

West Midland Region Hospital Transfusion Practitioners Focus Group



NHS Blood and Transplant Donor Centre
65 New Street, Birmingham
Friday 28th June 2013
Minutes

Attendees

Suzy Biggs – RTC Administrator, NHS Blood and Transplant
Michelle Budd – University Hospital Birmingham (Queen Elizabeth)
Maxine Boyd – The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust
Karen Cooper – Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust
Mandeep Dhanda – Walsall Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Jayne Evans – Chair - City and Sandwell Hospital
Gill Godding – Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Sarah Haley – South Warwickshire General Hospital NHS Trust
Andrea Harris – Secretary PBM Regional Lead NHS Blood and Transplant
Pam Irving – Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust
Clare Pedley – Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Michelle Reeves - City and Sandwell Hospital
Sarah Robinson – Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust
Antoinette Turner – George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust
Madeline Wheeler – The Dudley Group Of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apologies

Janine Beddow – University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust
Tracy Clarke – Wye Valley NHS Foundation Trust
Mary Hutchinson – Vice Chair, University Hospital Birmingham (Queen Elizabeth)
Jayne Khorsandi – Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
Alex Radford – Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital
Angela Salmon – University Hospital of North Staffordshire
Angela Sherwood – University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust
Sara Strawford – SPIRE Little Aston Hospital
Jill Turner – Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Caroline Tuckwell – The Dudley Group Of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Minutes and actions arising from meeting 15th March 2013

O neg: CMT had produced a poster with highlighting key points to help bring O neg down. Madeline Wheeler (MW) has replaced CMT whilst she is on maternity leave and will ask CMT to pass documents/posters to her.

Action: MB to ask CMT and then distribute to TPs

Feedback from Joint TP/TLM – Meeting 15th March 2013

Some comments were as follows:-

- Too lab focussed
- Too long winded for certain agenda items
- It felt like “TPs were less equal to TLMs”
- Group thought it was good idea to have another joint meeting but make it more structured

- Would like more time during individual group sessions – ie. 2 hours minimum, or a whole morning and a joint meeting in the afternoon
- Preferred option was once a year with next meeting in March 2014 in Birmingham New Street
- AH reported on key findings from delegate feedback.

Action: AH/SB to feedback to JT

Feedback from 20th May 2013 – TP Conference

Some comments as follows:-

- It was thought this was “one of the best so far” and would be hard to follow
- Good venue
- Good parking and facilities
- Food ran out of portions of salad and garlic bread. TP conference committee were not aware of this cut off time so no feedback given to contractors on the day. As pasta was being served why not do the same with the salad and bread?
- Queues were very long for the food - but there were a lot of delegates.
- **Action: MD to feedback to catering contractor**
- KC wanted to get hold of the video that Dr Keith Clayton of UHCW used on 20th May 2013 as a training aid for BMSs so if anybody has a copy, or can access it on U Tube, please email it to her.

Action: SB to email Keith Clayton's U-tube link to KCooper

TP Conference in May 2014

Some comments as follows:-

- It was agreed to host another conference in May 2014
- Venue ideas to be discussed – Walsall was put forward again
- George Eliot was also offered
- The Post-Graduate Medical Centre at QEH has been renovated – SB to contact?
- A different organising committee should be established so that new and fresh ideas are delivered. This would consist of 2 or 3 meetings face to face and also by telecon:-
 - 1) is a brainstorming exercise to establish the audience and a loosely based title/programme;
 - 2) is to establish titles, times, name of speakers; and
 - 3) to finalise speakers and catering arrangements.
- It was suggested targeting ‘midwives’ this time
- Include Anti D / Anti bodies / neo-natal ?
- Dr Mark Porter could be a presenter again – Cell Salvage in obstetrics.

Action: AH/SB to email TPs to ask for volunteers’ and venues’

NBTC

PBM –Draft recommendations and KPIs have been sent to the DoH and are not due back until the end of the year. After its release it is planned to do a national audit sometime in 2014.

