

London Transfusion Practitioner Group Meeting

Confirmed Minutes

19th September 2023

1000 – 1215

Via MS Teams

Chairs:

Rachel Moss (RM) (GOS)

Dipika Solanki (DS) (Imperial)

Attendance:

Helen Brown (HB) (Imperial)

Helena Day (HD) (Harefield)

Sara Hammond (SH) (Barts Health)

Charlie Little (CL) (The London Clinic)

Leah Fulgar (LF) (Kingston)

Avelyn Allata (AA) (Imperial)

Abs Mensah (AM) (Cleveland)

Emily Carpenter (EC) (Kings College)

Kate Maynard (KM) (Croydon)

Sharon Harding (SH) (Marsden)

Wendy McSporrán (WM) (Marsden)

Helinor McAleese (HM) (Newham Hospital)

Kirsty Hancock (KH) (Barts Health)

Amanda Carey (AC) (HCA Laboratories)

Sharron Ramirez (SR) (UCLH)

Anna Li (AL) (Royal Free)

Rebecca Patel (RP) (London Northwest)

Clarence Garcia (CG) (Whittington)

Sarah Lennox (SL) (RNOH)

Ghulam Qureshi (GQ) (RNOH)

Selma Turkovic (ST) (NHSBT)

1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

Formal apologies have been received from Mihaela Gaspar, Kelly Feane, Sue Cole, Sasha Wilson and Tracy Johnston.

2. Minutes and Action Log

The minutes from the last meeting on 30th June were accepted as a true record.

No outstanding actions from the June meeting:

3. London TP Working Group Updates

a) WBIT Working Group

DS gave the update. Met last week to discuss the audit tool – have not received much feedback, an implementation date will be set. The other Co-Chair has stepped down. If you would like to join the group, please contact DS.

b) LoPAG Update

RP gave the update. Met in July. The October education event is likely to be postponed due to lack of sufficient planning time. Surrounding the issue of hospitals ordering high levels of HT neg platelets, NHSBT are going to look into whether HT neg platelets are being automatically issued rather than hospitals ordering them.

c) BBTS TP Group Update

Their conference is in two weeks. WM had no update.

d) Shared Care Working Group

KM gave the update. A survey went out nationally with a good response, resulting in people wanting to know more, so a national meeting was held last week (notes embedded below). They reviewed the survey results, discussed shared care scenarios and talked about the interactive shared care form devised by HM. She showed the group the form and explained how it works. It is based on the paper form, with Section A completed by the clinical team and Section B by the lab. It has been sent out for review, so any suggestions on how it can be improved would be appreciated.

The group hopes to extend nationally and also share the survey results and educational tools across regions.



National SC
Meeting Feedback.p

WM queried if you have large joint EPR providers, should you use that process or the SC form? KM said there is work going on with RCI about uploading special requirements on SP-ice. In the meantime, you can upload special requirements onto Spice under a flag.

4. NHSBT Update

ST gave the presentation.



NHSBT PowerPoint
September 2023.pd

- The strikes are having an impact on our blood stocks.
- NHS England are starting a new national programme to better match blood groups for patients with inherited anaemias, including SCD. The blood group and HLA genotyping will be offered free of charge to hospitals until March 2024. A letter has been sent recently which is asking you to add the test on your LIMS and embed the request form as electronic as NHSBT will not be providing forms.
- SHOT – you can sign up for free monthly newsletters, the 2022 report is available to download or you can purchase a hard copy for £35.00.

5. NTPN / ISBT Update

NTPN:

DS gave the update.

- Education was the overriding theme.
- Concern around agency staff having various competency assessments that they state allows them to give transfusions.
- MHRA inspections is an issue in all regions.

TP2024:

- Julie Jackson has sent a message asking for volunteers for the afternoon breakout session.
- Job descriptions: we have a lot for Band 7s and 6s, but are very short on 4s and 5s, so if you have any you are willing to share that would be appreciated or even any information about your role.
- They will hold monthly virtual meetings up to the time of the event. If you would like to get involved and provide extra help that would be appreciated.

ISBT:

RM gave the update.

- A bid has been submitted to run the first ever international TP Day in Barcelona in June 2024. Will be held on a Sunday so delegates will not need to book time off.
- Still doing the podcasts "TPs Around the World". About to record No.8 about Israel recruiting their first ever TP. Nos 9 and 10 are already lined up to record, the topic being nurse authorisation of blood.

6. Discussion and Q&As

a) Question raised by KH in the New TP session.

In that session, it was identified that there are lots of different places to find out what the special requirements are, but it is not always easy for the clinical team to find out, even if a form has been filled out. If you have any suggestions about how clinical teams can access easily, please get in touch with KH.

At Barts Health they put a pop up on CRS when they order a group and screen that gives all the common indications for SRs.

At UCLH they have a blood summary page on EPIC which contains the special requirements of the patient.

b) Transfusion 2024 Checklist

KM asked whether anyone has found this useful. Croydon is unsure of its usefulness and have begun a gap analysis. RM has carried out a gap analysis to present at her HTC. This topic will be added to the agenda for the November F2F TP meeting.

c) Traceability Rates at Kings College

EC reported that Kings' traceability rates of non-fated units equates to hundreds of units per year. She asked the group for any advice as to what they can do to engage the clinical area to investigate why they were not fated. It was suggested to target the people and wards who last had physical contact with the unit. This topic will be added to the agenda for the November F2F TP meeting.

7. QS138 Quality Insights Audit Tool

Anwen Davies gave the presentation which is embedded below.



QS138 Audit Tool A
Davies.pdf

After the presentation, AD showed the group the report generated by Kings College who were one of the pilot sites. AD also showed the group an example of an anonymised regional report. AD answered several of the members' questions. KM mentioned, whilst the tool is really useful, there were difficulties in getting the data. This topic will be added to the agenda for the November F2F TP meeting.

8. Blood Requests for DCD Donors

Robyn Prescott gave the presentation which is embedded below. She is a Specialist Nurse in Organ Donation (SNOD) in London. 32 London hospitals have a dedicated a SNOD but some cover more than one hospital.



Organ Donation R
Prescott.pdf

9. Q&A Summing Up

a) Thursday Morning Grumble Meetings: RM asked the group if they would like these meetings to continue as numbers have dropped. The consensus was that the group find them very useful and would like them to continue

b) WhatsApp Group – If you would like to be added, send your mobile number to RM or DS.

Next meeting: Face to face meeting Monday 27th November at London Bridge Hospital

No actions