

**The Chief Medical Officer's
National Blood Transfusion Committee**

REGION: WEST MIDLANDS
Chair: Dr Craig Taylor

| HIGHLIGHT REPORT FOR NBTC | |
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| Date | October 2011 – March 2012 |
| Regional Transfusion Team | <p>The RTT has met 2 times since previous report - November 2011 and January 2012. RTT Members are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Craig Taylor – RTC Chair • Dr Charles Baker – RTC Deputy Chair • Mary Hutchinson/Jayne Evans – Transfusion Practitioner Representative • Paul Turner/James Taylor – Transfusion Laboratory Manager Representative • Mike Herbert – Regional Audit Group chair • Dr Heidi Doughty – NHSBT Consultant Haematologist • Andrea Harris – NHSBT Better Blood Transfusion Regional Lead • Craig Wilkes – NHSBT Customer Service Manager • Lorna Purkiss - RTC administrator |
| RTC Membership (Including RTC Attendance) | <p>RTC Membership includes RTT, Consultant Haematologists, Consultant Anaesthetists, Consultant Obstetrician, Consultant Urologist, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and a representative from the SHA.</p> <p>Primarily HTC chairs are invited to attend meetings, or a deputy.</p> <p>June 2011: 21 attendees (12/19 Trusts represented) Nov 2011: 25 attendees (14/19 Trusts represented)</p> <p>In total, during 2011, 17/19 Trusts represented (one Trust not represented is an indirect customer). No independent hospitals were in attendance.</p> |
| Does the RTC have a patient representative? | No – there used to be, but she stood down. The RTT are currently looking at recruiting another patient representative. |

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| <p>RTC Meetings</p> | <p>The RTC Business Meeting was held in November and the main areas of discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional TP and TLM reports • Audit (Regional and National) • O RhD Negative Red Cell Usage • Platelet issues • BSMS wastage data • Regional conferences and education • RTC Work Plan and Objectives |
| <p>RTC Working Groups</p> | <p>The RTT meets at least three times a year (usually via telecon).</p> <p>The Audit Group met in November 2011 with a new chairperson. Dr Craig Taylor has stepped down as the Audit Group chair and Mike Herbert (Transfusion Laboratory Manager) has now taken over the role.</p> <p>The Transfusion Practitioner (TP) Group meet 4 times a year.</p> <p>The Transfusion Laboratory Managers meet 3 times a year.</p> <p>A regional cell salvage group met 3 times during 2011 – but in future plan to meet 2 times a year.</p> |
| <p>Education</p> | <p>A sub-group is looking at the content of a West Midlands Deanery On-line Training Package for blood transfusion.</p> <p>Conferences:</p> <p><u>The Journey of Blood:</u> Conference organised by the West Midlands Regional TP Group on Thursday 22nd September 2011. Key themes included NHSBT donation, future threats to supply, the laboratory perspective, SHOT, consent and patient information, overview of transfusion alternatives, case studies and appropriate use of blood components. It was attended by 112 delegates, including nursing staff, laboratory staff and midwives.</p> <p><u>Transfusion Today:</u> Conference organised by the RTT on Wednesday 23rd November 2011. Key themes included SHOT, NCA, SaBTO Consent for Transfusion, Transfusion Reactions, ITS, Blood Component supply and demand / where does blood go, Guidelines for transfusion. It was attended by 101 delegates including anaesthetists, surgeons, TPs, laboratory staff and a number of colleagues from the military.</p> |
| <p>Audits/Regional Surveys</p> | <p>The regional cell salvage group reported on a regional cell salvage survey Jan 2012.</p> <p>There are plans for a follow on audit of cell salvage practice.</p> |

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| | <p>The Audit Group reconvened in November 2011 with a new chairperson. Plans for 2012 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O RhD neg red cell survey (emergency units) • Pre-op assessment survey • Audit of red blood cell transfusions |
| Website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home page used for regional news and forthcoming events. • Education, business and calendar sections updated as required. • Minutes of RTC and RTT published |
| Planned Activities for next Reporting Period | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTC Workshop focusing on O RhD neg red cells and platelets - Friday 29th June 2012 – followed by RTC Business Meeting • TP conference September 2012 • RTC conference and business meeting November 2012 • Regional Cell Salvage group meetings May and November • Hospital Transfusion Practitioners Meetings – March and December. There will be a National TP Conference June 2012 in Birmingham. • Transfusion Laboratory Managers Meetings – March, July and November. • Plans for a joint TP and TLM meeting October 2012. • Audits and surveys (as above) |
| Other Issues | <p>In addition to the RTC budget (£4208) – the RTC secured an additional £2550 sponsorship for the regional conferences – this sponsorship supplemented that RTC budget and allowed free registration to conference delegates.</p> |
| Administrative Support for the RTC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTC Administrator in post since May 2009 |