

North East & Yorkshire Regional Transfusion Team Meeting

15 April 2024

Present

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| • Aimi Baird (AB) | Newcastle |
| • Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM) | South Tees |
| • Andrew Charlton (AC) | Newcastle / NHSBT |
| • Alison Hirst (AH) | Airedale |
| • Catrina Ivel (CI) | York & Scarborough |
| • Lucy Johnstone (LJ) | Trainee Representative |
| • Marina Karakantza (MK) | Leeds / NHSBT |
| • Michelle Lake (ML) | Calderdale and Huddersfield |
| • Charlotte Longhorn (CL) | NHSBT |
| • Ric Procter (RP) – chair | South Tees |
| • Janice Robertson (JR) – minutes | NHSBT |
| • Brian Taylor (BT) | Sheffield |
| • Karen Ward (KW) | Northumbria |

Apologies

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| • Robin Coupe (RC) | NHSBT |
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1. RTT matters

The documents below were circulated to RTC members following the March 24 NBTC meeting



RTC chair summary
March 24.pdf



T2024 Deliverables
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Along with this RC has met with members of the pathology network and NECS [Home - NECS \(necsu.nhs.uk\)](https://necsu.nhs.uk)

Pathology network

Transfusion and I.T. solutions are an active topic for the board. Their main focus to date has been cancer services associated with pathology, but most of the transfusion governance and process is still heavily paper based. We are working towards a meeting with the network to work on accessing funding and focus on transfusion I.T. solutions. Integrated Care Systems (ICS) I.T. Systems currently run independently as North East & Cumbria and Yorkshire, although they do have links to each other.

NECS

ICS NE&Y have an I.T. subdivision for data analysis which includes the RAIDR platform which was originally developed for Freeman Hospital to manage orthopaedic pre-op

	<p>anaemia.</p> <p>RP met with a member of NECS and a data analyst employed by NHS England to look at a way to select patients with pre op anaemia and use IV iron pathways to optimise them prior to surgery.</p> <p>ICS have scaled back funding for NECS work, but if there is evidence of prevention, we can show evidence of cost benefit.</p> <p>AH advised that Airedale Trust have been questioned in regard to the use and cost of using IV iron.</p> <p>Action: Forward LTHT Business case to the group with the aim of producing a cost comparison of IV iron v transfusion.</p>	
1.1	<p>Minutes of previous meetings, 11 December 2023 accepted as a true record.</p> <p>Action: Post minutes onto the RTC website</p>	
	Actions	
	Minutes of 14 July 2023 meeting posted onto the RTC websites	Closed
	MHRA / PSIRF presentation by NHSE at North West RTC event will be available via YouTube. Due to a backlog we do not have a date for when this will be uploaded.	Closed
	Minutes of 07 November 2023 meeting circulated to RTC members	Closed
	'Two-year reflection poll' circulated to RTC members for completion by end December 2023.	Closed
	Falguni Choksey from the UK cell salvage group agreed to speak on 'The use of leuco-depleting filters in cell salvage' at the March RTC meeting.	Closed
	Ben Phillips agreed to speak on 'Use of drones in blood transfusion.'	Closed
	<p>Model Hospital System help desk advised that there are no speakers available to speak on project but Brian Hockley from the PBM team is currently having training so may be able to assist at a future date.</p> <p>RP noted that each Trust has a representative for model health and the South Tees representative may be willing to speak on the subject at the June meeting.</p>	Closed
	<p>Alwyn Kotze was not available to speak on the 'Transfusion in elderly orthopaedic patients' slot.</p> <p>For information: Guideline for the management of hip fractures 2020</p>  <p>Anaesthesia - 2020 - Griffiths - Guideline fo</p>	Closed
	<p>Jamie Maddox (JM) not available for an update on FibCLOT and Prothromplex in the Haemostasis and Thrombosis Matters slot.</p> <p>JM has now stood down as NE&Y RTC link, our new link is Dr Angela Kanny Consultant Haematologist (Haemostasis and Thrombosis)</p>	Closed

	Department of Haematology, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	
	RTC agenda updated as per discussion.	Closed
	HTC report as per discussion.	Closed
	Email sent to RTC members for expressions of interest for the deputy RTC chair role. No responses received.	Closed
	LJ to discuss the role of the Trainee Representative with RP when they next meet.	Closed
	Send communication for items to for inclusion in the Transfusion bulletin, early 2024.	c/fwd
	Produce a lessons learnt / how to guide from the Transfusion I.T. Group	c/fwd
	No further options for spending the remainder of the 2023/24 budget forwarded to JR	Closed
	2024/25 RTT Project Plan circulated to the group for comment.	Closed
	Monthly catch up calls to aid planning and progress reporting scheduled.	Closed
	Bradford rare blood group patient case added to RTC agenda in AOB	Closed
	Group forwarded availability for a face to face meeting w/c 15 April 2023 to JR.	Closed
2.	RTC matters	
2.1	RTC meeting – 06 March 2024 Minutes reviewed Action: Circulate to RTC members	
2.2	Two-year reflection poll for RTC members The majority of responders are happy with the current setup. A face to face meeting would be very difficult due to the geography of the region. Comment received in response to topics you would like to see featured that are currently not included, “Pathology network updates and quality compliance workshops for validation activity and shared learning.” Action : Consider requesting a representative from the Pathology Networks to join the RTC meeting to provide an update	

