

EAST OF ENGLAND REGIONAL TRANSFUSION TEAM

Minutes of the meeting held on 05 October 2023, 13:30pm – 15:00pm at The George Hotel, Huntingdon

Attendance:

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Lynda Menadue LM	RTC Chair and HTC Chair - Peterborough	Katherine Philpott KP	TLM & TADG Chair, Addenbrooke's
Frances Sear FS	PBMP, NHSBT	Julie Jackson JJ	TP, James Paget Hospital
Louise Meaney LME	Principle Scientist, Pathology First, Basildon & Southend	Clare Neal CN <i>Minutes</i>	RTC Administrator, NHSBT
Stephen Wilson SW	HTC Chair, Norfolk & Norwich	Shinsu Kuruvilla SK	TP, Queen Elizabeth Kings Lynn
Ollie Firth OF	Clinical Fellow, NHSBT		

Apologies: Dora Foukaneli **DF**, Suzanne Docherty **SD**, Isabell Lentell **IL**, Mohammed Rashid **MR**, Lisa Cooke **LC**, Joanne Hoyle **JH**, Michaela Rackley **MRA**

1. **Welcome LM** welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

2. **Minutes of last meeting:** Previous minutes were agreed. Please advise **CN** of any amendments.

Actions from previous meeting

Detail	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange working group meeting for September to discuss regional MH flowchart. Forward current guideline to those attending. Information from this meeting will be taken to 05 October RTC. Feedback at HTCs Take to first meeting of 2024 	ONGOING
Toolkits and Guidelines	ONGOING – FS to email toolkits JP / LME – Transfer of Blood, O Neg Top Tips, Shared Care
Platelet Audit	ONGOING

3. RTC Business

- LM** role of the RTC may change the HTC's. Changes to the RTC Chair role are currently going through NHS England. **KP** if hospitals do not have a good HTC set up, this should be put onto the risk register as having an ineffective HTC.
- LM** NBTC will have full leadership including appraisals for RTC Chairs.
- LM** there is a Pathology Director Integrated Care Board. **FS** public list on website, they could be invited to future RTC's.
- LM** the NBTC will run 7 education events yearly. We can still run our own but will have to bid for one of the national events. I recommend we bid for the obstetric session.
- LM** QS138 is being discussed a lot. Do we need to do anything else with this? **JJ** we may have new TP's in the region so would be a good idea to circulate the information again. **FS** the

turnover of TP staff has probably impacted the use. We can make sure it is added to action plan and discussed at meetings to raise awareness.

- **LM** there seems to be a push on Patient Blood Management. After looking at major haemorrhage, should one of our themes be anaemia. **SW** anaemia has an impact and fits well with cell savers. We are seeing more in the community. **JJ** we are seeing badly managed patients especially since the COVID pandemic. GP access is impossible. **LM** patients are also not wanting to bother GP's. If patients leave hospital quickly it is not picked up. **FS** patients are also not aware that pharmacists are more involved in care. **FS** there are a lot of changes being driven by WHO. **LM** as a HTC we are going to come up with some sensible numbers to follow. I know this subject is not directly transfusion. **JJ** part of our job is stopping transfusions having to take place. **LME** there can be a demographic change in patients. We see a lot of anaemia patients in Basildon. **JJ** this topic would be good for Mums, Babies and Blood. **FS** it used to be on the programme but changed it when we moved to an online platform.
- **JJ** Ali Rudd had asked for contacts for Cell Salvage leads. **LM** Hinchingsbrooke Hospital have trained all ODP's. **SW** we have about 5/6 trained.
- **FS** audit questions will be circulated and will be sent to Brian to put together a SNAP survey.

4. Education Working Group

- The next meeting will be held on 18th October 2023, 10:00am – 11:00am.
- **JJ** a SHOT session has been arranged. There is a plan to have an afternoon focussing on presentations after the TP Meeting in March 2024.
- **KP** TLM training is being looked at nationally.
- **FS** Martin Muir is providing a talk on the BMS rolling programme.
- **LM** doctors education is being discussed.

5. Any Other Business

- **FS** the budget will become the responsibility if the RTC under the NBTC.
 - it was agreed that two RTC meetings and the Joint TP/TADG meetings will be held face-to-face at external venues using the budget. The TP meetings and TADG meetings can be held at the Cambridge Donor Centre. This will be reviewed at each meeting.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 11 January 2024. Other dates for 2024 have been circulated

Actions:

	Detail	Responsibility	Due
1	QS138 – resend to TPs	JJ / CN	ASAP
2	Audit Questions – Circulate to group and send to Brian to create a SNAP survey	??	ASAP