

**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
NORTH WEST REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 via MS Teams**

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**Present (63)**

Craig Carroll – Chair (CC)	Salford Royal Hospital
Lesley Adams	Leighton Hospital
Imtiaz Ali	Blackpool Victoria Hospital
Daisy Alty	Royal Preston Hospital
Sue Andrews	Royal Oldham Hospital
Pete Baker	LUHFT
Jo Bark	NHSBT
Lydia Baxter	Salford Royal Hospital
Samantha Bonney	STHK
Patricia Brown	Countess of Chester Hospital
Steven Carter	Arrowe Park Hospital
Jill Clarkson	NHSBT
Emma Copperwaite	MFT
Robin Coupe	NHSBT
Derina Cutinha	MFT
Anwen Davies	NHSBT
Lisa Delaney	Arrowe Park Hospital
Lorna Diggory	The Christie Hospital
Luke Dowe	Clatterbridge Cancer Centre
Henrietta Drake	Royal Oldham Hospital – HTC Chair
Emily Fisher	STHK
Neil Fuller	Blackpool Victoria Hospital
Amanda Gould (AG)	Macclesfield District General Hospital
Julie Harrison	STHK
Jorge Isardo	Clatterbridge Cancer Centre
Sharon Jackson	The Christie Hospital
Karen Knowles	LUHFT
Rebekka Konig	LUHFT – HTC Chair
Jill Livingstone	MBHT
Louise McCreery	Royal Albert Edward Infirmary
Bernadette Mir	MFT
Sophie Moores	MFT
Mike Ntsabane	MBHT
Emma Nuttall	MBHT
Jo Oldfield	Noble’s Hospital, Isle of Man
Eric P	NHSBT
Hollie Papirnyk	LUHFT
Carmel Parker	MFT - Central
Jayne Peters	NHSBT / MFT – Central
Clare Quarterman	LHCH – HTC Chair
Andy Quirk	Noble’s Hospital – Isle of Man
Katherine Roberts	Royal Preston Hospital
Jennie Rogers	MFT

Jessica Sandham  
 Emily Scott  
 Deborah Seals  
 Andrew Sefton  
 Lauren Sekloawu  
 Tracey Shackleton  
 Delia Smith  
 Hayley Speirs  
 Rebecca Spiers  
 Sophie Staples  
 Mark Summerton  
 Carla Thomas  
 Rhian Thomas  
 Val Wallace  
 Laura Welsh  
 Claire Whitehead  
 Jane Whittaker  
 Holly Wissett  
 Rebecca Wright  
 Raisa Zaman

Alder Hey Children's Hospital  
 MFT  
 The Christie Hospital  
 Liverpool Women's Hospital  
 MFT  
 Alder Hey Children's Hospital  
 NHSBT  
 Countess of Chester Hospital  
 Warrington Hospital  
 NHSBT  
 Tameside & Glossop NHS Trust  
 Alder Hey Children's Hospital – HTC Chair  
 Warrington Hospital  
 LHCH  
 Tameside General Hospital  
 MFT  
 Royal Oldham Hospital  
 LUHFT – Aintree Hospital  
 Stepping Hill Hospital

### **Minutes**

Jane Murphy (JM)

NHSBT

### **Apologies (2)**

Karen Farrar  
 Carolyn Warren

Royal Bolton Hospital  
 Spire Healthcare

## **Actions**

Item no.	Original Meeting/Date	Action	Owner	Status
2	RTC 24/04/23	Minutes from RTC meeting on 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 to be posted on website	JM	Completed
3	RTC 24/04/23	Expressions of interest for new RTC Chair to be sent to Jane Murphy	ALL	Completed
9	RTC 24/11/22	Please send any recommendations for new patient representative to Jane Murphy	ALL	Completed

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

Craig Carroll welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for joining.

The persons listed above sent their apologies prior to the meeting date.

