

## Yorkshire & The Humber Regional Transfusion Committee

### Unconfirmed Minutes of Regional Transfusion Committee Meeting

#### Y&H - RTC

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

10:15 – 13:15

#### Via Microsoft Teams

#### Attendees

Shubha Allard	ShL	NHSBT	Mark Liversidge	ML	BDGH
Sharon Baker	SB	STH	Charlotte Longhorn	CL	NHSBT
Amanda Baxter	AB	SCH	Linda Lowrey	LL	HDFT
Gill Bell	GB	DBH	Carol McBride	CMB	MYH
Carol Blears	CB	MYH	Mandy O'Shea	MOS	MYH
Joanne Bowden	JB	HEY	Jill Parkinson	JP	BRI
Robin Coupe	RC	NHSBT	Ruth Pratt	RP	STH
Michelle Daniel	MD		Sue Rabett	SR	LTH
Khaled El-Ghariani	KEG	NHSBT	Emma Richards	ER	DBH
Bob Elshaw	BE	HEY	Michelle Scott	MS	SCH
Stephanie Ferguson	SF	LTH	Jo Shorthouse	JSh	NHSBT
Laura Field	LF	HEY	Youssef Sorour <b>(Chair)</b>	YS	BDGH
Jenny Fullthorpe	JF	YTH	Robert Stirk	RS	RDGH
Kimberley Garnett	KG	NLGH	Gayle Sugden	GS	LTH
Emma Harrison	EH	NLGH	Brian Taylor	BT	STH
Alison Hirst	AH	AGH	Lynda Viles	LV	STH
Brian Hockley	BH	NHSBT	Victoria Waddoups	VW	RDGH
Tina Ivel	TI	YTH	David Ward	DW	NHSBT
Mandy Kuunal	MKu	HDFT	Abbie White	AW	NLGH
Michelle Lake	ML	C&H	Donna Wood	DW	CHT
Kevan Leighton	KL	AGH	Andrew Whittingham-Hirst	AWH	BRI

#### Apologies

Tharani Balasubramaniam	TH	HDFT	Raheela Khalid	RH	Nuffield
Atchamamba Bobbili	AB	DBH	Alwyn Kotze	AK	LTH
Rebekah Burnham	RB	NHSBT	Alex Liversidge	AL	LTH
Mike Carrick	MC	LTH	Gemma Maxwell	GM	YTH
Mark Davy	MD	LTH	Chelsea Ridsdale	CR	NHSBT
Diane Howarth	DH	LTH	Jen Rock	JR	LTH

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### Educational Session



#### Transfusion 2024

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Presented by Shubha Allard - Clinical Director - PBM Team NHSBT

### 1. Welcome & Apologies

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

### 2. Review of Minutes of the RTC Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and Action Points



#### Minutes

YH RTC Unconfirmed  
Minutes 18.11.20.pdf

The circulated Minutes were amended and accepted as a true record.

#### Review of RTC action List 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
10	Send out feedback link regarding discussions about the IBMS consultation for health care practitioners and whether HCPC practitioners would want to be able to supply, prescribe and administer medications.	JSh	Complete

### 3. RTC Budget

- This year's budget remains intact. Last year we were one of the few regions that utilised the funding to send candidates to the RC Path event.

## 4. Annual Work Programme

### 4.1 Education Activities

#### Non-Medical Authorisation Courses

- The March 2021 NMA course went ahead but due to the pandemic this was done virtually. The feedback was mostly positive with a few networking issues raised.
- The next session is due on the 9<sup>th</sup> June which will also be online via MS Teams with around twenty candidates already registered.
- Documents in support of the NMA course were sent around for approval. There were mostly minor changes. A major topic highlighted for change was moving from an annual competence to a three yearly one with an annual appraisal system. It was decided that this will be recommended moving forward but the final decision will be organisation dependent.

#### Annual Symposium

- The March symposium didn't go ahead as we were unable to secure speakers due to the pandemic. As the Yorkshire and Humber region are merging with the North East, they will join their event which is planned for October.

