

**Confirmed Minutes of Regional Transfusion Team (RTT)
Telecon Meeting
Friday 14 August 2015**

Present:

Dr Chris Newson	(CN)	RTC Chair, Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust
Dr Craig Taylor	(CT)	RTC Vice-Chair, Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust
Suzy Biggs	(SB)	NHS Blood and Transplant
Jayne Evans	(JE)	Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust
Andrea Harris	(AH)	NHS Blood and Transplant
Mary Hitchinson	(MH)	University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Suzy Morton	(SM)	University Hospital Birmingham/NHS Blood and Transplant
Craig Wilkes	(CW)	NHS Blood and Transplant

Apologies:

Dr Charles Baker	(CB)	Royal Stoke University Hospital NHS Trust
Mike Herbert	(MHe)	The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

1. Welcome and Apologies

The RTC Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received as above. The telecon was attended by Suzy Morton, in her capacity as new joint Consultant Haematologist.

2. Minutes and Actions from RTT Telecon Meeting – Thur 11 June 2015

RTT Telecon minutes were accepted as a true record.

Actions:

Patient Representative – CN was at an impasse with this and will hold in abeyance for time being.

Attendance at Meetings – SB will continue to log attendance at meetings on an ongoing basis.

West Midlands Trauma Network Group (WMTNG) – No further feedback has been received following the WMTNG audit. Suzy Morton will take on this RTC link into the group, after she joins.

All other actions completed or on the agenda.

3. RTC Workshop and Business Meeting – Thur 18 June 2015

Unconfirmed minutes received – no changes requested. AH circulated a workshop reportage, and the group need to feedback their comments to AH/SB by Fri 21 Aug. Following this, they will be posted on the RTC website.

Action: All

Delegate feedback reviewed – we will need to review RTC business meeting again, when we plan the agenda for the next business meeting.

4. TP Conference – “How Do We Solve A Problem Like Anaemia”? – Mon 13 July 2015

This had been a successful day and 121 attendees and the speaker presentations will be uploaded onto the RTC website as agreed by the speakers.

Action: SB

5. RTC Audit Group Update

The next meeting of the RTC Audit Group is on Mon 30 Sept 2015.

WBIT – data analysis is in progress – AH is writing the report with Brian Hockley.

Out of Hours Clinical Transfusion - planned after summer holidays 2015.

Albumin – suggested after recent albumin shortages - MHe is keen to take this forward, but AH has not had confirmation from him.

The RTT suggested that the regional should also put on an IV Iron Survey. This should be a short quick survey – ie “where we are and what challenges we face”. Aim to have the results ready for feedback on 5 Nov and see whether the RTC can provide additional support.

Action: CT/AH

6. RTC Conference and Business Meeting – Thur 5 November 2015

RTC Conference - will be held at the University Birmingham Queen Elizabeth Hospital – Postgraduate Centre (conference timings will be circa 09:45 – 15:30).

RTC Business Meeting will follow the workshop (timings circa 15:30 – 17:00).

Agenda title will be “The challenges of evidence based transfusion”. Suggested topics for presentation included:-

- New guidelines – how to implement
- Massive haemorrhage research and guidelines
- BCSH guidelines
- Summaries of recent research
- How to implement research and guidelines locally

AH will draft a programme and email it to the RTT for comments.

Action: AH

Business meeting agenda to be discussed at the next telecon.

Action: SB

7. RTC Chair / Succession Planning

CN had spoken to Dr Sunil Bhudia, Cardiac Consultant at UHCW who was extremely interested in taking on the role of Vice Chair then Chair when it becomes available in 2016. CN will email the RTC region to see if any other interest is received.

Action: CN

8. RTC Objectives – 2014/15

These were previously agreed by the RTC in June. AH has added an extra action point around RBC wastages (as agreed at the RTC).

9. AOB

Shared care for non transplant patients – The regional shared care document currently is only used for transplant patients. There are many other patients who receive shared care eg. sickle cell with history of hyper-haemolysis and antibodies, and Craig Taylor asked if we can explore expanding our shared care initiatives. It was agreed that this needs to go via the Regional Lab Manager Group and Mike Herbert to take forward to meeting in Dec.

Action: MH

Research PBM Articles/Journal papers online – Matthew Lumley has suggested we could use the RTC website as a repository for transfusion related journal articles. Concerns were expressed how this would be managed and kept up to date. Suzy Morton suggested having “links” from webpage to the Transfusion Evidence Library on the JPAC website.

Action: AH

TP Chair/Vice Chair – AH said that Jayne Evans’ TP group Chair and Mary Hitchinson – TP group Vice Chair – were coming to the end of their roles and will be handing over at the next meeting on Mon 14 Sept 2015, to Angela Sherwood, (Chair) UHCW and Jayne Khorsandi – Vice Chair (HEFT). The group thanked them both for their contributions over the years. Maxine Boyd (WNX) would become Vice Chair in waiting.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

Action: SB