

**Yorkshire and The Humber  
Transfusion Practitioner Group  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
The Lecture Theatre, Leeds NHSBT, Bridle Path, Leeds**

**Attendees**

Julie Guilfoyle	JG
Ruth Harding	RH
Alison Sivyier	AS
Rose Gill	RG
Mark Padgett	MP
Sue Murtaugh	SM
Stephen Shaw	SS
Carol Blears	CB
Odette Colgrave	OC
Emma Harrison	EH
Polly Norman	PN
Jill Rowlands	JR
Tina Ivel	TI

**Hospital**

Airedale  
Barnsley  
Calderdale & Huddersfield  
Harrogate  
Hull Royal  
Leeds Teaching  
Mid Yorkshire  
Mid Yorkshire  
NHSBT  
North Lincs & Goole  
Scarborough  
Sheffield Teaching  
York

**Apologies**

Penny Cook  
Jill Parkinson  
Helen West  
Jill Tickle  
Tracie Taylor  
Gill Bell  
Heather Rankin  
Amanda Baxter  
Fran Hartley  
Anne Davidson

SM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Morning Presentations:**

**1. Scenario: Antibodies in Pregnancy - Rose Gill**



Rose Gill \_ TP  
Meeting

**2. Criminal Investigation Training DVD – Odette Colgrave**



CSI DVD Order Form

### **Uniting two hospitals – Tina Ivel / Polly Norman (Verbal)**

PN – Scarborough no longer exists. This hospital has now been taken over by York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. It has been a very traumatic experience; signs etc being replaced outside the hospital that have been there for 20 years. All logos have also been changed within 2 days of being taken over and the car park has been painted blue. A bitter pill to swallow as our identity seems to have gone. Feel less enthusiastic with less staff now known, however there has always been a good relationship between both laboratories.

TI – Since July 2012 they have looked at how they could integrate together and looked at the training needs at both sites.

PN announced she will retire with effect from April 2013, therefore each laboratory was visited and a business case was put forward for her replacement. However a job description had not yet been finalised and at what grade/band.

### **Viforpharma – Aafaq Butt**

Unfortunately Aafaq failed to turn up as he thought the meeting was on the following day – therefore no sponsorship / lunch was provided for this meeting. OC to will provide future meeting dates if suitable.

### **Afternoon Committee Meeting:**

#### **Review of previous minutes and actions:**

The circulated Minutes (Paper 1) were accepted as a true record and will be placed on the website as "Confirmed". Actions were reviewed and all actions have been completed or are on the agenda.

**Action: OC to book date for September 2013.**

SM asked for ideas / topics for the next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June as a BMS, Mandy O'Shea from Leeds has offered to present as part of her degree. Topics suggested: antibodies - what does it mean for TP's not lab staff; scenarios; acute transfusion reactions; HDN. It was asked for the presentation to be pitched at a very basic level with good basic handouts. Mandy will also require some feedback which will go towards her mark.

### **AOB and issues raised from the floor:**

Emma Harrison is the new TP at North Lincs & Goole (Scunthorpe General).

**Action: OC to send a list of all TP's/ Tel no's etc to Emma.**

Lyeanda Berry has now left the trust and Fran Hartley is hoping to return from sick leave in May 2013.

Debbie Pinchon's position at Hull still remains vacant.

SS from Mid Yorks will be retiring in June 2013.

PN will also retire in April as previously mentioned.

With respect to the above there were some concerns amongst the group that the numbers of TP's will reduce over the next few years due to retirement etc and SM would like this to be fed back at the next RTC meeting and also to ask the chair to raise awareness at the NBTC meeting. Higher band posts are being replaced with lower bands with less skills and experience.

SM gave PN her retirement present and wished her a very happy retirement from the entire group. PN thanked everyone for supporting her which kept her very much grounded.

JR wanted the link for the Transfusion Practice serology 5 day course – OC will contact Jo Shorthouse.

The TP course that was run by Newcastle is being looked at to run as a National course and to be run by NHSBT. This used to be accredited to a University but no longer is.

RG advised that AD attended their HTC and advised that KPI's will soon be going to Chief Executives on Blood Transfusion to raise transfusion at corporate level.

JR raised concerns that some of their data was incorrect for the National Comparative Audit of sampling. TI also confirmed their organisational data was incorrect.

**Action: AD to feed this back to John Grant Casey in respect of missing / incorrect data.**

WBIT incidents are occurring due to errors in DOB's; spelling of names; addresses etc.

RG asked if anyone uses 'Ranger' blood warmers and there were no replies for the Y&H region.

**Action: OC to ask EM hospitals if they use these.**

### **TP Group Business:**

TI confirmed that NE RTC will no longer be running the nurse authorising course therefore Y&H will now be running 2 nurse authorising days – 10<sup>th</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at the Leeds Blood Centre. The programme is still in development and will be advertised shortly. The morning session will be a generic session and the afternoon will be based upon case studies and tailored to each group. The workbook needs to have been completed, competence by a consultant followed by a one day nurse authorising day. The framework can be adapted to own trust. Places will be limited.

Topics to be covered: Blood components and the appropriateness; special requirements; transfusion triggers; significance of antibodies and appropriate blood selection and transfusion reactions.

### **Massive Haemorrhage Audit**

Data collection is now ongoing and the completion of entries will be 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. A debate occurred on what do you class as a massive haemorrhage and the group felt that some cases may not be submitted as they only received 8 units but fitted all the other criteria.

The 'massive haemorrhage' pack was discussed as this is not a real pack – it's just a virtual pack. RG confirmed that Harrogate call theirs 'Phase 1'. JR confirmed they have a simple flowchart.

### **TLN Update**

AD was absent from the meeting but the following topics were covered by SM:

- Change in storage temp recommendations for FFP & CRYO
- BBTS HoT SIG and TP meeting
- Major incident procedures clarification
- Anti D and vaccines - current advice
- Discuss possible future blood conservation workshop
- Pre surgical assessment for high risk surgery (vCJD)
- SHOT and copyright
- Examples of transfusion reactions proformas
- Blood fridge management guidance on SW RTC website
- Platelet resources
- HLA incremental data - response from John Goodwin

### **Next meetings of TP Group:**

20<sup>th</sup> June 2013, Lecture Theatre, NHSBT Leeds

9<sup>th</sup> September 2013, Lecture Theatre, NHSBT Leeds

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who responsible</b>	<b>Due date</b>
To send a list of all TP's/ Tel no's etc to Emma.	OC	End March 2013
To feed this back to John Grant Casey in respect of missing / incorrect data	AD	End May/June 2013
Ask EM hospitals if they use 'Ranger' blood warmers	OC	End March 2013