#### Audits



Audit Feedback.pdf

##### Highlights

- BH gave an overview of the report he now sends to CSO every two months.
- The data for blood use in Covid stopped in January. An abstract has gone to BBTS and BH is currently writing a paper.
- Due to the pandemic, most projects have been on hold.
- A survey will be sent to international blood organisations regarding the use and demand of universal plasma.
- An interoperative cell salvage survey is currently on the back burner but is ready to release.
- There was interest from other regions regarding an online data collection form to record WBIT's. If anyone is interested BH will send the link onwards.
- Money has been secured from NHSBT for SNAP who run all the online surveys.

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### 4.2 O+ to Bleeding Men

- The steering group met in April and after a slow start due to the pandemic it is now moving forward.
- When the survey results have been analysed, they will then be divided up into regional data.
- The steering group are creating a toolkit of resources for trusts who need help in implementing this initiative.

## 4 NBTC Meeting Report March 2021

### RTC Chairs Meeting

- In the RTC Chairs meeting, feedback from the ten regions found that the virtual business meetings are quite successful, with increased participation.
- There were discussions about the reconfiguration of the boundaries.
- There was a presentation by Mark Taylor from the NCG process, the outcome was a decreased demand of around 30% of global blood product usage during the pandemic.
- The prices for the new contract will be changing, with a 9% increase on blood and components and 4% for specialised services.
- There was an update from the UK Cell Salvage Group led by Falguni Choksey, who is the current RTC chair for the West Midlands. This group will be more active with PBM and is currently trying to promote cell salvage to assist with purchasing issues regarding new machines.

### NBTC Meeting

- There was an update on Transfusion 2024
- Feedback from the convalescent plasma trials was that it is not of benefit to hospitalised patients with Covid 19. However, this was a great research venture by NHSBT who undertook two trials with around twelve thousand participants.
- A summary from the O neg group by Louise Sherliker confirmed that the current stock of red cells is good for all groups including O neg.
- Feedback from Mike Murphy regarding the NICE Quality Standards audit is that they are going to look at four NICE Quality Standards. These are treatment with pre-operative iron deficiency, use of tranexamic acid for patients undergoing moderate blood loss following surgery, pre-assessment of these patients with each use of blood and provisional information for patients receiving transfusion. A pilot of this audit is going out in early June 2021.
- Regarding the boundary's reconfiguration, there was a paper released by Jon Cort, Kairen Coffey and Louise Sherliker about the realignment. The proposal is to be more in line with NHSI and NHS England and the regions will move from ten to seven, with the NE and YH becoming one region. The documents include opportunities with wider engagement and access to national education. The NE and YH RTT's will be meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the challenges of the merger and try to work out a way forward.

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### 5 Regional TP Group and National TP Network

#### Regional TP Meeting

- Due to the pandemic the group have only had one meeting in December which was via MS Teams. This included a representative who gave an update from Octapharma. The meeting consisted of a National Transfusion Practitioners update, PBM update and finally, as a group, challenges, solutions, and successes of Covid 19 were shared.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> June which will also be online.

#### National Transfusion Practitioners Meeting

- The last meeting was January 21.
- A virtual conference is planned for late June which will be a two-hour session, over three consecutive days.

**Question:** Youssef asked for feedback from TPs about agency nursing staff and serious adverse events regarding training and competency.

**Response:** SR feedback that they are experiencing the same problems with agency staff and are looking to improve their training and competencies.

**Response:** JS commented that this is an ongoing problem. Historically, agencies did not seek out any transfusion related competencies and the onus was put on the Trusts to provide training which ruled out the involvement of agency staff in transfusion.

