

# UK Red Alert Plans Group Meeting

Wednesday, 22 May 2024 (15:00 – 16:00) via MS Teams

## FINAL MINUTES

### Attended

- Fateha Chowdhury (NHSBT) (FC) – Chair
- Allameddine Allameddine, Medical Director (NIBTS) (AA)
- Elisabeth Davies, Clinical Scientist (WBS) (ED)
- Katie Hands, Associate Medical Director (SNBTS) (KH)
- Kathryn Maguire, Consultant in Transfusion Medicine (NIBTS) (KM)
- Indu Thakur, Blood Health Team Consultant (WBS) (IT)
- Sue Katic (NHSBT) (SK) – Minutes

### Apologies

- Lise Estcourt (NHSBT) (LE)
- Edwin Massey (WBS) (EM)
- Mike Murphy (NHSBT) (MM)

### Minutes

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#### Welcome/Apologies

FC - no feedback received regarding minutes of previous meeting on 6 March 2024 - accepted as final.

FC welcomed

- Dr A Allameddine, Medical Director, Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service
- Dr E Davies, Clinical Scientist, Welsh Blood Service (deputising for Edwin Massey)
- Dr I Thakur, Blood Health Team Consultant, Welsh Blood Service (deputising for Edwin Massey) attending first meeting:

#### Actions from meeting on 29.11.2023:

Comments had been received for the TOR which FC will incorporate. Asked if IT and ED could look at the TOR, to send feedback within a week.

AA felt that the group need to have the power or ownership to make a decision and be able to take action on what is discussed in this group - include in TORs. IT said that in Wales they are governed by the Blood Health, National Oversight Group which has been relatively successful. Could supply data to show this if it would be helpful.

FC - This group reports to the UK Forum and asked whether there was anyone else that group should be reporting to.

FC goes to the EPRR CRG meeting, that is a good route as they can reach out to Major Trauma Centres who would forward on information.

It was decided to leave representation on this group as it is for now and review again in future.

**Action: SK to send TORs to IT and ED for their comment, send comments to FC within one week.**

<p>2</p>	<p><b>Stock update</b></p> <p><b><u>England Update:</u></b>  England still in Pre-Amber for Group A negative platelets, Group O negative and B negative. With regards to A negative platelets, just after the early May Bank holiday, there was a possibility of going into Amber but this was averted. Some concerns for the late May Bank Holiday, Blood Supply Group looking at this.</p> <p><b><u>Northern Ireland Update:</u></b>  Northern Ireland blood stocks have been reasonably stable, although with occasional slight drop off as usual on O Negative red cells. Platelets also stable.</p> <p><b><u>Wales Update:</u></b>  Welsh stocks are pretty healthy. There is an internal trigger on O Positive, so moved to using O Positive for older males in an unknown situation in the MHP which has actually tilted the balance. The bank holiday could cause issues but so far so good. Had a planning meeting today (22 May) which is trying to build up resilience so no concerns about stocks at the moment.</p> <p><b><u>Scotland Update:</u></b>  Scotland have been struggling over the last two weeks with donor responsiveness, not managing to fill sessions. Recently went into Pre-Amber for O Positive and O Negative. Imported around 100 units of O Positive from NHSBT. Again on 20 May Group A Positive was down at 2.3 days stock so again reached out to NHSBT. Situation is not helped by Bank Holidays, football championships and the like. The donor marketing team are doing all they can to get donors in to donate.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p><b>NBTC blood indications app</b></p> <p>FC has been in contact with Anne Davidson and has initial approval from NHSBT to update the App. HMA were the developers, there is a scoping meeting arranged with them on 6 June. This is to add in information on going into Pre-Amber and Amber for each of the UK regions. The paediatric guidelines are being updated so there may be some changes there as well.</p> <p>Following on from this meeting and any updates to the App, FC will organise a Working Group to test what has been developed. FC asked the group if they would be interested in being involved.</p> <p><b><i>Action: FC will send out an invite for a meeting once App development completed.</i></b></p> <p>AA said there is a haemovigilance nurse from NIBTS who is happy to be involved, Denise McKeown. He also asked if it would be useful to have someone from NIBTS operational/clinical side, someone who would know whether in a different phase to Green. FC said that this would be very useful.</p> <p><b><i>Post meeting – FC and Anne Davidson had meeting with HMA developer, following this slides from that meeting sent with minutes – feedback from group needed – slide 3 highlighted in yellow</i></b></p>

<b>4</b>	<b>AOB</b>  England have had problems with AB plasma being used for unknown patients, approx. 20 hospitals contacted and requested to move over to group A plasma, with a really good response; the major trauma system have supported this. 80/90% of Group A plasma is high titre tested so clinical risk is minimal. FC asked whether other regions had similar issues?  Discussion followed:  KM: NIBTS have very little AB plasma – hospital Trusts are not aware that some high titre testing is done and the trauma centre would hold on to Group A FFP but not high titre negative. NIBTS reviewing high titre testing at the moment and reviewing the policy.
<b>5</b>	<b>Next meeting:</b> Wednesday, 4 September 2024 at 2pm <i>Post meeting note: revised meeting invite circulated.</i>