

Yorkshire & The Humber Regional Transfusion Committee

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

Thursday 7th May 2015 11:00 – 12:00

The White Rose Centre, Leeds
The Green Room, Management Suite

Present :

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| • Youssef Sorour | YS | Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust |
| • Gary Steel | GS | The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust |
| • Anne Davidson | AD | NHSBT |
| • Odette Colgrave | OC | NHSBT |

Apologies:

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| • Ruth Harding | RH | Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust |
| • Kathryn Griffith | KG | GP Unity Health, York |
| • Robert Elshaw | RE | Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust |
| • Caryn Van Der Riet | CR | Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust |
| • David Gibson | DG | Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust |
| • Marina Karakantza | MK | NHSBT / Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust |

1. Welcome & Apologies

YS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and noted.

2. Minutes of the last RTT Meeting held on 11.03.15 and matters arising

Action: OC to amend:

- Page 1 – Add KG as attendee
- Page 1 – change couldn't to could not
- Page 2 – add Dr Gary Morrison
- Page 3 – add RTC to both NW and EM

The circulated Minutes (Paper 1) were then accepted as a true record and will be placed on the website as "Confirmed".

Key achievement for the Y&H RTC as the embrace document will now be adopted nationally.

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3. Y&H RTC Budget

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

The budget for 2015-16 has not yet been confirmed, however we are led to believe that we will have the same as last year. No budget has been spent therefore no Paper 2 had been circulated. There are a few invoices outstanding from 2014-15 that will be paid out of this year's budget, however we do have one incoming sponsorship that can be used towards 2015-16 budget.

4. Regional Educational Activities

4.1 Educational Activities

- **RTC Annual Study Day** - 30.09.15 Their life in your hands, Pinderfields Hospital

AD went through the draft programme:

GP referral for pre-optimisation

Consent for Transfusion

How to get what you need from the transfusion laboratory

Coagulation issues and bridging

Surgical techniques to minimise blood loss

The new BCSH Massive Haemorrhage guidelines

- **10.03.15 Nurse Authorisation Event**

This event was held in York and all speakers/presentations were filmed as it was proving difficult for speakers to commit to future dates. All presentations are on a Google drive and the task group will discuss how best to roll this out and facilitate sessions in-house. The NHSBT 4-day course is still available – there are limited places available and the nearest centre is at Manchester. This event received an overall 100% top box score.

4.2 Audit Working Group update

BH will discuss the Y&H regional platelet audit results during the education session.

National Comparative Audits (NCA) :

- 2015 Audit of PBM in Surgery – started in April 2015
- 2015 Audit of use of blood in lower GI bleeding – starts Sept 2015

We need to consider a regional audit for this year. EM RTC have done a regional audit on the use of FFP. Draft recommendations have been published on the use of O RhD-ve red cells.

Our regional figures are close to the national target - GS felt that it is unnecessary for the Y&H region to run the audit in comparison to the southern regions. Rotherham have a dedicated co-ordinator who keeps the use of O RhD-ve red cells under control and is working reasonably well.

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5. AOB

TTP case:

Report following a SUI/SIRI at Airedale; patient with TTP will be discussed in more detail during the RTC meeting to follow. One of the action points was to bring to the RTC with regards to the treatment. Trust has not had a TTP patient for 14 years.

AD has been asked if the RTC would support a regional approach in sharing the Octaplas. MHRA do not have a problem with this. GS advised transporting the product will be an issue as every hospital cannot store dry ice.

From RTC point of view could we suggest to stock one Octaplas.

Action: GS to raise issue of stock levels of Octaplas for TTP patients at the next Trent Lab Manager and National TLM meetings.

YS will also take concerns to the NBTC in Sept 2015.

RTC to recommend all trusts to stock one Octaplas.

Feedback from National Lab Managers Meeting – GS

Key points discussed:

- Supplier audit
- Communication with hospitals during emergencies
- NHSBT recall events
- Appropriate use of Group O Rh D Negative RBC
- New NHSBT transport boxes
- Embrace regional document – now adopted nationally
- NHSBT training courses

Communication with hospitals during emergencies

There is a working group looking at alternative communications to replace fax machines.

NHSBT recall events

GS was part of the national group and attended a recall event at NHSBT dealing with issues around recall events. Following the event the recall letter is now to be reworded and will be issued to the Lab Manager and TP from now on. The font size has also increased.

Appropriate use of Group O Rh D Negative RBC

Each organisation could look to have an O Neg champion – this could be a TP, BMS or MLA. Y&H figures are good but we can still improve. If there is a national shortage this will affect us in the long term.

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National meeting with MHRA

National BBMs have been invited to the MHRA meeting next week.

Action: GS will ask at the meeting to see if they can provide a more definite answer regarding whether assessments should be carried out every two or three years.

New NHSBT transport boxes

Clinimed boxes are to be removed and replaced with the new NHSBT short journey transport boxes. Trusts need to contact NHSBT confirming how many Clinimed boxes they need for the interim period.

NHSBT training courses

NHSBT free places for training are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Action: YS to raise to NBTC if first come first served how can places be shared fairly or equally to each RTC.

Action: YS to circulate document from Mike Murphy on modernisation of pathology and how to retain level of staff (UK lab collaborative).

6. Future RTT / RTC meetings

Thursday 19th November 2015 – The White Rose, Leeds

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RTT – Action list 7th May 2015

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
2	To amend previous minutes 11.03.2015	OC	July 2015
5	To raise issue of stock levels of Octaplas for TTP patients at the next Trent Lab Manager and National TLM meetings.	GS	Oct 2015
	To take above concerns to the NBTC in Sept 2015.	YS	Next NBTC 28 Sept 2015
	RTC to recommend all trusts to stock one Octaplas	All	Ongoing
	To see if MHRA can provide a more definite answer regarding whether assessments should be carried out every two or three years.	GS	July 2015
	YS to raise to NBTC if first come first served how can places be shared fairly or equally to each RTC.	YS	Next NBTC 28 Sept 2015
	To circulate document from Mike Murphy on modernisation of pathology and how to retain level of staff (UK lab collaborative).	YS	July 2015