

Minutes of London Regional Transfusion Team Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

**Thursday 26th October 2023
14:00-16:00**

Present:

Phil Kelly (PK) (Chair)	Consultant Physician, Kings College Hospital
Cath Booth (CB) (Chair)	Consultant Haematologist, Barts Health & NHSBT
Rachel Moss (RM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Great Ormond Street NHS Trust
Wendy McSparran (WM)	Transfusion Practitioner, Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Emily Carpenter (EC)	Transfusion Practitioner, Kings College Hospital
V Jeyakumar (Jey) (VJ)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Harefield Hospital
Elisha Thuesday (ET)	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Kingston Hospital
Tracy Johnston (TJ)	PBMP, NHSBT
Selma Turkovic (ST)	PBMP, NHSBT
Robin Coupe (RC)	CSM, NHSBT (covering Colindale post)

Apologies:

Sam Alimam, Consultant Haematologist, UCLH NHS Trust
Dipika Solanki, Transfusion Practitioner, Imperial College NHS Trust
Charlene Furtado, Transfusion Practitioner, GSTT
Danny Bolton, CSM, NHSBT
Angela Pumfrey, RTC Administrator, NHSBT

Non-Attendees:

Ravi Raobaikady, Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Marsden Hospital
Ciara Donohue, Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Free NHS Trust
Ursula Wood, Transfusion Practitioner, Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Trust
Michael Makele, Pathology Quality Manager, Kings College Hospital

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Welcomes: RC is covering the Colindale CSM post until it is filled. SA has replaced Fatts' role in the group but was not able to attend today. VJ has joined the group as the TADG representative.

Apologies: As above

Introductions were made for the benefit of RC and VJ.

2. Minutes and Actions of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 13th July were accepted as an accurate record. AP to upload them onto the JPAC website.

Outstanding Actions from Last Meeting:

Item 2 – A rep from TADG to join the RTT – Completed - VJ, the TADG Chair, has joined the group.

3. Lab Manager Update

VJ gave the update. They last met in September.

- A nationwide issue is staffing shortages, especially concerns around the quantity of senior members, often with only one senior overseeing all the areas.
- There are also issues recruiting experienced staff, so often MLAs are expected to do tasks above their grade - the risks of this were discussed.
- EPIC is going live in 7 hospitals. There are labelling issues at present because EPIC does not have all the information required for the label. There was a meeting earlier this week with the 7 hospitals and NHSBT which was really useful.

There was a discussion about the many students studying for BMS degrees that are not accredited by IBMS. This means they cannot apply for trainee posts unless they do further training. In addition, there is a shortage of trainee posts, so many are taking jobs as MLAs in the hope of securing a trainee post later on.

4. TP Update

RM gave the update. They last met in September.

- They have agreed to continue holding the fortnightly 'catch-up' meetings.
- They are continuing to do work around WBITs.
- The Shared Care group will become a national group.
- The Patient Safety Manager at Kings College gave a talk on PSIRF.
- There was also a talk from a SNOD.

They are holding a F2F meeting in November where they will discuss doing more work around QS138 and pick a regional topic to enter data for. They will also discuss how people are using the Transfusion 2024 checklist and do some work on traceability.

There was a long discussion about the EPIC and Cerner EPR systems and the concern that they are not working for blood transfusion because you cannot enter product names, BT donation numbers or pack numbers into either system. In addition, there is no escalation process available to hospitals when issues occur. WM stated that other areas are affected too and that some networks are raising their concerns at conferences. She suggested that we try and attend these conferences so we can raise our concerns also.

RM thought a multi-pronged approach would be best by escalating to the NBTC, NIOS and SCRIPT. TJ suggested the London IT working group becomes one national group. RM thinks the NTPN should also get involved with this. It was suggested that we collect data and join with SCRIPT to collate it and take it back to the manufacturers.

There was a further discussion on the concerns around the transmission of data and how easy it is for staff to see other hospitals' records.

**Action: PK to escalate to NBTC.
RM to escalate to NTPN**

5. LoPAG Update

In the absence of UW, TJ gave an update from the action plan.

Implementation of EPIC has caused postponement of the PAG meeting and education event. The next newsletter and toolkit for lab staff has been delayed.

6. RTC Work Plan/Activity Log

TJ went through the work plan, which is embedded below.



London RTC Activity
Log October 2023 (L

Shared Care – Will be taken on by the NBTC as a national group. A business case is being written to push for the group to be taken on as a subsection of SCRIPT.

WBIT – have asked for amendments to the toolkit, the form was redesigned, now waiting for a go live date. User guide being written. There are talks about it becoming part of the NTPN.

7. Overall Evaluation from July LTC Meeting

The overall evaluation form is embedded below.



LTC Overall
Evaluation Form.doc

TBS was 100%. Very good comments and everyone preferred the meeting being separate to the education event. Everyone was very happy with the venue and would like to return next year. The

agenda went very well, despite not all speakers being able to attend. Agreed we will hold one F2F meeting each year in July.

8. Customer Services Update

RC gave the update.

- The CSM post for Colindale has been filled, just waiting for start date confirmation.
- There is a NHSBT project to facilitate the movement of excess Ro neg red cells between sites in London. It has been successfully operating between Hammersmith and Northwick Park hospitals. Trying to encourage other hospitals to get on board.
- Stock issues with O neg and B neg RBC, but not expected to move to alert.

9. Reviewing Pages on New JPAC RTC Micro Website

TJ shared the new website London pages with the group. She explained that herself, ST, and AP can add documents and events onto the website. TJ went through all the sections and what they contain. The ToR are being reviewed by the NBTC so we cannot update them. The group agreed that they do not want their email addresses shown on the Contacts page. The group were encouraged to have a play around with the website.

VJ asked about the TADG meetings covering both the London and SE regions. **Post-meeting note:** We are able to select which regions we want documents/events added to.

10. Junior Doctors' Training

As mentioned in the April minutes, Ethan has stepped down from the RTT due to work commitments. Also in the April minutes, CB mentioned that there is a junior doctor at Barts Health who is interested in joining the group. However, there was no update whether any progress has been made with this.

11. Any Other Business

a) Concerns to raise on the Next RTC Chairs' report.

PK suggested the issues with the EPR systems, contaminated blood enquiry (could that affect us)

12. Dates for 2024

After some discussion, the following dates were agreed.

RTT: 25th January (2–4) - Teams
 16th April (2–4) - Teams
 4th July – following LTC meeting - F2F at Clermont Hotel
 24th October (2–4) - Teams

LTC: 4th July (AM) - F2F at Clermont Hotel. This will be our regional event.

RTC Education: 27th November (2–4/5) - Teams. This will be a national event open to all regions and the topic will be chosen from the NBTC list.

The group agreed that three education events per year would be too difficult to arrange.

Post-meeting Note: Clermont Hotel booked for the LTC and RTT meetings. AP has sent out calendar invites for all the meetings.

London RTT - Action list for 26th October 2023

Item No	Action	By Whom	Completion
2.	Minutes of July meeting to be uploaded to JPAC website	AP	Completed
4.	Escalate concerns about EPR systems to NBTC and NTPN	PK / RM	

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