

CONFIRMED Minutes of London Regional Transfusion Team Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

**Thursday 29th September 2022
14:00-16:00**

Present:

Phil Kelly (PK) (Chair)	Consultant Physician, Kings College Hospital
Cath Booth (CB) (Chair)	Consultant Haematologist, Barts Health & NHSBT
Fatts Chowdhury (FC)	Consultant Haematologist, Imperial NHS Trust & NHSBT
Ravi Raobaikady (RR)	Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Ursula Wood (UW)	Transfusion Practitioner, Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Trust
Rachel Moss (RM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Great Ormond Street NHS Trust
Wendy McSporran (WM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Denise McKeown (DM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Imperial College NHS Trust
Tracy Johnston (TJ)	PBMP, NHSBT
Sasha Wilson (SW)	PBMP, NHSBT

Apologies:

Ciara Donohue (CD)	Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Free NHS Trust
Emily Carpenter (EC)	Transfusion Practitioner, Kings College Hospital
Richard Whitmore (RW)	CSM, NHSBT
Mohammed Rashid (MR)	CSM, NHSBT
Selma Turkovic (ST)	PBMP, NHSBT (maternity leave)
Elisha Tuesday (ET)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Kingston Hospital (maternity leave)

Non-Attendees:

Ethan Troy-Barnes, Haematology SpR, North Middlesex Hospital
Charlene Furtado, TP, Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Trust
Michael Makele, Pathology Quality Manager, Kings College Hospital

Minute Secretary:

Angela Pumfrey (AP), London RTC Administrator

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. CB chaired initially until PK was able to join.
Apologies: Ciara Donohue, Emily Carpenter, Richard Whitmore and Mohammed Rashid. Helen Thom has now started in her new post. The group agreed that she will be much missed and wanted to send her a thank you gift – CB kindly offered to arrange this.

2. Minutes and Actions of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 5th July were accepted as an accurate record. AP to arrange to upload them onto the JPAC website.

Outstanding Actions from Last Meeting:

Item 3: EOI for TADG representative - RW not at the meeting to comment. It was suggested bringing up at the RTC or sending an email to members.
Item 8. NHSBT replied to the RTT's letter. All alerts are now sent to Trust CEOs and Medical Directors.

3. Lab Manager Update

RW or MR not at the meeting to comment. The group have not met since April.

4. TP Update

They had a meeting yesterday. They need to define where being a new TP ends and an experienced TP starts.

- The WBIT Group carried out an audit which shows that hospitals with electronic tracking systems have a higher than expected proportion of WBITs. However, the number of responders was too small, so they have asked all TPs to enter their WBIT data. They will use the EoE audit tool to collect the data.

- Shared Care - it was decided to try to resurrect the group. However, it was acknowledged that we have been trying for a long time to implement shared care without success, so we will see if there are any avenues we have not explored.
- CATQR – there was a presentation about this electronic programme to record attendance at training sessions, and competencies which could be an easier option than transfusion training passports.
- DM will be going on maternity leave early next year. Dipika Solanki will cover her for 6 months and DM and RM plan to step down at the end of the year.
- Future meetings – it was agreed that the group will hold two virtual meetings and one F2F meeting a year. They will be holding a F2F meeting on 2nd December at Charing Cross Hospital with external speakers and workshops.

5. LoPAG Update

UW gave the update. The group met earlier in the month and did a lot of planning for 2023.

- The summer newsletter focusing on HLA platelets has gone out. Another newsletter about ordering and thresholds is due to go out in December.
- A survey will go out in early January to identify gaps in knowledge. The results of this survey will be used to create a back-to-basics newsletter to plug the gaps identified.
- Another virtual education event is planned for later next year.
- Looking into the potential of gathering clinical guidelines on platelet administration in theatre that do not meet the national guidelines, and create a toolkit for how to bridge the gap between what those clinical groups want to do, with what is appropriate for their patients.
- PAG – looking into the possibility of opening LoPAG up to other regional representatives once a year. SW reported that the PBM management team have intimated that PAG may be resurrected next year.

