

London Transfusion Practitioner Group Meeting

29th March 2023

1000 – 1200

MS Teams

Chairs:

Rachel Moss (RM) (GOS)
Dipika Solanki (DS) (Imperial)

Attendance:

Rebecca Patel (RP) (London Northwest)
James Davies (JD) (Kings College)
Rebecca Kahari (RK) (London Northwest Healthcare)
Tim Williams (TW) (Kings College)
Grace Adetunji (GA) (Kings College)
Helena Day (HD) (Harefield)
Katie Stone (KS) (GSTT)
Kristine Coretico (KC) (GSTT)
Mihaela Gaspar (MG) (Royal Brompton & Harefield)
Lawrance Nyoni (LN) (HCA Healthcare)
Jipsa Jacob (JJ) (Royal Free)
Beth Brannan (BB) (GSTT)
Leah Fulgar (LF) (Kingston)
Anne Minogue (AM) (Queens)
Kate Maynard (KM) (Croydon)
Jan Gordon (JG) (Chelsea & Westminster)
Abiola Adeniyi (AA) (Homerton)
Kelly Feane (KF) (St George's)
Caoimhe O'Dwyer (CO) (St George's)
Sue Cole (SC) (Kings College)
Jamilla Koshoni (JK) (Whittington)
Hayley Allen (HA) (Kings College)
Charlie Little (CL) (The London Clinic)
Lubna Awas (LA) (UCLH)
Charlene Furtado (CF) (GSTT)
Sarah Lennox (SL) (RNOH)
Ursula Wood (UW) (GSTT)
Seema Britto (SB) (HCA Healthcare)
Helinor McAleese (HM) (Newham Hospital)
Tracy Johnston (TJ) (NHSBT)
Prince Waiyaki (PW) (NHSBT)

1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

DS was welcomed to her first meeting as Co-chair.

2. Minutes and Action Log

The minutes from the last meeting on 2nd December were accepted as a true record.
No outstanding actions from December meeting.

3. London TP Working Group Updates

a) WBIT Working Group

DJ was not able to attend, but sent an update which DS read out.

- Poor response to WBIT audit participation. Group reviewed audit tool with aim to design a user guide, but we identified inconsistencies within the audit tool, audit tool holders reviewing audit questions. Could we have another response to the audit tool today.
- Group intending to develop key safety step/message for electronic sampling, input from those with experience with electronic sampling and WBITs welcomed.

SHOT is also planning to do a WBIT questionnaire. There are concerns about duplication and the fact that we will not be able to benchmark against other Trusts. TJ said that 4 regions are interested in our audit tool, but there were only 26 responses from London hospitals. The amended audit tool will be taken to NTPN to engage other regions and then released by Brian Hockley

b) LoPAG Update

- Met last month
- Agreed on topics that the community want to know more about. AP has circulated the survey to the TP group.
- A PAG meeting will be held in the summer to include other regions.
- Currently reviewing national surgical guidelines that disagree with best practice, following which they will put together a best practice toolkit to help lab staff and junior doctors.
- Always looking for more members.

c) BBTS TP Group Update

WM was not able to attend but sent the following update to DS.

WM could not attend the BBTS meeting, but it appears there are concerns sourcing speakers for their next conference. The BBTS website has been updated with a new members group with representation from each region.

TP2024 – a big thank you to the TPs who gave feedback on what was required for their own education.

d) Shared Care

KM gave a presentation



Shared Care Update.pdf

KM asked the group if they have any questions they would like to see included in the RCI Q&A document. This document will be used across all regions.

KM informed the group that you can add special requirements onto RCI using Form 13A.

4. NHSBT Update & O Pos Toolkit

TJ gave the NHSBT Update presentation.



