

South West Transfusion Practitioners (SWTP) Business Meeting
Oake Manor, nr Taunton
27th March 2024

Attendance:	Trust
Stuart Lord (SL) (Chair)	Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS FT
Laxmi Chapagain (LC)	Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS FT
Karen Mead (KM)	North Bristol NHS Trust
Annie Butterworth (AB)	Salisbury NHS FT
Leah Pecson (LP)	Salisbury NHS FT
Pedro Valle-Vallines (PV)	Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
Sade Tebbutt (ST)	Cornwall Partnership NHS FT
Nicola Dewland (ND)	Dorset County Hospital NHS FT
Sam Gray (SG)	University Hospitals Plymouth NHS
Jackie McMahon (JM)	NHSBT

The meeting was non quorate. The requirement for quoracy is representation from 8 trusts.

Action Log:

All actions from previous meeting were completed. One rolling action -

Medical Schools Transfusion Training (ST):

ST to find out who does what for each Deanery and try and get a unified approach to what we are teaching – Ongoing.

RTC Update/PBM Updates

- It was noted that any significant focus on Consent would have an impact on TPs' workloads.
- There was a discussion around the pre-amber alerts and measures being taken by NHSBT to improve stocks. It was agreed to ask ST if there is anything else the group can be doing other than what is outlined in the national policy. It was again commented that pre-amber seems the 'norm' now and is losing impact.
- The Bedside Audit is proving to be quite an 'eye opening' exercise and probably should be done more regularly, not just when prompted by the NCA.
- There was a discussion around blood sample labelling/mislabelling, and the interpretation of zero tolerance. It was agreed to set up a working group, to include lab. managers, to compare practice and produce a generic regional guideline which would also be useful for doctors moving between trusts. It was suggested that if it was something all trusts were happy to adhere to, it could also be adopted by NHSBT. Ask ST/CSM to approach NHSBT labs for their feedback/input.
- Query with ST if the upcoming audit of NICE QS138 is a national re-audit.
- Dorset pop-up stand experience discussed.
- There was a discussion around E-learning for transfusion and SL agreed to send his e-learning slides to Salisbury and Dorset. KM reminded everyone of the regional template available on SharePoint.
- NMA Feedback. Following comments about the course being too scientific, ST had found that this wasn't reflected in feedback from recent courses. A lot of work has been done over the last couple of years to improve the content and delivery so hopefully this is no longer the case. It is important to provide honest and constructive feedback and TPs were asked to encourage this from any delegates they send on the course.

<p>NMA Update (SL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SL outlined the background to the proposal for a regional NMA course, which was driven by the long waiting list for the NHSBT course. Unfortunately, it is not possible to take it forward currently due to the lack of volunteers to form a working group, but the RTC Chair is happy to revisit in the future if it is brought up again.
<p>National TP Group Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SL didn't attend the last meeting but will update the group if anything of interest comes out of the minutes when they are circulated. ➤ It was highlighted that there is a clash of dates with the second day of TP2024 and an EPWG webinar. ➤ KM gave an update on the development of a Framework for Transfusion Practitioners.
<p>BBTS TP Group Feedback (KM/PVV)</p> <p>KM/PVV gave an overview of the BBTS TP Group webpages and said that it is not necessary to be a BBTS member to be part of the TP group. KM highlighted the Forums and a link to access BBTS Forums will be circulated with the minutes.</p> <p>Bloodlines Magazine – Let KM know if you are interested in submitting an article.</p> <p>The annual conference is in Glasgow, 17-19 September. Delegates don't have to have a scientific background to attend and KM encouraged people to come along. There is a dedicated TP session on the 19th. Fees are paid if you submit an article.</p>
<p>Group Chair and Deputy Chair/Succession Planning</p> <p>SL has been in the role for 3 years and the ToRs state this needs to be reviewed every 3 years. He is happy to continue but equally happy to hand over if anyone has a desire to chair. SL will send out an email for expressions of interest. The group should also have a deputy chair so let SL know if you are interested. It doesn't involve a huge amount of time/work.</p>
<p>Roundtable Discussion (All)</p> <p>Not minuted.</p> <p>KM to send continuing consent form to JM to circulate.</p>
<p>AOB</p> <p>PVV raised the NHS England Never Events Framework Consultation, which includes ABO incompatible transfusion. The options are for no change, abolish or revise and the closing date for feedback is 5 May 2024.</p> <p>The group felt that the removal of the Never Event classification would be detrimental to awareness and following discussion around responding as a group or individuals, two actions were agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) SL to email the RTC Chair and TLM Chair to raise awareness. ii) SL to post message on SharePoint regarding the consultation and encourage TPs to review and submit feedback. <p>JM to include the link with the minutes.</p> <p>Other issues discussed around wristbands and double-barrelled surnames and scanners not recognising workarounds; difficulties getting staff to attend training, particularly if not mandatory; anti-D incidents; having to allocate ICE numbers to unknown patients due to Blood Track issue.</p> <p>Proposed Sample Labelling Project. Covered under RTC/PBM Update.</p>

Regional Major Haemorrhage/O+ Compliance Survey

It was agreed that the existing MH Working group would take this forward and that it would be good to do in advance of next year's MH NCA, and from a benchmarking perspective.

Electronic Tracking Workshop Discussion

Previous actions and options to take this forward were discussed:

Initial workshop idea not feasible.

Separate meetings for each provider – Haemonetics have already agreed/MSoft would need to be approached.

Do the meeting in sections and ask the company what their solution for the problem would be, i.e. blood tracking. Any workshop/meeting would need to fall outside of current the SWTP meeting diary and agreement that it would be a stand-alone meeting, similar to a user group meeting.

Invite the TLMs to participate? – TPs a.m./TLMs p.m.

The structure needs to be formulated with some topics so that providers know what to expect. Following the meetings, escalate any ongoing concerns to NBTC.

SL to arrange meeting with ST to go through points discussed and invite MSoft to participate.

SW TP Group Meeting, 27.03.24

Action Log:

Action	Actioner	Completed
Establish who does what with each Deanery regarding transfusion teaching	ST	WIP
Ask ST if there is anything else, outside of national guidance, that TP's can do to support the pre-amber alerts	SL	
Set up working group to produce generic regional sample labelling guideline	PVV	
Ask ST/CSM to approach NHSBT labs for their feedback/input with sample labelling guideline	PVV/SL	
Query with ST if upcoming audit of NICE QS138 is a national re-audit.	SL	
Send Glos transfusion e-learning slides to Salisbury and Dorset	SL	
Circulate link to register for BBTS Forums	JM	
Send out expressions of interest email for TP Chair role	SL	
Email SL if interested in Deputy TP Chair role	All	
Circulate continuing consent form	JM	

Email RTC Chair and TLM Chair re Never Events Framework Consultation	SL	Complete
Post message on TP SharePoint re Never Events Framework Consultation and encourage TPs to review and submit feedback. Include link with the minutes	SL/JM	
Progress MH/O+ Compliance Survey	MH Working Group	
Arrange meeting with ST to progress setting up meetings with electronic tracking suppliers	SL	