**2. Minutes of RTC Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and agreed.

**Action:** To be changed to confirmed on website **(JM)**

Action list all completed.

**3. NBTC & RTC Chair's Meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Craig Carroll attended both these meetings virtually. Also attended in January, a face to face "Extra Ordinary Meeting of the RTC Chair's with representation from NHS England"

January 2023; Extra Ordinary Meeting of the RTC Chair's with representation from NHS England (NHSE).

Outcomes

- The Job Description of the RTC Chair needs to change
- Regional Educational remit of the Chair reduced
- Closer work with NHSE and NHSBT
- Role to communicate with Medical Directors and Trust Exec Teams
- Greater involvement with NBTC working groups

March 2023; RTC and NBTC Chairs Meetings.

Key highlights

- Education
- Blood Management / Perioperative Database
- Blood Stocks / supply and demand
- MHRA Activity
- NHSBT Performance

Other key messages

- BJA Article; [Perioperative considerations for transgender and gender diverse adults - BJA Education](#) nothing regarding blood transfusion in the article.
- Joint SHOT and UKTLC Webinar; 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 12pm – 1pm
- Patient Information Leaflet on Transfusion is now available online in multiple languages <https://www.transfusionguidelines.org/transfusion-practice/consent-for-blood-transfusion/consent-information-for-patients>
- New NBTC Website to be launched 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

A copy of the minutes from these meetings are available by contacting Jane Murphy, NW RTC Administrator [jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

Election of New NW RTC Chair

CC advised members he has given his notice to stand down as RTC Chair. Any expression of interest to be sent to Jane Murphy, NW RTC Administrator. Formal handover to new chair to take place at November's Meeting.

**Action:** Expressions of interest for new RTC Chair to be sent to Jane Murphy. **(ALL)**

#### 4. NHSBT Customer Services & PBM Updates

##### Customer Services

Presentation given by Robin Coupe and Delia Smith who are currently providing interim cover for Customer Service Manager in NW region. Rukhsana Hashmat will be returning end of June 2023.

##### Updates

- Update blood stocks
- Platelet supply – contingency measures
- Transfusing granulocytes
- NHSBT Chief Executive – Dr Jo Farrar to join NHSBT 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023
- Hospital satisfaction survey

##### PBM

Presentation given by Jo Bark. Highlights:

- O D Pos to males in trauma
- New resources
- Education events
- Upcoming conferences
- Social media

#### 5. QS138 Quality Insights Audit Tool

Presentation given by Anwen Davies. Highlights:

##### What is QS138?

In 2016 NICE published Blood Transfusion Quality Standard (QS) 138 which outlined high quality care in four priority areas for improvement:

- Iron supplementation
- tranexamic acid (TXA) for adults
- reassessment after red cell transfusion
- patient information

##### Are hospitals compliant?

59% Iron-deficient patients treated pre-surgery

67.5% Adults undergoing moderate blood loss surgery given TXA

58% Transfused patients had Hb check and clinical re-assessment

26% Transfused patients had written and verbal info

- NCA recommended regular repeats of this audit to monitor effectiveness of interventions
- Transfusion 2024 outlines the need for a self-assessment tool for hospitals (Section A1)

##### What is QS138 Quality Insights?

Launched on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023. A free, voluntary quality improvement benchmarking audit tool for Hospitals and RTC regions which:

- Enables hospitals (not Trusts) to self-assess compliance to NICEQS138 in real-time
- Automatically analyses results, displaying trends and any RTC/National data
- Easily accessible bespoke reports (Hospital and RTC)
- Supports users to enter a quality improvement cycle against all or some of the 4 priority areas
- Flexibility to allow hospitals to audit up to 4 times per year
- Provides users the opportunity to focus in on improvement

### Hospital Compliance Report

- Hospital users will only be able to access, filter and download own reports
- Appendix included to outline rationale for each QS to support data
- Can be used as evidence of practice to clinical governance and audit teams, as well as for external inspections