Patient Information Leaflets’

3 new leaflets’ are available to order:-

- Will I need a blood transfusion (revised version)
- Will I need a Platelet Transfusion
- Retro-specific information sheet - information after receiving an unexpected transfusion.

One TP had said that they were only allowed to order a minimum of 500 leaflets each time.

Action: AH will enquire why there is a restriction on numbers

NICE – they are meeting to discuss their planned transfusion guidelines later in July 2013.

RCN –a leaflet “Right Blood, Right Patient, Right Time” has been updated and is available to download online. Click on link below:-

http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/78615/002306.pdf

NCA – Consent audit - are recruiting for pilot sites - one per region – if anybody wants to get involved please let AH/SB know. AT has agreed to take part and will update the group at the next meeting.

Action: AT to update TPs in September 2013

Pre-op Survey – All agreed that it was quite difficult to secure the ‘correct contact’ when seeking to get this audit completed, particularly the larger hospitals with various pre-op sites/clinics. AH suggested issuing a Survey Monkey with 3 questions asking for feedback about this.

Action: AH/SB to complete Survey Monkey

Mike Herbert is due to finalise this with a couple of paragraphs which he will do as soon as he returns from holiday at end of June 2013.

Platelet Audit – this will be split into specialities. TPs thought it should either be capped to a maximum number of cases or restrict accordingly over a period of time, ie. one month.

AH said for TPs to let AH/SB know about audit issues so that we can feedback.

Action: TPs to feedback any audit issues to AH/SB

Wrong Blood In Tube (WBIT) – AH confirmed that the FTT has asked for a regional group to look at what different hospitals do and what actions they take, when they spot WBIT. Possibly conduct a quick Survey Monkey – to find out what disparities exist so that recommendations can be drawn up and shared. A small initial group of – 2 TPs and 2 TLMs are needed to develop the Survey Monkey. SB will email TPs asking for volunteers.

Action: SB to email TPs asking for volunteers for WBIT Survey Monkey

Nursing Authorisation – This is a 4 day NHSBT course that has been piloted in Manchester and Janine Beddow has requested a West Midlands event, offering the use of Clinical Medical Centre at UHCW, Walsgrave from Monday 4th to Thursday 7th November 2013. It supports nurses and midwives. Ruth Evans (NHSBT) will be running the course but If you want to discuss this please contact Andrea Harris.

Action: AH to advertise as soon as full details available

Shared Care – Email list – The Shared Care document has been successfully piloted in UHB and Heartlands, and it is planned to fully launch regionally in the next couple of months. Some email addresses remain outstanding.

Action: AH/SB to email TPs for final chase up

Matt Livvy – CSL Behring – made a presentation to the group. The group thanked him for his presentation and for sponsoring the lunch.

NPSA Competencies – The TPs discussed in detail the need to feedback to the chair of the Working Group Craig Taylor, that these had now become much worse than originally and are in a more unworkable state than before. They have been made longer and more complex and would not improve patient safety.

Action: JE to draft letter/email to be sent to CT

BCSH / 2 Sample requirements – TPs discussed and agreed that these procedures were now being followed.

NHSBT Blood Packs – this was discussed and the TPs said some had initially experienced some problems but all had been sorted out now.

Hospital Transfusion Request Forms – MB is emailing SB with MH's form which had been extremely successful. It was suggested that this could be a standardised form for all hospitals to use and that TLMs could assist with its acceptance and usage. It could then be brought forward to the Joint TP/TLM meeting next March 2014 as an agenda item for discussion.

Action: SB to add this onto the agenda for September

NBTC National Indicator Codes – An Audit Tool – KC reported to the group that the NBTC had completely changed these without prior warning. KC will draft up a 'response from the TP group to be put in JE's name.

Action: KC to email JE a draft response

Transfusion Newsletters – none were brought to the TP group as requested, however, JE has a couple of old examples that she will email to AH/SB.

Action: JE to email newsletters to AH/SB

Future Meeting Dates:

Monday 9 th September 2013	(TP meeting)
Monday 9 th December 2013	(TP meeting)
March 2014	(Joint TP/TLM meeting)

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