

South East Regional Transfusion Team

Wednesday, 12 July 2023

Microsoft Teams meeting

Minutes

Present	
Kerry Dowling (KD) Deputy Chair	Fatts Chowdhury (FC)
Tanya Hawkins (TH)	Ruth O'Donnell (RO'D)
Susan Mitchell (SM)	Kim East (KE)
Elizabeth Tatam (ET)	Emma O'Donovan (EO'D)
Emily White (EW)	Jonathan Ricks (JR)
Lisa March (LM)	Anwen Davies (AD)
Shabana Tufail (ST)	Danny Bolton (DB)
Carol Stenning (CS)	Frances Moll (FM) (Minutes)

Apologies	
Howard Wakeling	Simon Stanworth (SS)

<p>Welcome & Apologies KD welcomed two new Customer Service Managers – Carol Stenning CSM for the South West, (also looking after Southampton), and Danny Bolton, CSM in Tooting.</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting The minutes (7 February 2023) were reviewed with one outstanding action. KD to follow up EW offer to share traceability business case. The minutes will be added to the SE website. ACTION</p> <p>Membership: A Consultant Anaesthetist has asked to stand down from the RTT. Group asked to consider a replacement and put forward ideas for a new member. ACTION</p> <p>NBTC Update A summary of the meeting, held on 27 March 2023, was sent out to the RTC on April 6.</p> <p>Budget The exact figure is to be confirmed, but at present no monies have been spent this financial year.</p> <p>RTC Education Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BMS study day – held virtually on 25 April 23. The one-day event was attended by 19 delegates. Feedback was positive; delegates enjoyed the interactive elements within the day; and considered the presentations clear and informative.• Feedback - Shared Learning from the Amber Alert – May 3 2023. The feedback had been very positive, 100% would recommend such events to colleagues. All the presentations are now available on the YouTube channel. <p>Planning for future events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TP/TLM joint meeting – Wednesday 13th September was agreed KD – should we be looking at a face-to-face meeting? ACTION – e-mail to TP/TLMs would you released for a face-to-face meeting?
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Suggestions for presentations:

FC - preparation for major incidents; look at the BSH guidelines and emergency preparedness. TP/TLM need to discuss the communication between lab and clinical areas. Case studies for example the paediatric emergency at St Mary's.

TP SIM training was cancelled during lockdown, this should be revisited.

FC – there is a major incident action card for TPs on the JPAC website. **ACTION** – FM to ask attendees to bring any incident cards in use to the meeting. **ACTION** send reminder and look at JPAC ahead of the meeting. **ACTION** FC to coordinate a session in the afternoon of 13 September KD would provide a presentation on the UKTLC standards. **ACTION**

It was agreed that Transfusion Reaction Update and Usage/Wastage would not be on the agenda this time. National Lab Manager group will not have anything new finalised before September. RCI electronic reporting – the group agreed this “is the future”, but there are initiatives within NHSBT, it was not something that could be just regional. LM had recently attended a meeting and seen a presentation providing an “over-arching” view of electronic reporting which might be something to consider.

MH Survey results LM was waiting for the final responses to the Survey (sent out to TPs within each Trust). The survey was asking about current MHPs – “what’s happening in the region?” “what’s working in different areas”. It was agreed this was a good subject for discussion. (TLM agenda item)

Other items for future meetings, but not ready for September will be BSH IT and the BSH Pre-Transfusion Compatibility guidelines which is being re-written – will be very topical. Also, Where Does Blood Go Survey - again too soon, data submission deadline is September.

KD – proposed discussing perhaps the biggest challenge nationally and regionally for all Trusts and that was staffing, recruitment and retention.

Could we share the good practices we have. KE agreed this was definitely a topic worth discussion. KD agreed to put together some slides, to introduce the concept and then have an open discussion. Plus look at the work force plans. **ACTION**

The agenda was updated (attached). The Group agreed Wednesday 13 September.

E-mail to go out to find out if a face-to-face meeting was a practical option. A location in Reading/(Guildford) had been identified. **ACTION**

AD advised the group that we might not be able to hold two face-to-face meetings, due to costs. It was agreed people would be willing to pay a charge for Transfusion Bites, with about £30 being the limit. There may be an opportunity to invite sponsors to off-set some of the costs. KD suggested using Oxford Centre for the TP/TLM meeting. It was agreed location would be key to people attending. AD/FM to assess costs, and location and send out options for consideration. Face to face is expensive. Transfusion Bites better face to face. If there has to be a choice KD felt TP/TLM meeting was better to go virtual with Transfusion Bites face to face.

- **Transfusion Bites - Thursday 2 November** was the preferred date.

It was agreed to stick with the popular format of three key speakers and shorter 15-minute slots for hospital talks. The group discussed if there was a need for an overarching theme, which could narrow the audience, however, without a theme then perhaps only one talk has relevance for some attendees.

Suggestions put forward

AD suggested re-visiting QS138; consent or the infected blood inquiry. It was suggested that this may be better suited for a future session when there is certainty of when the report will be published. Consent

CS suggested sharing stories of events; learning from each other; from the pandemic, the situation in Southampton.

