

Region: .....South West.....  
 Chair: .....Dr Patrick Roberts.....

## HIGHLIGHT REPORT for NBTC

Date	September 2012 – April 2013
<b>Regional Transfusion Team</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultant haematologist as chair person, NHSBT consultant as secretary, chair person of the Transfusion Laboratory Managers group, Customer Service Manager (CSM), Transfusion Liaison Nurse (TLN) x2, representation from the Transfusion Practitioners group and the RTC administrator.</li> <li>RTT has met twice (once via telecon) since previous report in September 2012.</li> </ul>
<b>RTC Membership (including RTC attendance)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from all NHS and private hospitals within the region, patient representative and representatives from NHSBT. CSM and TLNs attend HTC meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Does the RTC have a Patient Representative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – attending RTC and Education sub-group meetings</li> </ul>
<b>RTC Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x RTC meeting (22nd November) with 30+ hospital and community representatives.</li> <li>RTC meets twice per year.</li> </ul>
<b>RTC Working Groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RTC works with the Transfusion Laboratory Managers group and Transfusion Practitioners group, as well as an Educational sub-group with a TLN as chair person.</li> <li>South West Blood Conservation Group formed in 2011. This is not currently an RTC sub-group, but works along-side the RTC and does report at the RTC.</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational sub-group meeting x1.</li> <li>Website educational section regularly reviewed and updated.</li> <li>Rolling programme of educational events in place and regularly reviewed. Recent events include a pre- &amp; peri-operative study day, a Transfusion Practitioners development day, and a midwives study day. The next major event will be an education day for transfusion laboratory staff, planned for early summer.</li> <li>Platelet and O-Neg appropriate use is continually promoted within the region and platelet usage has dropped by 7% compared to 2011/12. All HTC's receive a summary of their blood product use in comparison to similar use hospitals in the region. Of note the SW continues to have lower wastage of rbc's than the national average.</li> <li>Regional roll-out of the Patient Blood Management initiative will commence following the release of national</li> </ul>

	<p>guidance/recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A presentation aimed at community hospital staff / transfusion link nurses on MHRA and blood fridges is now available on the website and a presentation on Transfusion Science has recently been completed.</li> </ul>
<b>Audits/Regional Surveys</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Transfusion Committee Database survey: Conducted annually, with all regional HTC's submitting information on various aspects of transfusion practice (including membership of HTT and sessional commitment; membership of HTC; Training; Policies; Laboratory practice; Blood conservation; Factor VIIa and PCC usage). Individual feedback sent to hospitals with outlying performance and it was agreed at the November 2012 RTC meeting to include outlying O-Neg use. 2013 survey will be launched following the May RTC meeting. Continued promotion of participation in and undertaking of audits. A regional survey on the use of iv iron is being planned.</li> <li>• Recommendations from the regional O-Neg survey presented and discussed at the November 2012 RTC and an article has recently been submitted to Transfusion Medicine.</li> <li>• Results from the use of platelets survey were presented at the November 2012 RTC meeting and a poster is to be presented at the BBTS annual conference in October 2013.</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home page used for regional news and events updated monthly.</li> <li>• Education, business, and calendar sections updated as required.</li> <li>• Continued development of the "Policies" area of the website to incorporate policy/guideline templates for hospitals to adapt for their own use.</li> <li>• Duties of a Trust-wide transfusion lead document and guidance for minimising paediatric blood sampling posted on the RTC website.</li> </ul>
<b>Planned Activities for next Reporting Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planned study days as highlighted in education section.</li> <li>• Planned survey of use of iv iron as stated in audit/survey section</li> <li>• Presentation of available recent national/regional audit results at next RTC meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Administrative support for the RTC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RTC administrator since April 2009.</li> </ul>
<b>Other issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Thompson, TLN based at Plymouth, retires at the end of May. SWRTC would like to extend it's thanks for all his valuable hard work. The post is to be re-appointed to.</li> <li>• The chair of the SWRTC is to be handed over at the next RTC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May to Dr Sarah Allford, Consultant Haematologist at Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust.</li> </ul>