### Regional Compliance Reports

- Regional reports will only be accessible to the PBMPs/equivalent via log in
- Regional reports also show a breakdown of % compliance per hospital site for the selected audit period vs regional and national data
- Trending data shown for the last four audited quarters
- Data sharing improves visibility of performance and could support RTC meetings & workplan decision making

### Hospital & Science Website

Dedicated section on the website <https://hospital.blood.co.uk/audits/qs138-quality-insights-audit-tool/>

### Getting Started

The good news if your hospital is taking part in the 2023 NCA Re-audit of QS138, TPs (or equivalent) can re-use the data as the first benchmarking dataset for QS138 Quality Insights. To do this:

- Audit a minimum of 10 cases per quality statement for a hospital site
- Submit data as usual to NCA, remembering to keep a copy of the results
- Sign up for QS138 Quality Insights (max registration per hospital)

Presentation available by contacting Jane Murphy, NW RTC Administrator  
[jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

## **6. Blood Stocks**

Sophie Staples from Blood Stocks Management Scheme gave presentation which included:

- Regional data – issues, stock, and wastage. Overview against other regions.
- VANESA data submission
- Inventory practice survey - results

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## **7. NHSBT Recalls**

Presentation given by Jayne Peters.

Highlighted:

- Recent query regarding “Duty of Candour” for NHSBT recalls.
- Opened up a wider discussion about screening tools and results – is the information provided sufficient to make a judgement on the potential impact to the patient?
- What hospitals do with recall information?
- Review of current recall system due to commence

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## 8. Feedback from Hospitals

Thank you to Amanda Gould who presented the feedback from the 18 HTC reports received. Transfusion Practitioners mostly completed the reports.

### Highlights

- HTC key achievements over the last 6 months
- HTC key priorities for the coming 6 months
- HTC audits in progress / completed
- Comments related to emergency blood stock planning
- Concerns or constraints

### HTC Achievements - themes

- Electronic tracking systems – funding and implementation
- Increased staffing with TP teams to support new systems / training / traceability
- Implementing training packages
- Link nurses re-established
- Incident investigation improvements
  - TP team training
  - Including human factors

### HTC Key Priorities - themes

- Maintaining PBM
- Electronic tracking systems – funding and implementation
- Updating policies
- Updating LIMS / electronic prescriptions and other specific department IT systems
- Training:
  - Implement new systems or fridges
  - Improving competency compliance
  - MHP simulations

### HTC Audits in Progress / Completed - themes

- Bedside audits
- Authorisation / paperwork audits
- Sample rejection audits
- Major haemorrhage audits
- NCA audit underway currently
- Awaiting results of previous NCA audits

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## 9. AOB

### Patient representation

Currently have no representation as existing representative resigned following RTC Meeting in November 2022. Need to recruit a new representative.

**Action:** Please send any recommendations for new patient representative to Jane Murphy. **(All)**

### Clinical understanding of transfusion reactions

(LTHTR – Daisy Alty/Katherine Roberts)

Made transfusion reaction module part of their mandatory training. Aim is to provide a blood transfusion policy.

## 10. Evaluation / Certificate of Attendance

### Evaluation Form

Feedback is vital from members who attend RTC meetings as this helps plan and support future meetings. Members were asked to complete an online evaluation which was sent out following the meeting.

The results of the evaluations for this meeting were as follows:

- Completion rate of forms – 51%
- Good feedback received:
  - Do you feel the agenda items relevant? Yes - 100%
  - How well were the agenda items discussed? Excellent/Good - 88%
  - Overall, how would you rate the meeting? Excellent/Good - 91%
  - Recommend NW RTC Meeting to others Yes – 97%

### Certificate of Attendance

Sent out to all attendees following the meeting.

## 11. Paper for Information

### RTC Objectives 2023/24

Objectives set for 2023/24.

## 12. Date of next RTC Meeting

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 10am – 12pm

Face to face meeting at Haydock Park Racecourse