KD agreed an overarching theme - sharing practice and learning from excellence – these fit well with what SHOT is telling us. KD to approach someone to talk from SHOT. **ACTION**
AD suggested Harvey's Gang and the transition from founder to the IBMS.
CS suggested a speaker from Learning from Excellence.
A positive patient story – KD agreed to approach a Thalassemia patient who may be willing to talk about her experience.
The ideal is for an all-day event face-to-face, if no, then a half day if virtual.
KD – invited everyone to ask colleagues about possible key speakers **ACTION**.
FM to send out usual reminder to hospitals requesting volunteers for talks before the event.

NHSBT/PBM update - AD provided the PBM update:



PBM update for RTT
July 23.pptx

Main points:

- Stock levels were much better (Comms sent out on 1 June) - green status for red cells/platelets; there were still concerns about Aneg platelets. Thank you for your support.

Please note the updates in shortage plans for red cells and platelets (April)

New patient information available on SHOT; easy read and audio for 'Receiving a blood transfusion' leaflet, also available in 25 different languages.

NCA audit:

- Blood sampling and labelling – South East regional report sent out with agenda.

Current surveys:

- Where Does Blood Go Survey – covers a period of two weeks (03/07 – 17/07 (TLMs)
- Survey for medics and TPs reference experience with major incident training.

Education events.

- BMSEGD – rescheduled How TEG can improve PBM – July 26.
- SHOT – webinar 19th July.
- BSMS Education Day – new dates from September into 2024.

Patient information leaflets

- sickle cell disease information updated in February.
- new leaflet on hemochromatosis and blood donation.
- Blood Essentials is imminent to replace drop of knowledge and wealth of knowledge.

New JPAC pages with a tab for each region; education section all joined up.

Link to ESR and eLearning for health available within the attached presentation.

NHSBT update:

DB updated the group on Tooting:

Tooting was covering four of the Southampton hospitals. There will be some emergency products available from the Southampton site, but there may be limits on blue light delivery times.

There is a routine review of the delivery structure at Tooting.

DB hopes to arrange visits/Teams meetings with colleagues as his training is near completion.

ST updated the group on Oxford

They were currently delivering to the Islands while Southampton was out of action in some areas.

The Oxford centres review for deliveries was coming to an end, and there was also a review of standardise cut off times this is a national review.

New OBOS version released on 21 May.

RTC Workplan:

- Review of workplan 2023 – 24

KD confirmed the removal of the OPos working group, as agreed at the RTC Business meeting; the Oxford/Southampton user group meeting had been delayed. Other events were on track or had taken place.

Dates and venues to be added to the draft workplan once confirmed. **ACTION**

- DOAC audit report

FC provided the following update - The audit had been well received, there were recommendations planned by the Major Trauma Steering Group, these would initially go to the Major Trauma Centres in London and the networks first and then will be rolled out.

There was no surprise that the majority were elderly patients, however, the surprise was that they had head injuries, but they didn't present as trauma patients, they often have other co-morbidities, not recognised they have had a fall. There was talk about co-ag checks and TEGs in accident and emergency departments might be a quicker way for patient assessment and reversal rather than waiting for blood checks.

There is a plan to repeat the audit in a couple of years. Questions will be reviewed to include the consideration of Glasgow Coma Scale as head injuries had represented 80% of the patients.

Collection of demographic information could be useful.

FC said there had not been a great deal of feedback, and she hoped people had read the report.

KE – said it had been presented at their patient blood management team meeting and were sharing it more widely within BSPS.

FC – a colleague up north was looking about getting point of care testing TEG machines/ coag checks in A&E, which would be cheap and easy to implement.

KD – said it was a great piece of work and invited FC to share the presentation at Transfusion Bites.

ACTION

ACTION – Add to the Transfusion Bites agenda

QS138 Quality Insights Tool

AD gave a quick overview of the first audit cycle carried out in April/ May this year using the new resource. Since the launch in March - 53 sites had signed up in England, with 19 registrations from the South East (all but three SE Trusts). The Tool is about to be launched in Wales, and it has been listed as a NICE-endorsed resource.

AD gave an overview of the South East results: Audit period Quarter 4, financial year 22-23 (January – March 2023).

The next audit cycle is due by the end of October. Auditing from financial quarter 2, financial year 23-24 (July/August/September 2023).

Group Updates:

- There were no group updates.

Transfusion 2024

- Update on North East and Yorkshire End-to-End Transfusion IT Working Group

LM attended their meeting which took place on 29 March:

LM outlined the group's aims to have an overview of how they are progressing as a region; Have scoping/profiling surveys; Support different Trusts at different stages of implementing vein-to-vein systems with drop-in sessions

They have an educational session during the meetings, discuss troubleshooting, discuss Transfusion 2024.

The group was informative and there is obvious benefit from having this working group, though I'm not sure if it needs to be a permanent feature. It could be that we carry out some

profiling/scoping for our region to see where Trusts are with vein-to-vein and which systems are in place and any issues encountered with troubleshooting tips and then take it from there.

KD – BTRU (Blood Transfusion Research Unit) and SS are doing a national project on Vein to Vein – so we will get a national picture which we could drill down regionally. Then the support for hospitals can be considered because there are some units in this region that have had some of these systems for a very long time.

The Project's survey is out at present, but KD didn't know when it would be completed.

- Massive Haemorrhage Pack (MHP) Survey

This had been discussed under the TP/TLM joint meeting section.

LM is awaiting the final responses from the TPs who had been sent the survey.

Next meeting: Wednesday 4 October.