

South East Regional Transfusion Team

Rescheduled meeting:

Wednesday 8 May 2024

Minutes

Present:	
(HW) Howard Wakeling, RTC Chair	Consultant Anaesthetist, University Hospitals Sussex NHS Trust
(KD) Kerry Dowling, RTC Deputy Chair	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, Southampton University Hospitals FT
(EO'D) Emma O'Donovan	Consultant Haematologist, Surrey and Sussex NHS Trust
(LM) Lisa March	Transfusion Practitioner, East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust
(JR) Jonathan Ricks	Lead Transfusion Practitioner, University Hospitals Southampton
(LH) Lauren Hamilton	Transfusion Practitioner, University Hospitals Oxford
(SM) Susan Mitchell	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust
(ZS) Zoe Sammut	Transfusion Laboratory Manager, University Hospitals Sussex NHS Trust
(ET) Elizabeth Tatam	Transfusion Practitioner, Surrey and Sussex NHS Trust
(AD) Anwen Davies	Patient Blood Management Practitioner NHSBT
(CS) Carol Stenning	Customer Services Manager NHSBT
(FM) Frances Moll	SE RTC Administrator (Minutes) NHSBT

Apologies:	
	Nelson Johnsson
Ruth O'Donnell	Emily White
Shabana Tufail	Kim East
Danny Bolton	Tanya Hawkins

Agenda Item
Welcome and Apologies HW welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Lauren Hamilton, Transfusion Practitioner, University Hospitals Oxford, who was attending her first RTT meeting.
Review of Minutes – 7 February The Minutes were approved, and including the amendments suggested by AD, these will be added to the South East JPAC website page. ACTION FM The actions had been completed, many linked to the first face to face Education Event held on 27 February 2024.
National Blood Transfusion Committee (NBTC) – March HW's notes from the NBTC RTC Chairs meeting, and the main NBTC meeting had been circulated. RTC Budget – this was not discussed. This year's figure to be confirmed.
RTC Education Event – Tuesday 16 July 2024 HW explained that NBTC had provided seven topics for Education Events this year. Members had agreed to cover the topic Major Haemorrhage and Bleeding Members reviewed a draft programme, with four presentation slots to be filled. The following ideas were discussed, and actions agreed:

HW has asked a colleague to review a simulation carried out at an “off-site” hospital as one possible presentation. Awaiting a response. **ACTION HW**
If this doesn’t transpire KD agreed to look at the Annual simulation at Royal South Hants.
LH would approach a Consultant Haematologist, to present on the change in the obstetric MHP at OUH and what led to that change. **ACTION (completed post meeting and Consultant available). LH**
EO’D suggested approaching someone from the OBUK Trial. **ACTION (completed post meeting and Simon Stanworth is available and has agreed) EO’D**
KD agreed to find a case study from MTC as a standby should it be required nearer the date.
ACTION KD
Fatts Chowdhury has agreed to present on the Final Results of the DOAC Survey.

FM to draw up a draft programme with names and timings. **ACTION FM**

Terms of Reference – RTT Membership

FM to provide a comparison between the current RTT Terms of Reference (ToRs) and the RTC ToRs on the JPAC website. To be circulated to members for comment. **ACTION FM**
Members briefly discussed the Patient Representative. Representatives from the Jehovah’s Witnesses were invited to the RTC Education events.
FM to enquire how other regions recruited their patient representatives. **ACTION FM**

Workplan 2024

- **Working Groups:** Verbal updates
 - Recruitment – meeting being held on the 9th.
 - Training – meeting being held on the 13th.
 - Retention – no update

