

# London Transfusion Practitioner Group Meeting

## Confirmed Minutes

30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

1000 – 1600

Weston House, Great Ormond Street Hospital

### Chairs:

Rachel Moss (RM) (GOS)

Dipika Solanki (DS) (Imperial)

### Attendance:

James Davies (JD) (Kings College)

Tim Williams (TW) (Kings College)

Emily Carpenter (EC) (Kings College)

Sasha Wilson (SW) (Cleveland)

Charlie Little (CL) (The London Clinic)

Leah Fulgar (LF) (Kingston)

Kristine Coretico (KC) (GSTT)

Helinor McAleese (HM) (Newham Hospital)

Pascal Winter (PW) (Queens)

Silane Gabriel (SG) (Royal Marsden)

Rebecca Kahari (RK) (London Northwest Healthcare)

Hayley Allen (HA) (Kings College)

Sara Hammond (SH) (Barts Health)

Mihaela Gaspar (MG) (Royal Brompton & Harefield)

Jipsa Jacob (JJ) (Royal Free)

Anna Li (AL) (Royal Free)

Gill Rattenbury (GR) (Chelsea & Westminster)

Tracy Johnston (TJ) (NHSBT)

### 1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

Everyone was thanked for coming to this F2F meeting and introductions were made.

Formal apologies have been received from Kelly Feane and Sarah Lennox.

### 2. Minutes and Action Log

The minutes from the last meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March were accepted as a true record.

Actions from March meeting:

No.6: Completed – the NBTC will take over everything to do with refusal of blood.

No.6: RM has added a reference to PBM to the ToR. She will send to the group for review.

### 3. London TP Working Group Updates

#### a) WBIT Working Group

The questions on the WBIT audit tool are being reviewed following changes requested by several regions. Group to contact EoE Chair for an update.

#### b) LoPAG Update

DS gave an update from the Chair.

- Message was sent to Lab Managers on behalf of the NHSBT National Stock & Distribution Manager regarding the ordering of high levels of high titre platelets.
- Following the disbanding of the PAG group, one of the LoPAG meetings will be a PAG meeting with representation from other regions.
- The next education event will be on 31 October and will be Halloween themed.
- Another newsletter due to be published later this year.
- The group has reviewed some TEG guidelines and were not able to find any discrepancies. The London & SE Trauma Group Chair will be asked for help with reviewing them.

#### c) BBTS TP Group Update

Nothing new to update.

d) Shared Care Working Group

KM sent the following update that was read out to the group.

- Still working on compiling different versions of various special requirement charts
- Survey questions completed by SCWG, looking at what we know and what we want to know about RCI for possible Q and A document.
- Survey sent out to all 7 regions; data collection completed on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Results pending and to be shared with wider SCWG which will be open to the other 7 regions in September 2023.
- Looking at designing a poster for non-haem staff regarding special requirements and other resources for all staff.
- Survey results include questions from SHOT, hoping to do -work with SHOT on this.

The following questions were raised:

**Q1. How do you respond to queries from NHSBT re. the Infected Blood Inquiry if you cannot find out what happened to the unit – do you have a process in place that works well?**

RM stated that pre-2005 it is impossible to trace the unit so she cannot follow up the query. She has a standard reply and suggests each hospital writes a mission statement. SW said it is accepted that it is difficult to find old data on your legacy LIMS. After a long discussion with members giving their own experiences, it was suggested that any advice is shared with the rest of the group.

**Q2. Fol requests around bloodless surgery – how do you respond?**

RM clarified that they mean blood substitutes and suggested giving a simple short answer.

**Q3. When London experienced terrorist attacks, did your hospital activate any mass casualty plan?**

Most members said that BT is not included in their mass casualty plans. RM mentioned an article on the TP role and disaster planning in Vox Sanguinis which is embedded below.



TP and Disaster  
Planning Paper.pdf

**4. NHSBT Update**

TJ gave the presentation.



