

**CONFIRMED Minutes of London Regional Transfusion Team Meeting  
Held in the Rovos Boardroom, The Clermont Hotel Victoria**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
1400-1530**

**Present:**

Cath Booth (CB) (Chair)	Consultant Haematologist, Barts Health & NHSBT
Rachel Moss (RM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Great Ormond Street NHS Trust
Dipika Solanki (DS)	Transfusion Practitioner, Imperial College NHS Trust
Emily Carpenter (EC)	Transfusion Practitioner, Kings College Hospital
Elisha Thuesday (ET)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Kingston Hospital
Michael Makele (MM)	Pathology Quality Manager, Kings College Hospital
Tracy Johnston (TJ)	PBMP, NHSBT
Danny Bolton (DB)	CSM, NHSBT
Gabrielle Purathur	Work Experience Student Observer

**Apologies:**

Phil Kelly (PK)	Consultant Physician, Kings College Hospital
Fatts Chowdhury (FC)	Consultant Haematologist, Imperial NHS Trust/NHSBT
Wendy McSparran (WM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Ali Lloyd (AL)	CSM, NHSBT
Charlene Furtado (CF)	Transfusion Practitioner, Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Trust
Selma Turkovic (ST)	PBMP, NHSBT (maternity leave)

**Non-Attendees:**

Ravi Raobaikady, Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Marsden Hospital  
 Ciara Donohue, Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Free NHS Trust  
 Ursula Wood, Transfusion Practitioner, Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Trust

**Minute Secretary:**

Angela Pumfrey (AP), London RTC Administrator

### 1. Welcomes and Apologies

Welcomes: Danny Bolton has joined the team as CSM for Tooting.

Departures: Denise McKeown has relocated to Ireland. Ethan Troy-Barnes has stepped down from the group due to work commitments.

Apologies: PK, WM, AL, CF

### 2. Minutes and Actions of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April were accepted as an accurate record. To be uploaded onto the JPAC website.

#### Outstanding Actions from Last Meeting:

Item 2: Pending - AP is awaiting training on uploading documents onto the new RTC web pages. TJ suggested that the RTT review what documents to have on the London pages. This will be an agenda item for the next RTT meeting.

Item 4: The TADG Chair has been invited to join this group, but we have had no reply from him. If VJ is not able to join, it was suggested that we ask the TADG members whether anyone would be interested in joining the RTT.

Item 5: Refusal of blood/JW Guidelines – the NBTC has taken over the management of this. There are statements from the Anaesthetists and PAD that can be published. CB said that BSH guidelines on PAD are currently being reviewed but the publication process can take 12-18 months.

Item 10(c): TJ wants to wait for clarification from the NBTC, as to the changes to the set-up of the RTCs, before taking any further action on updating the ToR for the London RTT.

**Post-meeting note:** Item 2 - AP and TJ have now received training and AP has uploaded the minutes.

### 3. RTC Action Plan/Activity Log

TJ went through the action plan.

TPG – RM will step down as Co-Chair at the end of the year.

O Pos Toolkit WG – 3 TPs have expressed an interest to join, but no one from TADG.

Shared Care WG - Tracey Tomlinson is working with SHOT on how to use Sp-ICE effectively. They are developing resources to support hospitals in using the system. The SCWG have completed the survey across the 7 regions and will be holding a meeting in September with volunteers to join the group from across England. The group wants to put the work and audit on BBTS. RM suggested also publishing in Bloodlines.

**Post-meeting note:** Survey on O Pos implementation sent out to the London TP Group. Results to feed into the national data collected for feedback to the NBTC. To be used as a baseline for the O Pos Working Group when the working group is established.

#### 4. Overall Evaluation from May RTC Education Session

AP gave a summary of the results from the overall evaluation form. The form was circulated to the group prior to the meeting.

#### 5. Planning for November RTC Education Event

Suggestions for topics/themes were:

- ❖ Training/different ways of learning: would this be more suited to a LTC meeting as it would be better F2F. We need an expert in this field. Andy Miller, who did previous education talks for us, has now left NHSBT.
- ❖ It was suggested that we pick a selection of topics rather than base the whole event around one theme.
- ❖ We want topics that link the lab, clinicians and NHSBT. Suggested title “Transfusion Management: Where Science and Medicine Meets”.
- ❖ 3 scenarios of tricky cases where clinical and scientific teams had to work together to solve the case.
- ❖ The following topics were suggested:
  - Refractory HLA matching – working with RCI and H&I
  - Discovery of the new blood group
  - Patient with a rare blood group who had a bone marrow transplant, and one donor donated all the blood required.
  - Mum with multiple antibodies, review for suitable units for baby who has had 2 IUTs and 2 exchange neonatal units.

We can put out a request to the RTT and large hospitals in London for cases.

**ACTION:** TJ asked if CB can write an email for AP to circulate.

#### 6. Any Other Business

a) London Transfusion Collaborative Meeting 2024

It was agreed that we will book The Clermont Hotel again.

#### 7. Date of Next Joint LTC/RTT Meetings

The next RTT meeting is scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> October, but this is the day for both the ‘go live’ date for EPIC at Kings College and haematology doctors’ exams. It was suggested that it may be best to reschedule the date.

It was agreed that we will hold one joint LTC/RTT F2F meeting per year. The other three RTT meetings will be virtual. It was agreed that the theme of the 2024 LTC meeting will be teaching.

#### London RTT - Action list for 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
2.	Minutes of January and April meetings to be uploaded to JPAC website	AP	Completed
2.	Ask the TADG members if anyone would like to join the RTT	TJ	
5.	Send email to RTT re. cases suitable for next education event	CB/AP	Completed

**END**