

West Midland Region Hospital Transfusion Practitioners Focus Group



**NHS Blood and Transplant Donor Centre
65 New Street, Birmingham
Friday 19th October 2012
Minutes**

Attendees

Mary Hutchinson – Chair, University Hospital Birmingham (Queen Elizabeth)
Andrea Harris – Secretary, NHS Blood and Transplant
Suzy Biggs – RTC Administrator, NHS Blood and Transplant
Michelle Budd – University Hospital Birmingham (Queen Elizabeth)
Gill Godding – Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Antoinette Turner – George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust
Angela Sherwood – University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust
Mandeep Dhanda – Walsall Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Sara Strawford – SPIRE Little Aston Hospital
Caroline Tuckwell – The Dudley Group Of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apologies

Alex Radford – Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital
Pamela Irving – Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust
Maxine Boyd – The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust
Tracy Clarke – Wye Valley NHS Foundation Trust
Jayne Khorsandi – Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
Janine Beddow – University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust
James Taylor – Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
Angela Salmon – University Hospital of North Staffordshire
Jill Turner – Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Linda Russell - University Hospital of North Staffordshire
Elizabeth Concannon – Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
Ray George – Birmingham Women's NHS Foundation Trust
Sarah Haley – South Warwickshire General Hospital NHS Trust
Karen Cooper – Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust
Sarah Robinson – Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust
Louise Rogers – University Hospital Birmingham (Queen Elizabeth)
Sarah Cross – Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Minutes and actions arising from 2nd March 2012

West Mercia Guidelines

Andrea confirmed that these had been discussed at the RTC meeting in June and it was agreed that the blood administration guidelines should be removed.

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

All actions complete.

Review of September TP Conference “The Anaemic Patient – Can we Improve Our Practice?”

AH said 63 evaluation sheets had been completed and a presentation was given to show the comments attendees had made. This would greatly assist for booking and arranging future venues.

A new TP Working group needs to be formed and the meeting thanked the following people who volunteered. Mary Hutchinson, Caroline Tuckwell, Mandeep Dhanda and Antoinette Turner.

The group agreed our next TP Conference should be held May 2013 at Walsall Manor Hospital. The team agreed after much debate that it would be “ETM – Emergency Transfusion Medicine”. This would appeal to a wide audience. It was agreed that the military ought to be involved as previous presentations had gone down well.

Also, possibly include a picture quiz during coffee/lunch with pictures on the wall. It was also suggested to consider CPD points.

Action:

AH/SB to organise a Conference Organising Committee Meeting

Regional and National Updates

Regional Transfusion Committee Update:

Regional Conferences

Update given by AH.

RTC Conference

Wednesday 21st November 2012 at Charles Hastings Education Centre, Worcester Royal Hospital, Worcester, with the Business Meeting in the afternoon.

Action:

The TPs agreed to circulate the above

Regional Shared Care Document

An RTC shared care document is being developed using the documentation that has previously been developed by London and East of England RTCs. It is one sheet to be completed and sent electronically (rather than fax) but it needs to be a group NHS.net email address.

Action:

All to discuss email address with HTT's and send to AH

Regional Cell Salvage Group

Next meeting is 28th January. A Regional Cell Salvage data collection project is in progress.

Regional Audit Group Update

CMT gave an overview of planned regional audits / surveys:

- O Neg Survey - to be sent to Transfusion Laboratory Managers and would consist of one sheet of A4 paper.
- Pre-Op Survey – planned to start beginning of November. It is one survey per hospital. It will be sent to TPs who can then forward it on to pre-op leads. Returns will be due before Christmas.

- Platelet Audit – Regional Audit Update - This is in its early stages and more for TLMs/laboratory to complete. Looking at the use and wastage – where it went and why, it's appropriate use. Aim for early spring 2013, but needs to consider National Comparative Audits.

Patient Blood Management

A joint DH, NBTC and NHSBT meeting was held in London in June. The RTC Chair Craig Taylor had attended on our behalf. This meeting drew on the previous BBT Health Service Circulars. A paper is due later this year which is likely to have recommendations and key performance indicators for hospitals.

Action:

AH will keep the group informed

NHSBT Update

Many thanks went to Filton and other NHSBT staff that did a great job dealing with the recent flood incident.

Pooled Granulocyte Component

A letter was recently sent by email from NHSBT to TPs, BMMs and HTC chairs. Several of the members had not received this and would like it sent again please.

Action:

AH to investigate and resend email again

Better Blood Transfusion Platelet App.

AH informed the group of a newly developed platelet app available from NHSBT.

BBTS National TP Group

Plans for NTP 2013 Conference will be a joint 2 day BBTS HoT Sig and TP Conference in Birmingham. Information to follow at a later date.

BBTS Mollinsons Award

Next year the BBTS ASM will be held at the ICC in Birmingham. The BBTS have developed a new award which will be launched next year – the Mollinson Award. This will be awarded for advances and improvements in clinical practice, and therefore TPs can apply.

Action: AH to forward the details.

Regional Transfusion Laboratory Managers Update:

James unable to attend today. The next meeting to take place on 15th November 2012 at Birmingham New Street.

Consent for Transfusion – regional survey results and share ideas

AH gave an overview of the results of the regional survey for consent, for transfusion. This survey showed that most respondents were implementing consent for transfusion, but with various amounts of support, and using various types of demonstration. Further progress to be discussed at next meeting.

Framework for TP Development

AH explained how the framework for TP Development had been developed to help TP's look at their job role and explore how to progress leadership skills.

The Newcastle Transfusion Course

CMT is an attendee and the aim is to give a broad knowledge of transfusion processes. It runs from Sept-July, one day a month held in Newcastle. The course cost is £400 which includes course packs/papers/speakers/lunch, but not travel or accommodation. It runs every other year and is over subscribed as it's only available in Newcastle and this is the biggest problem with it.

AH confirmed that she had had discussed the potential for NHSBT to hold similar courses in other parts of the country with her manager Rebecca Gerrard but nothing yet agreed. Alison White from Newcastle is happy for it to be replicated. However, the group agreed it would give it more kudos if it was accredited.

Action:

CMT said she would be happy to assist anyone with more information who was interested

Pathology Harmony

Important changes are afoot from 31st March 2013 where Hb measurement should be expressed as g/litre rather than g/dl. The BCSH have discussed these changes and plan to include in future BCSH guidelines. Further information can be gathered from:-

www.pathologyharmony.co.uk

NMC Fitness to Practice/Disciplinary Process

AH gave a brief presentation looking at the NMC disciplinary process – including a case study of a recent disciplinary hearing involving Blood Transfusion.

Action:

AH to circulate presentation

Date of next meeting:

Hospital Transfusion Practitioners Focus Group – Monday 10th December 2012 – 9.30-12.30 pm, At NHS Blood and Transplant Centre Donor Centre, New Street, Birmingham

Joint TP/TLM meeting:

Planned for Friday 15th March 2013.

Any Other Business

AH asked if somebody could forward a copy of the up to date Job Description for TP role for Mark Adams at Burton.

Action:

CMT will do this

GG invited members to a Jehovah Witness Convention on 9th January 2013 at Worcester called "Teaching Granny to Suck Eggs".