2.3	<p>RTC meeting – June 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: 1pm 05 June 2024 Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: Request speaker for ‘Model Health’ slot Action: Request speaker for ‘How to manage Sickle Cell patients’ slot Action: Request speaker for ‘Apheresis – what is changing’ slot Action: Request Angela Kanny present on fibrinogen concentrate and PCC <p>Post meeting note: Angela Kanny has agreed to present at the June 24 RTC meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: Update agenda as per discussion. HTC report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: Update as per discussion.
2.4	<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy RTC chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: Forward ideas for people to approach to RP. Anaesthetists / Acute Care / Trauma setting preferred.
2.5	<p>Working Groups / discussion forums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cell Salvage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: contact volunteers from previous HTC reports regarding cell salvage working group. Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: Email RTC members to request volunteers to join the education working group Transfusion Bulletin (share information on safety alerts and best practice) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in progress Transfusion IT group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in progress
3.	Education
3.1	<p>NBTC study day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haemoglobinopathies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13:00 – 16:00 Wednesday 09 October 2024 Team’s meeting
3.2	<p>Non-Medical Authorisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Output report to be shared at RTC meeting
4.	Audit / Survey
	<p>NCA Audits</p> <p>Upcoming audits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 2024 - Audit of NICE Quality Standard QS138 Spring 2025 - Major Haemorrhage audit <p>Ongoing audits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2024 - Bedside Transfusion Audit

	<p>Latest reports published are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Audit of NICE Quality Standard QS138 • 2022 Audit of Blood Sample Collection & Labelling <p>Regional Audits / Surveys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to conduct a survey looking at Transfusion Reactions after patients leave the hospital and the gaps in information we provide to patients about their transfusions and how to report any transfusion reactions they may have. The group agreed to go ahead with the survey. CL/MK to lead on the project. Action: Survey on process of reporting late transfusion reactions to be drafted and circulated to the group for comments.
5.	Website / Twitter
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBTC discussed if the social media platform should run centrally or regionally, no decision to date, thoughts on the subject would be welcome. Action: Group to review current content of the regional website pages https://nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/rtc/north-east-and-yorkshire and advise JR of any changes required.
6.	Budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024/25 The group agreed to fund the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to face TP meeting • Face to face NBCUG meeting • Face to face RTT meeting in • Delegate fee to attend SHOT 09 July 24 Action: send offer of funding to RTC members • Delegate fee to attend BBTS 17-19 September 24 Action: send offer of funding to RTC members <p>Action: Options for spending the remainder of the budget to be forwarded to JR</p>
7.	Quality Improvement Projects / Alignment of Policies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional safety alert to clarify the two sample rule and why it exists. • Consider how we move forward with data capture tools from model heath after the presentation at the June 2024 RTC meeting.
8.	RTT Project Plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the following items: Transfusion Reactions after patients leave the hospital survey Improve engagement with Pathology Network Leads Cost comparison of IV iron v transfusion Action: Update project plan and circulate to the group for comment.
9.	Any other business
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL advised the group that she will be commencing maternity leave in July, a regional communication will be sent out later this week.
10.	Date of next meeting

- 10am Monday 08 July 2024
- **Action:** Circulate 'when is good' for 3 weeks commencing 25 November 2024.

RTT Action List

Min. No	Action	By Whom
1	Forward LTHT Business case to the group (With the aim of producing a cost comparison of IV iron v transfusion)	MK
1.1	Post minutes of previous meetings, 11 December 2023 onto the NBTC website.	JR
1.1	Send communication for items to for inclusion in the Transfusion bulletin, early 2024.	CL
1.1	Produce a lessons learnt / how to guide from the Transfusion I.T. Group	CL
2.1	Circulate RTC meeting minutes – 06 March 2024, to RTC members	JR
2.2	Consider requesting a representative from the Pathology Networks to join the RTC meeting to provide an update.	RP
2.3	Request speaker for 'Model Health' slot	RP
2.3	Request speaker for 'How to manage Sickle Cell patients' slot	AC
2.3	Request speaker for 'Apheresis – what is changing' slot	MK
2.3	Request Angela Kanny present on fibrinogen concentrate and PCC Post meeting note: Angela Kanny has agreed to present at the June 24 RTC meeting.	Closed
2.3	Update RTC meeting agenda as per discussion.	JR
2.3	Update HTC report as per discussion	JR
2.4	Forward ideas for people to approach for the Deputy RTC chair role to RP. Anaesthetists / Acute Care setting preferred.	AC/MK
2.4	Contact volunteers from previous HTC reports regarding cell salvage working group.	CL
2.5	Email RTC members to request volunteers to join the education working group	JR

4	Survey on process of reporting late transfusion reactions to be drafted and circulated to the group for comments.	CL/MK
5	Group to review current content of the regional website pages https://nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/rtc/north-east-and-yorkshire and advise JR of any changes required.	All
6	Send offer of funding for delegate fee to attend SHOT 09 July 24 to RTC members	JR
6	Send offer of funding for delegate fee to attend BBTS 17-19 September 24 to RTC members	JR
9	Update project plan and circulate to the group for comment.	JR