**Comment:** YS has requested that this issue be taken to the NBTC meeting.

### 6 Barnsley User Group Update

- The second BUG meeting took place at the end of April.
- After requests for expressions of interest, Rob Stirk announced himself as the new joint BUG chair for Yorkshire and Humber and Michael Skill will represent the East Midlands.
- Heather Clarke from Derby and Ryan Colwell from Barnsley joined the planning committee
- At the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> April, Jo Shorthouse presented the O Pos to Bleeding Males in Trauma.
- Robin Coupe gave feedback from the customer satisfaction survey, and overall Hospitals/Trusts were satisfied with the services provided. Some of the lower scores were around couriers.
- Dave Ward from RCI delivered data about turn around times and accreditation. He also highlighted that it would be good to have interesting cases at the next meeting.
- There were discussions around LIMS/BloodTrack, and issues faced.
- Rob Stirk led a discussion on hard copy report cessations and how Rotherham got to the point of no longer sending out hard copy reports to hospitals.
- The BUG survey was reviewed, and it was suggested that interesting cases and regulatory updates were added to future meetings.
- It was proposed that the BUG would have three meetings per year, one face to face meeting at the Barnsley centre and two virtual. However, there will be no face-to-face meetings this year due to Covid.

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- It was decided that 'Terms of Reference' was required for BUG meetings.
- Updates from other NHSBT services for example, H&I was also suggested.
- Ryan Colwell delivered the National Transfusion Managers update.

### 7 National TLM Group

- The most recent meeting was in March 2021 and was largely an update and information session.
- The O Pos to Bleeding Males in Trauma project was updated.
- We were informed that UK plasma is suitable for fractionation.
- The NHSBT contract for the supply of irradiated stickers is going out to tender and some hospitals have been approached to help validate their choices.
- The RTC boundary changes were discussed and how that may affect blood user groups.
- There were preliminary discussions about whether there is a need to standardise specific KPI's for Blood Banks across the country.
- We were informed that the BSH IT guidelines are in draft and they should be released later this year. These new guidelines will include advice about how to handle gender in IT systems with regards to transgender patients.
- Advice from MHRA about calibration points for temperature monitoring equipment was fed back to Blood Bank Managers.

### 8 NHSBT Update



PBM Update.pdf

#### Highlights

- PBMP support for NE and Y&H will be supported by Charlotte Longhorn.
- The hospital CSM support remains unchanged.
- There is a new Anaemia e-learning package which is available for teaching within the Trusts. The certificated version will be via ESR/ eLearning for health, but non-certificated learning will be available on the hospitals and science website.
- JSh promoted the Blood Assist App.
- The Blood Components App is currently being updated with the new indication codes for transfusion. This is in the testing phase and will be available very soon.



NHSBT Customer Service Update.pdf

#### Highlights

- RC gave feedback on the results of the Customer Satisfaction survey.
- There was an update on prices for 2021/22.
- NHSBT has started to collect plasma for fractionation. This is in pilot stage for an initial three months.

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RCI Update.pdf

### Highlights

- Turnaround times have increased slightly, largely due to supporting colleagues in other regions who have been experiencing staffing issues due to the pandemic.
- MHRA ISO update regarding accreditation has had an extension to scope. Full remote re-accreditation was completed with excellent results. The MHRA inspection will take place w/c 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- An update was given on the new RCI 1A form which will be rolled out very shortly.
- Asked Hospitals to notify the lab for x-matches and other urgent work via telephone to allow them to prioritise and plan.
- The NHSBT bank run may take a little longer, DW requested that if in doubt ask the driver when they are expected back at the centre.
- DW thanked everyone for their support with the transition during the pandemic.

## 9 Issues from Hospital Transfusion Teams

### Feedback from HTC Reports



AGH HTC report for  
RTC.pdf

#### Airedale General Hospital

##### Key Points

- Good use of IV iron throughout the trust for established anaemia management pathways.
- Traceability at 100%
- Competency for major haemorrhage in place prior lone working.
- The Foetal DNA project is due to restart in late summer/early autumn. Just waiting on the business plan and Lab policies/documents to be written.



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#### Bradford Royal Infirmary

##### Key Points

- Moving all mandatory transfusion training and competency online.
- Attaching YouTube video to Datix reports for WBIT's.
- A dip in traceability in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is thought to be related to the pandemic and the quarantining of paper records which has led to delays.