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- BSMS Introduction to Smarter Inventory Management is highly recommended.
- 2023 Inventory Practice survey has had a very good response.
- Patient information leaflets: 27 languages available either download an electronic copy or print a hard copy. Majority are unable to order from NHSBT due to the cost.
- QS138: Some members are finding it difficult to gather the data needed to participate. However, it was mentioned that, if you took part in the NCA audit, the data you collected in the NCA can be uploaded onto this audit tool as part of your baseline for auditing purposes. RM thinks that we should all try and use it and asked everyone to at least have a look and see if it has value to your Trust. It is part of Transfusion 2024 so may eventually become compulsory. RM suggested inviting Anwen Davies to the next TP meeting to answer any questions we have. EC thinks that reducing the number of cases from 10 to 5 would help.
- New RTC website – old files have been archived. Keeping 2 years of minutes and work on the site.
- Blood Essentials online interactive booklet -will replace 'A Drop of Knowledge' and 'A Wealth of Knowledge' when it has been released
- BTT e-learning – private hospitals can now access this learning at a cost. RM mentioned that the modules are not specific enough for paediatrics, so they still have to use LearnPro. Paediatric specific modules have been requested.

- Selma returns from maternity leave on 17 July on part-time hours.

**ACTION:** Invite Anwen Davies to next TP meeting

## 5. NTPN / ISBT Update

NTPN:

Discussed the pre-amber alert and changes that came out of it that we can embed into practice.

ISBT:

- Trying to get TPs recruited worldwide to join the ISBT Forum. For those interested visit the ISBT website - [International Society of Blood Transfusion | ISBT | The International Society of Blood Transfusion \(ISBT\) \(isbtweb.org\)](http://www.isbtweb.org)
- Two congresses this year in South Africa and Sweden (last week)
- Next year's congress will be in Barcelona. The ISBT TP group are putting in a bid for a TP workshop on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> (Congress runs 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>). If successful Rachel will share details with the group.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> podcast is currently being recorded. All the podcasts are available on all podcast platforms (except Amazon) and are called 'Transfusion Practitioners across the World'.
- At the meeting in Sweden there was a WBIT workshop run by the TP Group, similar to the one planned today which shows WBITs happen all over the world.

## 6. TP Caring and Sharing

a) TP Fortnightly Meetings

Will continue as they have been very useful. These have been nicknamed TP grumble meetings.

b) MHRA Inspection - If staff have not used their blood fridge access for 3 months, is their card disabled and they are retrained?

Most members thought the card is disabled if not used for 2 years although they agreed that this is not written down so in theory you can do what works for your hospital.

c) Blood Track

The members were asked which different versions of Blood Track they have, if they have ASK or whether they are still paper based. There was a large variation of versions across the group. Some hospitals have Blood Track but not the training module, which only Northwick Park has. A large number of TPs will be attending the Haemonetics training session next week where they will ask collectively that the training module should be automatically included in the package, so they have the ability to auto-disable.

d) How does your hospital perform a Mock MH?

CL said that they have a simulation MH exercise paper at The London Clinic.

**ACTION:** CL will send to TJ so it can be circulated amongst the group.

e) Damage to Platelets when given through a Pump – is there any study on this?

PW said there is no study and no evidence for this.

## 7. Presentation by Hema Purvey, Octapharma

The presentation was on Fibryga. HP explained that Fibryga is the only Fibrinogen Concentrate with dual indication for both acquired and congenital hypofibrinogenaemia. The group thanked HP for supporting the meeting and providing lunch.

HP is not able to share the presentation. If you have any queries, she has shared her contact details below.

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## 8. Patient Experience – Beta Thalassaemia Major

Dipika Shah gave the presentation about her own experience of living with the condition since childhood. She does not wish for her presentation to be shared.

## 9. Presentation on PSIRF

Presentation given from Claire Cox, Patient Safety Manager at Kings College Hospital. The group found it extremely useful at better understanding the framework and how it relates to transfusion events.

## 10. WBITs

WBIT workshop: the group was split (randomly) into 3 groups looking at 3 different aspects of managing WBITs followed by group feedback & discussions:

- IT solutions
- Training
- Patient factors

Please find below three photos from this session.



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## 11. Q&A Summing Up

Rachel summed up the day and thanked everyone for making the effort to travel to GOSH. Next meetings in 2023:

- Teams meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.
- Face to face meeting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at London Bridge Hospital

## Actions

Item No.	Action	Detail	Lead
4.	Questions re. QS138	Invite Anwen Davies to the September meeting to answer any questions	TJ/AP <b>Completed</b>
4.	Questions re. QS138	Ask for questions from TP Group	TJ/AP <b>Completed</b>
6(d)	London Clinic MH simulation paper	Circulate to the group	CL/TJ/AP <b>Completed</b>