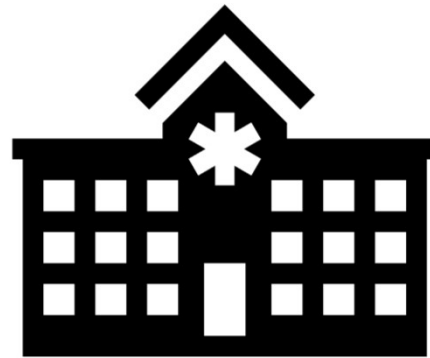


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Feedback





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SW TLM report – 25th March 2024

Virtual meeting attended by 12 members.

Topics covered:

1. Recent MHRA inspections – several sites inspected over last few weeks. Some had a repeat inspection.
 - Behind on QMS
 - Staffing capacity in that too many trainees appointed and seniors covering bench work
 - Change control procedures deficient
 - Training plans for clinical staff
 - SLAs
2. UKAS – one interesting finding is that reverification post analyser repair needs consultant sign off – TLM not acceptable.
3. Discussed a SW quality role for BT
 - Generally, most found this would be very helpful and supportive, but few concerns raised:
 - i. Qualifications?
 - ii. Level – band 7 or 8? They need to have sufficient experience
 - iii. What support would they have?
 - iv. What happens if the quality person does not identify something that MHRA subsequently do?
 - v. Could NHBST support (part time role)?
- This was fed back at the SW Pathology meeting 7th May. Needs further discussions across the region.



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4. There is a repeat of SW MHRA training course on root cause analysis and effective CA/PA planned – 12th June.
5. BCR submission end April – no new question. No new concerns raised from the group.
6. November meeting – IS speaking to MHRA about an educational event from MHRA on “common MHRA findings” at inspections.
7. Ongoing Human Albumin Solution shortage (HAS).
8. Next meeting 28th June.

Other information

National Shared Care working group – email circulated from the chair of this group asking for representation from TLM and TPs. I’m aware of two TLM who will be willing to work with this group.

Results of the 2023 SHOT and UKTLC safety culture survey in transfusion laboratories in the UK is now published

In November 2023, SHOT and the UK transfusion laboratory collaborative (UKTLC) with input from the MHRA haemovigilance team conducted a survey about safety culture within the transfusion laboratories in the UK. A summary of these results had now been published on the SHOT website and can be accessed in either of these links: <https://www.shotuk.org/resources/current-resources/shot-surveys/> and

<https://www.shotuk.org/resources/current-resources/uktlc/> . The results of this survey are challenging and raised many concerns. Several key recommendations are contained in the summary document to improve safety culture, please read and action these as appropriate.



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Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) President Joanna Andrew has provided the following comment: *“The 2023 SHOT and UKTLC laboratory culture survey reveals a concerning situation. It suggests that transfusion laboratory staff across the UK report feeling psychologically unsafe, with issues sometimes ignored and a degree of incivility present. This culture requires attention. Organisations must encourage a culture and have a clear strategy to listen to staff, support them, and actively work to create safe, positive work environments. This isn't just about staff wellbeing – it's about ensuring the highest quality care for patients.”*

A document with suggestions to improve safety culture has been created to support healthcare organisations and can also be accessed at the above links.



SW TP Group Update

Stuart Lord

Lead Transfusion
Practitioner,

GHNHSFT

Chair – SW TP Group



Since the last RTC..

Face to face Business and Education meeting 27th March
7 trusts in attendance

Discussion / education / action summary

Regional NMA course – insufficient TP's able to formulate
proposal therefore unable

NCA audit keeping the TP's busy (closed in April)

Actions

Major Haemorrhage and O Pos short survey

Potential regional Haemonetics & MSoft 'workshop'

Response to NHS England Never Event consultation

Working group to be set up regarding sample acceptance
criteria with a potential regional standardised approach



SW PBMG
Group Update
Elmarie Cairns
Blood Conservation
Practitioner, NBT
Chair – SW PBM
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We have seen an increase in attendance and have provided regional and national feedback to attendees. We have provided education on the pillars of PBM and have collaborated to produce a ToR for the group and KPI's for cell salvage use.

At the January Teams meeting, updates were given on RTC, PBM and UKCSAG, and the regional cell salvage database and KPI's were discussed, with the requirement to update the wording of standards and KPIs and present to RTC with continued audit.

We had fantastic presentations from Issie Gardner on running a cell salvage service using MCA's and a case review from Sophie Scutt and Donna Davis on the management of amniotic fluid embolism and DIC.

We have an informal meeting scheduled via teams on 19th June and a F2F meeting planned for 24th September at Oake Manor.

If you are interested in presenting a case study at the September meeting please let Elmarie, Olly and Jackie know and if you are interested in the SWPBM chair role again, please let us know

The UKCSAG survey report has been published and should have been received by all who completed the questionnaire and HTC chairs.