



South East Coast Regional Transfusion Committee

Region..... South East Coast RTC

Chair: Dr Peter Larcombe

HIGHLIGHT REPORT for NBTC

Date	September 2012 - April 2013
Regional Transfusion Team	<p><u>Consultants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Larcombe (Chair), Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust • Ralph Ezekwesili, Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust • Megan Rowley, NHSBT & Imperial NHS Trust <p><u>Transfusion Laboratory Manager</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Dalton (Deputy Chair), Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust • Malcolm Robinson, Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust • Robert Goddard, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust • Rashmi Rook, Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust <p><u>Transfusion Practitioners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Green, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust • Leslie Delieu, Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust • Ruth O'Donnell, Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust <p><u>NHSBT and Administration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Sandillon, RTC Administrator • Richard Whitmore, Customer Services Manager, NHSBT • Emma Whitmore, Transfusion Liaison Nurse, NHSBT
RTC Membership (including RTC attendance)	<p>At least 4 members from each regional hospital are invited to attend RTC meetings; HTC Chair, Consultant Haematologist responsible for Transfusion, Transfusion Practitioner & Transfusion Lab manager.</p> <p>Our RTC circulation list numbers around 150 contacts and average meeting attendance is 25-30 members. RTC meetings are now held at a central London venue which has proved popular with members, attracting approximately 30 attendees. We will continue to use the London venue for 2013.</p>
Does the RTC have a patient representative?	<p>No current regular patient speaker in the SEC region, although we usually schedule a patient speaker for our full day education events; due to ongoing illness and/or treatment programmes, none of our patient speakers is in a position to commit to regular RTC attendance.</p>
RTC Meetings	<p>2 x RTC meetings per year, both will be held a London Venues</p> <p>5 x RTT meetings per year, 3 as telecons and 2 as face-to-face meetings</p> <p>2 x full day education events in collaboration with TAG & TPG</p>
RTC Working Groups	<p>Current working groups:</p> <p><u>Platelets – Triggers & Increased Usage</u> – A table of platelet indications to has been created & posted on the SEC RTC website and regional hospitals have been encouraged to include it their policies.</p> <p>This group has expanded and continues to review regional usage. A regional survey to gain intelligence and support future actions for this group is planned for May/June 2013</p>

