

Yorkshire & The Humber Regional Transfusion Committee

Confirmed Minutes of Regional Transfusion Team Meeting (Y&H - RTT)

Thursday 3rd July 2014 11:00 – 12:00

The Green Room, The White Rose Centre Doncaster Royal Infirmary

Present :

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| • Youssef Sorour | YS | Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust |
| • Ruth Harding | RH | Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust |
| • Robert Elshaw | RE | Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust |
| • Gary Steel | GS | The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust |
| • Anne Davidson | AD | NHSBT |
| • Odette Colgrave | OC | NHSBT |
| • Simon Davies | SD | York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust |

Apologies:

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| • Kathryn Griffith | KG | GP Unity Health, York |
| • Marina Karakantza | MK | NHSBT / Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust |
| • David Gibson | DG | Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust |
| • Caryn Van Der Riet | CR | Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust |

1. Welcome & Apologies

YS welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received and noted. Dr Simon Davies, Consultant Anaesthetist – York, has taken over from Sue Smith and introductions were made around the table.

2. Minutes of the last RTT Meeting held on 6th November 2013 and matters arising

P4 - last sentence, change transplant to renal and remove Ian Stott's name. Otherwise the circulated Minutes (Paper 1) were accepted as a true record and will be placed on the website as "Confirmed".

3. Y&H RTC Budget

3.1 Report and review of commitments (*Paper 2*)

OC went through budget report and confirmed that we have already spent in the first quarter 50% of the budget. Other expenditure this year will be RTC meetings x 2 along with the annual symposium in October 2014. We need to rely upon income from sponsors to support this event. Sponsorship is getting increasingly difficult as we have sent ten invitations to companies and we have not received any replies. If anyone has any contacts or suggestions please contact us.

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Suggestion for OC to contact Haemonetics and MSoft. OC to circulate the list of sponsors to RTT group and add any further suggestions.

The group agreed that the cross word competition worked well and this will be included at the next event to encourage delegates to visit the exhibitors.

AD suggested that delegates could pay a cheque in advance and if they turn up the cheque is returned via their pack on the day. If they don't turn up then their cheque is cashed. The group agreed that this would be too difficult to manage.

We are also considering holding another Nurse Authorisation event and this cannot be held at the Leeds Blood Centre therefore we will need to consider the cost of running this. The White Rose Centre is being considered and the smaller Red Room will cost £50.00 and the Green Room £120.00.

4. Regional Educational Activities

4.1 Educational Activities

- 30.04.2014 Tiny Transfusions – Feedback

The feedback was excellent and again was a successful event.



Summary of
Evaluations

- Nurse Authorisation

The group discuss a possible venue with a view that the Leeds Blood Centre can no longer be used. The White Rose Centre could be a possibility as easy access for speakers to attend, although it was mentioned that the RTC can reimburse speakers expenses if necessary but this year's budget is very limited.

There are plans in place to run a Nurse Authorisation course later this year, in November 14 and then again next year June 2015.

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- RTC Annual Study Day

8th October 2014 - Fifty Shades of Red, Pinderfields.

Only one speaker left to confirm, however we have another consultant haematologist on standby who has offered to speak on component transfusion to patients with PNH. We have a diverse programme and there are 90 delegates now registered. We have 30 reserved spaces for Haematology Registrar's and these places will be released 6 weeks prior to the event if not taken.

Jehovah's Witness group are also attending with an exhibition stand. We have an anonymous donor for the competition prize this year.

- Quality Audit Workshops

There has been some further interest in quality audit workshops with Edwin Lindsay which were very well evaluated last time and aimed specifically towards laboratory staff. We could look to run this after April 2015. GS added there is a general problem trust wide releasing lab staff.

AD advised the renal anaemia management guidelines will be published shortly and AD will be trying to engage with GP's via KG to incorporate general anaemia management education into their training schedule.

4.2 Audit Working Group update

AD confirmed all trusts should have received their hospital slideshow and a summary of the results will be presented later and the focus will be on the tools available.

BBTS has chosen Y&H to present our results.

All RTC's were asked to submit their projects to the BBTS and Y&H are one of the regions chosen to present at their conference in September. This was felt to be a very good reflection for the region. We have also received positive feedback from the report.

AD suggested for the region to do a 'Quick Audit' on platelet use as we have seen a 4.5% rise in platelets for this region compared to the National rise of 1.4%. This will demonstrate any double dosing and/or identify inappropriate use. This 'Quick Audit' system has been piloted in the NW region and AD would like support from the RTC. The increase in platelets could be due to using TEG and Rotem for massive haemorrhage cases. RE advised they have a perfusionist at Castle Hill who has compiled an algorithm and this has led to a reduction in use of all components. The perfusionist has been invited to conferences to educate others.

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5. AOB

Embrace – the specialist transport service for critically ill infants and children in the Y&H region. Babies are delivered and then transported elsewhere. RH asked how other hospitals in the region manage the samples that arrive for the baby. AD suggested liaising with Embrace.

- RE/Hull they do a cross match for the baby only. No sample for the mum.
- GS – also have a zero tolerance at Rotherham.

Action: GS/RE to send their hospital protocol and forward to AD what their requirements are from Embrace. AD will then take their suggestions forward.

GS - All training courses have now ceased at Sheffield NHSBT centre. Delia Smith, Customer Service Manager has now taken this forward.

Fibrinogen Concentrate - still only licensed for ... any plans to widen this? BCSH have not yet released any guidelines as yet.

TD - controlled trial at some hospitals off license. Irish hospitals are still using some Cryo.

Re-writing massive haemorrhage guidelines at present.

7. Future RTT / RTC meetings

Thursday 6th November 2014, The Green Room, The White Rose Centre, Leeds

RTT – Action list 3rd July 2014

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
5	To contact Embrace for their protocol.	AD	Sept 2014
	To send their hospital protocol and forward to AD what their requirements are from Embrace (AD will then take their suggestions forward).	GS/RE	Sept 2014