

**Unconfirmed Minutes of Regional Transfusion Committee Audit Group
Monday 14 January 2013
Room G034, Corporate Service Centre
New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton**

Present:

Mike Herbert	(MH)	RTC Audit Chair, The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust
Dr Charles Baker	(CB)	University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust
Dr Craig Taylor	(CT)	RTC Chair, Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust
Caroline Tuckwell	(CMT)	Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust
Andrea Harris	(AH)	NHS Blood and Transplant
Suzy Biggs	(SB)	NHS Blood and Transplant

Apologies:

Brian Hockley.

1. Welcome and Apologies

MH welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes and matters arising from Audit Group Meeting – 17 October 2012

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Regional Cell Salvage Data Collection

AH confirmed the consultation period was ending and an update would follow after this time.

Action: AH to update the group further when results have been collated.

4. O Neg Survey

MH will email a draft O Neg report to the group by Friday 18 January 2013 for their comments.

Action: MH to email report to audit group by Friday 18 January 2013.

Action: Group to feedback comments.

5. Regional Pre-Op Assessment

This survey questionnaire was discussed and further changes were suggested as follows:-

Q.3) Please add in - who are patients 'initially' assessed by? If more than one is ticked, please give details.

Q.7) should read if you've got 'hospital wide as opposed to trust wide specific', add hospital wide policy to wording ie. if not trustwide, do have a policy? Yes/no.

Q.8) further comments for each and tick box to be added for 'partially'.

Q.9) Add in question - If yes, what treatments may be considered? Oral/Iron/Transfusion – please tick all that apply.

Q.11) Please change typo to MCV. If yes, IV iron/blood tx/other –please state details.

Q.12) Please delete.

Q.13) This becomes Q.12). Include surgeon, anaesthetists, GP etc.

Q.14) Please add in - routinely how long in uncomplicated patients.

Q.15) In a patient with known or likely ongoing blood loss, (eg. GI cancer) would you give routine iron? If yes, No, N/A. IV Iron?

Action: CMT to update Part 1 and 2 by Friday 18 January and email to group for final comments.

Action: AH to draw up a draft letter with full explanation, including [http link to guidelines](#).

6. Regional Platelet Audit - Where Do Platelets Go?

CMT and CT had a meeting to discuss this in depth and have compiled a number of comments.

Action: CMT will email CT and CMT comments by Friday 18 January 2013.

This will then be discussed in detail at next Audit Group meeting.

7. Future Plans

Key issues discussed:

- Length of time from data collection to report – too long.
- Executive summary – separate summary needed.
- The regional slideshow is the most useful as able to compare against like for like hospitals.
- In the national report – a breakdown of hospitals by size may be useful.

The group discussed the National Comparative Audits.

Action: CMT to ask colleagues in Newcastle about their thoughts and report back.

Action: AH will pass comments onto NCA.

A few future suggestions were made as follows:-

- Post operative transfusion audit.
- General surgery.
- Massive bleeds.
- The journey of blood (from lab to clinical area) - what checks are made, where it goes, how long it takes, etc.

All the above topics to be discussed at the next joint TP/BBM meeting on 15 March 2013 at New Street, Birmingham.

8. Any Other Business

The Group took the opportunity to discuss the next RTC meeting in July 2013. It was suggested that the following topics should be included:

SHOT Reporting

This should be a topic for discussion at the RTC Workshop on 15 July 2013 in Warwickshire.

HTC Attendance

Topic to be discussed at next RTC in July as to how we can persuade people to attend.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date: Monday 25 March –2.00-4.30 pm. Room 034 - Corporate Services Building, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton.