSBT	Rukhsana Hashmat <i>RH</i>	NHSBT

Apologies:

Dora Foukaneli *DF*

1. **Welcome:** JB welcomed everyone to the meeting and those present agreed that following RTC meetings with the RTT was convenient.
2. **RTT business:**
  - Minutes of last meeting: agreed as accurate
  - RTT membership: Sharon Kaznica and Charlotte Alford have resigned from the RTT and we are very grateful to them for their support over the years of their membership. Gilda Bass, TP at West Suffolk, has agreed to join the RTT, which leaves us with vacancies for a TLM and a Consultant Haematologist.
3. **Regional Platelet Audit:** results of the 2014 re-audit of regional platelet use were presented at this morning's RTC. DF requested that Papworth and Basildon, neither of whom took part, be invited to carry out the audit of 40 cases of platelet transfusion in the near future at a convenient time. This is because these hospitals are cardiac centres and have the second and third highest platelet issues in the region. *Action: JO'B to invite Basildon and Papworth to participate in the platelet re-audit.*
4. **RTC business:**
  - This morning's RTC meeting was predominately concerned with audits and no further action is required by the RTT.
  - De-anonymisation of SHOT reports: some time ago the RTC agreed that open discussion of SHOT data might help identify and assist hospitals in the management of problem areas. It was agreed that we contact hospital CEOs to ask permission to discuss specific hospitals SHOT reports at RTC meetings, but a reference to SHOT de-anonymising the data themselves lead to a delay. However, with the introduction of pathology networks, FS pointed out that we would also need permission from these networks as well as Trusts. It was agreed to discover if de-anonymised SHOT data is or will be available. *Action: JO'B to follow up.*
  - CH reported that Southend had a bomb scare caused by a live hand grenade found in an outpatients clinic which caused the closure of areas including transfusion while a patient was bleeding in theatre. ML said Papworth had a similar incident in the past caused by a fire alarm and that they have now developed a plan to move blood to other areas in the event of the transfusion lab being evacuated. *Action: ML to share plan with CH; CH*

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*and ML to do joint presentation on emergency evacuation of blood banks at a future RTC meeting.*

### • Action plan:

- ❖ CUSUM reports have not been received by the region's hospitals since March 2014. *Action: JB to contact Clive Hyam from BSMS.*
- ❖ Pathology Modernisation: an article by DAs and FS appeared in the January edition of Blood and Transfusion Matters *Action: JO'B to put link to journal in RTC minutes and send hard copy of magazine to JB.*
- ❖ Single unit transfusion: a working party of TPs has been formed and begun development of a regional guideline. It will be further discussed at the forthcoming TADG meeting.
- ❖ ML raised the problem with the new oral anti-coagulants giving false fibrinogen levels. CH gave a presentation on NOACs, by one of her Southend colleagues, to the last TADG meeting which included information on the effect of NOACS on various parameters. *JO'B to circulate presentation to RTT*
- ❖ Competencies: the results of the recent national survey to TPs will be discussed at the March NBTC meeting.
- ❖ Patient consent: it has been accepted that it is too difficult to produce regional guidelines and it was agreed that examples of good practice should be made available for sharing.
- ❖ Twitter: FS asked that any information which would be suitable to be passed on via Twitter be sent to her. JB said he had heard of people doing live Twitter feeds at education events and wondered we should encourage this to widen our profile.
- June RTC meeting: Topics will include: contingency planning for emergency evacuations; treatment of burns patients, NBTC/RTC Chairs report plus we will invite a member from the organ transplant team, following incidents in regional hospitals where blood has been taken but traceability not followed.
- RTC budget: FS reported that, as we have about £1000 remaining in the budget, we are going to purchase 20 more hand held devices for Turning Point. It was agreed that we should inform all speakers at the October education event that we have audience participation software and invite them to make use of it during their presentations.
- FS said she is going to prepare an abstract on the platelet audit to submit as a poster presentation for BBTS and it was agreed to prepare the pre-transfusion Hb audit for submission to a journal. JB said the transfer of blood with patients audit has been submitted for publication.

### 5. Challenges and Successes of PBM:

- JB to invite Dr Fay Gilder to speak on pre-optimisation and assessment of the patient and CH will invite a renal clinician from Southend to speak on renal anaemia and erythropoietin.

### 6. GP Training: FS has contact with GPs who provide training and it was suggested inviting them to join the RTC. JB said rather than that, we should seek their involvement in GP training and ask them what transfusion related topics they think would be of interest.

7. **A.O.B:** DAs asked JB if he would raise the issue of the considerable shortage of trained BMS staff in the region at the NBTC/RTC Chairs meeting, which he agreed to do.

8. **Date & Time of next meeting:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the Cambridge Donor Centre.

**Actions:**

Action	Responsibility	Due date/status
Invite Basildon and Papworth to complete the regional re-audit of platelets	JO'B	Complete. Awaiting response.
Send emergency evacuation plan to JO'B for circulation	ML	
Contact SHOT representatives about de-anonymisation of SHOT reports	JO'B	Complete. See note below
Prepare joint presentation on emergency evacuation of blood banks for June RTC	ML, CH	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
Contact Clive Hyam to ask if CUSUM reports will be re-established.	JB	Complete
Add link to Blood and Transplant Matters article on Pathology Networks to RTC minutes and send in hard copy to JB	JO'B	Complete
Circulate NOAC presentation to RTT	JO'B	Attached with minutes
Invite speakers to C & S PBM	JB, CH	Dr Almond, Consultant Nephrologist at Southend has accepted
Ask GP contacts which topics would be of interest for GP training	FS	

SHOT anonymisation: E-mail response from Dr Paula Bolton-Maggs. Medical Director of SHOT:

"Yes, we agreed some time ago that the data would be deanonymised and the email we sent to **reporters** is shown below last October. Those who are not reporters obviously will not have received this access.

We sought views widely before doing this and it was welcomed."