

Yorkshire & The Humber Regional Transfusion Committee

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

Thursday 6th November 2014 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 |
| • 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 |

Apologies:

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

1. Welcome & Apologies

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

2. Minutes of the last RTT Meeting held on 3rd July 2014 and matters arising

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

Action points reviewed:

1. AD has not yet contacted Embrace. RE raised agenda item at the last laboratory manager's meeting who all supported Rotherham's process. GS to send Rotherham's protocol to AD in word format and then add RTC logo.

3. Y&H RTC Budget

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

OC went through the financial statement and confirmed the budget expenditure is currently on track after the RTC annual symposium, Nurse Authorisation event and today's RTC meeting. There will be a small balance at the start of January 2015 which will be spent before the end of the financial year.

We will still have to continue to secure sponsorship for the next annual symposium Sept 2015

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and suggestions of companies to approach were:
CSL Behring; Grifols, Haemonetics and Brenmoor.

4. Regional Educational Activities

4.1 Educational Activities

- **RTC Annual Study Day**

08.10.2014 Fifty Shades of Red was very well evaluated. Top speaker was Dr Anita Hill on PNH. Alexion was a good sponsor to accompany this presentation. Overall, all speakers were very well evaluated. Excellent venue providing good facilities; central and good ample car parking. However we had a high number of non attendees, whose names will be placed automatically on the reserve list for next year. The talk from the Jehovah's Witnesses was also very good and constructive.

30.09.15 Annual Symposium – Theme “Surgery” – The journey of a patient

Ideas were discussed for topics:

Consent - documentation

Bridging / new anticoagulant - Prof Mike Makris, Dr Van Veen.

Significance of antibodies and the reason for the delays, nurses contacting the lab etc

Role of the lab around surgical patients - why are samples needed 4 days before - generic title,

New BCSH guidelines on massive haemorrhage (on post op)

Action: AD will draft a programme and will need suggestions - journey of the patient.

All – please email AD with topics / ideas / speakers.

4.2 Audit Working Group update

The massive haemorrhage results were presented at the BBTS.

AD proposed a quick platelet audit across the region. This has been copied from the North West RTC and data entry closes at the end of November. Platelet usage in this region has increased by 9% which is the highest in the country. It will be interested to see what the results are and benchmark them against the NW.

There are no plans for a regional audit next year. Only Affinitie and NCA audits will be carried out during 2015.

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5. AOB

GS - National TLM group -a questionnaire will be sent out to all TLM's on the use of O Neg as there are raising concerns on the numbers being used. If you have a blood group on record then can provide blood group specific instead of just using O Neg. Rotherham has a good model and uses a massive haemorrhage co-ordinator. To help with O Neg issues, would be beneficial to have a communication lead who liaises between the lab and clinicians.

There is a current working group project on how NHSBT contact hospitals with alerts etc as they continue to use fax machines. This is an out dated form of communication and the project work will investigate the best way of contacting labs around the region.

RE – NHSBT are rolling out a national pathology exchange project when referring samples to RCI. Samples can be booked into the LIMS system and the results can be downloaded back to LIMS instead of having a paper report. Hospitals in this region maybe interested.

6. Future RTT / RTC meetings

Thursday 7th May 2015, The White Rose Centre, Leeds

Action: OC to arrange a telecon for the RTT early Feb 2015 - Wednesday for one hour at 2pm.

RTT – Action list

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Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
4.1	To draft a programme for 30.09.2015 - journey of the patient in surgery	AD	Ongoing
	Please email AD with topics / ideas / speakers.	All	January 2015
6	To arrange a telecon for the RTT early Feb 2015 - Wednesday for one hour at 2pm.	OC	January 2015