	<p><u>Standardisation of Request Forms</u> –this document has now been presented at the RTC / TADG Education event in January and has been put forward for uploading to the RTC webpage.</p> <p><u>BMS Empowerment Group</u>– A questionnaire to assess regional practices and attitudes has been drafted and will be circulated to the region for completion May/June 2013.</p> <p><u>Informed Consent Action Group</u> – this group have already produced two work pieces and will be undertaking a survey of doctors in May / June to help focus future actions and work pieces needed</p> <p><u>PBM Action Group</u> – proposal will be made at the May RTC meeting that the existing, elected members of the RTT will form a PBM review and action group and that all RTC /RTT and working group outputs will be measured against the PBM KPI's when available.</p> <p>All the working groups are multidisciplinary and representative of all types and specialities of transfusion practice across the SEC Region</p>																																																
Education	<p>Joint TPG/RTC Education Day 8th November 2012 This was held at the Marriot Hotel Maidstone; we had 125 delegates, which was our best turnout to date. The event was well received and very positive feedback was obtained.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>E</td><td>G</td><td>Top Box</td></tr><tr><td>How well did you feel the seminar met your objectives?</td><td>41</td><td>22</td><td>97%</td></tr><tr><td>Overall, you would you rate the conference?</td><td>48</td><td>13</td><td>98%</td></tr><tr><td>How would you rate the venue – facilities, access, food etc?</td><td>50</td><td>15</td><td>95.5%</td></tr><tr><td>How would you rate the administrative arrangements?</td><td>47</td><td>17</td><td>98.5%</td></tr><tr><td>Would you recommend a similar event to a colleague:</td><td colspan="2">64 Yes</td><td>100%</td></tr></table> <p>Joint TADG/RTC Education Day 31st January 2013 Held at the University of Sussex in Brighton, this event had approximately 90 delegates; heavy rain and disrupted transport links prevented some delegates from attending. Feedback, again, was excellent with several speakers achieving a 100% 'excellent – good' rating.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>E</td><td>G</td><td>Top Box</td></tr><tr><td>How well did you feel the seminar met your objectives?</td><td>26</td><td>16</td><td>100%</td></tr><tr><td>Overall, you would you rate the conference?</td><td>30</td><td>12</td><td>100%</td></tr><tr><td>How would you rate the venue – facilities, access, food etc?</td><td>26</td><td>16</td><td>98%</td></tr><tr><td>How would you rate the administrative arrangements?</td><td>32</td><td>12</td><td>100%</td></tr><tr><td>Would you recommend a similar event to a colleague:</td><td colspan="2">40 Yes</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Following very successfully received and attended joint events over the past 2 years we will continue to collaborate with both the TAG & TP Groups for joint education events in 2013/14</p>		E	G	Top Box	How well did you feel the seminar met your objectives?	41	22	97%	Overall, you would you rate the conference?	48	13	98%	How would you rate the venue – facilities, access, food etc?	50	15	95.5%	How would you rate the administrative arrangements?	47	17	98.5%	Would you recommend a similar event to a colleague:	64 Yes		100%		E	G	Top Box	How well did you feel the seminar met your objectives?	26	16	100%	Overall, you would you rate the conference?	30	12	100%	How would you rate the venue – facilities, access, food etc?	26	16	98%	How would you rate the administrative arrangements?	32	12	100%	Would you recommend a similar event to a colleague:	40 Yes		
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Audits/Regional Surveys	<p>All working groups will be undertaking regional surveys in May/June supported by BBT Team Data Analyst and Audit Manager. Results will be used primarily to increase information on regional practices and attitudes and form basis for further actions and outputs.</p>																																																

Website	<p>RTC website regularly reviewed and updated.</p> <p>Requests have been made by both the Transfusion Practitioners Group Chair and the Chair of the South Thames Transfusion Action Group to have abridged versions of minutes and associated papers and presentations made available on the RTC webpage following regional meetings as these are often too big to email with new restricted NHS inbox sizes. It also further encourages a wide audience to read and review them, and to use the RTC WebPages, and continues to support the SEC Carbon footprint and Green awareness campaigns against unnecessary printing of documents.</p>
Planned Activities for next Reporting Period	<p>RTC Meetings 1st May 2013, Westminster Conference Centre; Oct 2013 (date & venue tbc)</p> <p>RTT Meetings by Teleconference 26th June 2013; 4th September 2013; 11th December 2013; Face to face meetings are to be held pre the RTC meetings on 1st May and October (TBC)</p> <p>Education Events 22 November 2013 – Joint TPG/RTC Education Day, Maidstone venue</p> <p>Working Group Meetings Face to face meeting dates for Working Groups are pending and will be supplemented with regular telecons and emails.</p>
Constraints/concerns	<p>Implications of hub & spoke and amalgamated services on numbers available to attend meetings. A number of the region's hospitals have either merged to form a single Trust or have consolidated their services across several sites with the result that 3 or 4 hospitals could be represented at a meeting/event by a single individual. Currently 28% of our hospitals could potentially be represented by only 3 people. In such circumstances, increasing attendance at meetings becomes an uphill struggle.</p>
Administrative support for the RTC	<p>Mary Sandillon, RTC Administrator, works 20 hours a week and is based in Tooting.</p> <p>Emma Whitmore TLN, based at Tooting</p>
Other issues	<p>Continued increases in prices across venues suitable for conferences and education days, and reductions in sponsorship available and appropriate from companies continue to put the RTC budget and event expectations under strain. Introduction and use of NHSBT purchasing (Calders) prevents negotiation of costs on an individual basis, preventing loyalty bookings resulting in reduced prices.</p> <p>Events and RTC costs came to approx £8400 for 2012 / 13</p> <p>RTC budget received was £3312 additional funds raised via sponsorship and booking fees £ 5150.</p>