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### Sheffield Childrens Hospitals

#### Key Points



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- Moving mandatory training online.
- Implementation of two sample policy will be late 2021.
- MH policy updated to make more streamlined.
- Possible training day focusing on patient journeys after A&E.

### Rotherham Hospital

#### Key Points



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- New POCT analysers planned for implementation in 2021.
- Single unit transfusion training is now active with ongoing reviews.
- IV iron protocol managed by pre-op assessment lead.
- Traceability maintained and improved despite minor changes to practice.
- Electronic blood tracking system due for planned implementation in 2021.

### Barnsley Hospital

#### Key Points



Barnsley HTC report  
May 21.pdf

- Getting on well with Foetal DNA which is now in its second year.
- There is a joint project with Rotherham for the blood tracking system.
- A foetal DNA audit was carried out with only one SHOT reportable case out of 604. This complies with the national standards. It will be audited again in 2021.

### Leeds Teaching Hospital

#### Key Points



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- BloodTrackTX has been implemented across all LTHT.
- Clotting products now available in delivery suite and L&G A+E.
- Traceability figures improved due to CSU focused work.
- Sample labelling process audit taking place as part of BloodTrackTX.
- KPO project will assess the impact of the introduction of Haemobanks and begin transfusion in clinical areas.



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### Sheffield Teaching Hospitals

#### Key Points

- Specific blood transfusion chart for ED including prompt to administer calcium.
- Traceability at 99.25%
- Discussed NHSi network and service impact regarding the merging of RHH & SCH Bloodbanks.
- Staffing issues regarding TP's, the third post is still available.



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Goole.pdf

### North Lincs & Goole

#### Key Points

- Participated in the convalescent plasma trial.
- The completion of a snapshot audit regarding appropriateness of overnight transfusion highlighted that around 60% were not justified.
- The audit also highlighted that only around 30% of Observations were done at the correct time.



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### Calderdale & Huddersfield

#### Key Points

- Non-Medical Authorisation of Blood Policy approved by Trust Board.
- Work has started adding batch blood products into BloodTrack whilst upgrading to latest version.
- Changing all clinical handheld devices.
- Business plan being prepared for submission regarding ccffDNA project.
- WYATT LIMS project started.



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2021.pdf

### York NHS Trust

#### Key Points

- New eLearning package which promotes single unit transfusion.
- TEG machines available at both acute sites with training and ongoing algorithm in place.
- BloodTrack upgrade as issues with Windows 10.
- LIMS system project still ongoing.
- Offsite blood transfer went up due to Covid which increased the Labs workload.

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Hull HTC report\_May  
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### HEY Hospital Trust Key Points

- Transfusion Care Pathway and training tool developed for roll out in early summer.
- A snapshot audit of blood taken from issue fridge continues.
- Full business case for the procurement of blood tracking has been produced.
- Antibody titration project ongoing.



Harrogate RTC report  
May 2021.pdf

### Harrogate Hospital Key Points

- Commented on NHSBT's smooth transition to Barnsley.
- Agreed to be involved with IBGRL foetal RhD screening audit.
- Traceability at 100%
- Involvement in Nightingale hospital preparations.



MYHT HTC report  
19th May 2021.pdf

### Mid Yorks NHS Trust Key Points

- Business case submitted for electronic blood tracking.
- Elective Orthopaedics have resumed surgical procedures.
- WYAAT LIMS in progress across the region.

## 10 AOB

- AH commented that her trust is pre-op testing on the same day as surgery, so not to break the isolation period and asked other trusts about the methods. TI responded by saying that their pre-assessment staff were allowing the patients to have their swabs done in their cars two to three days prior to the op. Discussions took place around different trusts processes.
- KG gave information regarding reagent supply issues and the impact it's having on the ability to go live with Foetal DNA.

## 11 Date of Next Meeting

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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### RTC – Action list

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