6. RTC Work Plan/Activity Log

- The key now includes ‘action paused’
- Uploading videos of educational events onto You Tube is progressing very slowly because there are so many recordings that need processing. NHSBT is looking into having a dedicated team to handle this.
- RTC meeting ‘Battle of the Bleed’ – 9th November. Still working on finalising the programme. Discussions took place about arranging speakers.
- London & SE Trauma Group – their education event ‘Trauma & Coagulopathy’ was held on 19th July. Very successful. TBS of 96.9%. FC is working on the anticoagulation audit report.
- Twitter – We have 1340 followers as of 26/09. It was agreed we will leave it ticking along without trying to significantly increase the number of followers. DG is mostly managing the account, whilst SW is focusing on the NE & Yorkshire account. At both the RTC Chairs’ and PBMP meetings, it was asked whether regions wanted to continue with their individual regional accounts.
- BMSEGD – as this group is now national, it was felt that it should no longer be included in the London action plan, but someone needs to have ownership of it. It was decided to check first with DG or wait until ST returns from maternity leave. They won another award at BBTS.

7. Customer Services Update

Neither RW or MR were in attendance and did not provide a presentation. RW will now be doing more hospital visits and they are both very busy covering London until they get someone permanent in the Colindale post.

8. Junior Doctors’ Training

ETB was not at the meeting.

9. Any Other Business

a) Patients Refusing Transfusion

RR reported that CPOC launched pre-operative anaemia management guidelines last week – he will circulate the link and also a link to an article on the global PBM statement. He has noticed in clinic an increasing number of non-JW patients refusing transfusions. This will raise issues with obtaining consent, especially in an emergency. RR feels it is not fair for the TP to have to resolve each individual case: all hospitals should be following the same procedure. He asked if there is a hospital who would be willing to be the model for obtaining consent for other hospitals to copy. CB said the UK BT Network

have produced a one-page aide memoire on how to consent well. It is hoped this will be out by November.

b) NBTC EPWG Education Event

This education event 'Planning for a Major Incident' will be held virtually on 12th October.

c) Pre-Amber Alert

Will be extended to the first week of November.

d) QS138 Audit – NICE Standards Patients with Anaemia having Elective Surgery

FC explained the results of this audit have shown that hospitals are not doing very well. An awareness campaign on the use of tranexamic acid is ongoing: a paper came out about its use a few weeks ago and we have some promotional infographics and posters coming out on 3rd October. There was a discussion about how best we, as a region, should distribute the infographics. FC stated there will be an anaemia campaign early next year.

e) Haematology Courses

FC explained she has repurposed some of our ITM haematology courses to be used as blood transfusion training for anaesthetic trainees and has put in a bid to HEE to fund this for five years for ST3s. NHSBT is interested in including ST4s and ST5s for one year and has asked her to resubmit her bid to include them. PK and RR commended her on this incredible work.

10. Date of Next Meeting

RTT dates for 2023 – time from 2-4pm

26th January

13th April

13th July

5th October

RTC dates for 2023 – time from 2-5pm

10th May (definitely virtual)

8th November

There was a discussion about themes for the RTC education sessions.

Suggested themes from the group: medico-legal issues, consent, SCD, QS138 outcomes following the report, CPOC guidelines, WBIT WG progress.

Suggested topics from the evaluation form from the May RTC education session:

- Alternatives and the impact on transfusion
- Heart lung transplant innovations and outcomes
- More patient stories
- Merging and interface systems for blood transfusion service across the NHS
- Transfusion
- Transfusion in haem-oncology, Component development.
- Case studies
- Interesting RCI Case studies linked in with the clinical impact
- How resources can be found to introduce vein to vein safe systems in hospitals and their experiences
- Treating blood loss in those on anticoagulants

Shorter, more frequent education sessions:

The SE region hold 3-4 short education sessions a year called 'transfusion bites' which are very popular. FC suggested we consider doing the same. There is no theme, just small snippets of learning. The group suggested unusual/curious cases, WBITs, NCAs, CAS alert. It was suggested we ask the wider RTC whether they would prefer their education sessions being delivered in this way.

AP will send round calendar invites for all the dates.

London RTT - Action list for 29th September 2022

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
2.	Minutes of July meeting to be uploaded to RTC website	AP	Completed
9(a)	Circulate links to CPOC anaemia guidelines and global PBM statement	RR	
10	Review suggested future topics from May RTC meeting	All	
10	Ask RTC members how they would like their education sessions delivered	PK/TJ	
10.	Circulate calendar invites for 2023 RTT and RTC meetings	AP	Completed

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