NHSBT PBM London -Update Ma

- There is a lot of information and document links regarding platelet and red cell shortage planning and information about reduced dose platelets.
- QS138 Insights audit tool – this allows you to see where your own performance is.
- Blood Essentials electronic booklet merges together “A Drop of Knowledge” and “A Wealth of Knowledge”.
- SHOT – they will be visiting Trusts. They are happy to present at one of your meetings.
- BTT eLearning Programme – they are looking into providing this for private hospitals.

TJ gave the O Pos toolkit presentation



O Pos Working
Group Project.pdf

- Its implementation was delayed due to Covid and then the amber alerts.
- Work is being done by another project team about the questions around gender reassignment which has also halted its implementation.
- The response rate to the survey for the London hospitals was low in relation to the number of hospitals.
- TJ asked the group whether we need a working group for this. If so, we need volunteers to join – KM volunteered.

Several members reported that their hospitals already have systems in place which work very well and explained how they work.

It was identified that the cut-off age for women of child-bearing age differs from hospital to hospital.

5. NTPN / ISBT Update

NTPN:

What do we do about BT training for Band 4 Nurse Associates? We have concerns that they do not have the full level of training. The NMC said it is up to each hospital to decide. RM and the NTPN Chair have written a statement to the NBTC so our position is clear if anything happens.

Reminder to register for TP2023. **ACTION:** AP to resend the email.

ISBT:

- Six podcasts have now been recorded.
- Pushing for TPs to join ISBT.

6. Discussion/Questions

RM informed the group about the following:

B BTS – They are open to anyone with an interest in transfusion, not just science-based, and would like TPs to join

Transfusion research project – if you want to take part, let RM or DS know and they will send your name to the NTPN Chair.

JW Guidelines 2012

TJ asked whether we still need them and, if so, do they need updating? KF feels they definitely need updating. She has updated Croydon's policy with a new pathway which she is willing to share. She also thinks pharmacy input on pathways would be useful. RM wondered whether this needs to be looked at on a national level, especially as, since Covid, some patients are refusing blood from Covid vaccinated donors.

ACTION: Guidelines to be removed from JPAC. TJ will take back to the PBM team to see if there is appetite for this to be discussed at a national level. If not, TJ will bring back to the next TP meeting.

June F2F TP Meeting

The group needs to decide who will sponsor this meeting. Options were Haemonetics, Octapharma and Haema Clear – Octapharma was chosen.

ACTION – AP to contact Octapharma.

Terms of Reference

All the working groups need to update their ToR's. RM offered to write the ToR for the TP group and will add the working groups that come under the umbrella of the TPWG to the bottom of the document.

ACTION: TJ to source a completed set of TP ToR. RM to write a new set for the TPWG.

7. Stock Management & Production Specialist Team

a) Ro Swap Proof of Concept

PW gave the presentation which focused on the process of moving Ro units from Hammersmith to Northwick Park hospitals



Ro Swap Proof of
Concept.pdf

RP stated that this arrangement works very well for Northwick Park especially since the abolition of the 7 day rule. They get all their Ro units from Hammersmith, without needing to order any from NHSBT. However, she wondered whether the older units will have had an effect on the patient.

KM mentioned about Med Tech funding and warned that, if more hospitals adopt this technology, this may result in an increased need for Ro units.

b) BSMS Team

SS gave the presentation. As requested, the presentation focuses on how London helped support blood stocks since the amber alert and will also give practical advice on inventory management, VANESA and education support available. In London about 25 hospitals managed to reduce their stock holding during the amber alert, with a reduction of 300 units daily nationally.



BSMS Update
March 23.pdf

The next meeting will be F2F on 30th June at Great Ormond Street. Fortnightly TP meetings will continue whilst we are in amber alert.

Actions

Item No.	Action	Detail	Lead
5.	TP 2023 Registration	Resend the registration link	AP - Completed
6.	JW Guidelines on JPAC	Remove the guidelines and take back to PBM team for advice	TJ
6.	TP June F2F meeting	Contact Octapharma re. sponsoring	AP - Completed
6.	ToR	Source a completed set and create new set for TP group	TJ/RM