Standing Items – Verbal updates

- **QS138 Insight Tool AD** provided the update
Nationally 127 sites are now registered. The 3rd SE regional audit cycle has just been completed; 13 South East hospitals have taken part (results to be shared at the TP Meeting in June). Wales is now also doing a regional audit; and the South West hope to start soon, the more data that is inputted, the better the data becomes. AD has a meeting in Northern Ireland in the coming week.
Patient Information still lagging behind. There are small improvements, and the results are in line with NCA audit.
Promotional work – AD presented at the International Haemovigilance Conference, held in Athens. This was well received, and they were interested to learn how it had started at a regional level and upscaled nationally, also how much we were willing to share data across hospitals.
The use of QS138 Quality Insights was a key recommendation of the 2023 QS138 National Comparative Audit, published in February.
QS138 Quality Insights has been short listed as a finalist in the HSJ Digital Awards. AD met the judging panel last week and will find out the result at an awards ceremony in June.
The QS138 Quality Insights development team at NHSBT have received the 2024 Bill Chaffe award, given by the BBTS.
- **Transfusion 2024** – this was an agenda item at the next NBTC event 10 June - KD is attending and will report back.
- **TP Meeting - 14 March** – JR reported back on the recent TP Meeting, highlighting a particular case that had occurred at Southampton General Hospital where a patient refused a blood transfusion but gave no specific reason for the refusal. It was thought

others may face similar issues, particularly following the publication of the Infected Blood Inquiry Report scheduled for 20 May.

The incident also raised the issue that the medical team had found it quite difficult to find the relevant forms on the hospital intranet, and the FY1 who had been looking after the patient, did not really understand all the blood components and products that were on the form. The solution for this has been to make the forms more accessible within their system, with a simple description and definition.

- **TLM meetings** – Ox/Soton (March 14) & TADG (May 3)
 - KD – Ox/Soton - staffing, recruitment, training continue to be discussed.
 - ZS – TADG was a face-to-face event at Kings in London. NHSBT, MHRA provided updates, and Clinisys - LIMS provided gave a presentation. There was a low attendance at this event, despite a large membership, so there is a drive to try and get more people to attend.

- **NCA Audits – For Information**
 - Ongoing audit
 - Bedside Transfusion Audit - launched March 2024 / closes end of May 2024
 - Future audits
 - October 2024 – Audit of NICE Quality Standard QS138
 - Spring 2025 – Major Haemorrhage audit

NHSBT Updates:

- **Blood Stocks** AD gave a brief update. NHSBT are still in Pre-Amber status for B D neg and O D neg red blood cells, Pre-Amber for A D Neg platelets. Comms were sent out prior to Bank Holiday weekend.

- **PBMP**
 - Monthly updates continue to promote Consent resources – reflecting on NCA Audit of NICE QS138 report. Only 35% had received both written and verbal information about risks, benefits, and alternatives to transfusion. Link to report within presentation.
 - Patient Information Leaflets available on JPAC website to support discussions.
 - Resources pages from SHOT
 - Blood Transfusion Training e-Learning (BTT)
 - Blood Assist App – also has section on Consent – can be downloaded for apple and play stores, also on desktops.
 - Blood Essentials has just been launched – comprehensive Transfusion Guide. PDF format, interactive. Please download it and share with your teams.

- **CSMs Update:**
 - Communication due today to return A D negative platelets post the BH communication, advising caution over ordering practises.
 - HT- data string on EDN go live delayed. We are currently working with LIMS providers to create test files for the change.
 - The irradiated labels are set to change in Sept, there will be resources sent out prior to the change.
 - The T2024 Transfusion Training is now live on the NBTC website, an excellent one stop resource.
 - RCI are set to go live this week with the Grifols analysers, thank you for your patience during this period of change.

- Any personal emails used for OBOS will be removed at the end of this month, only work emails to be used to access OBOS please.
- Thank you to all the TLMs that have met with the CSMs recently for service reviews, the uptake has been excellent, Danny managed to see four Hospitals in one meeting, setting a new record. We will be in touch soon with those Hospitals we have not seen yet.
- NHSBT Oxford has begun the OBOS cut off project where the cut off time for OBOS entry for routine deliveries is standardised to a two-hour cut off, several Hospitals have successfully implemented this change so far.
- Phase 2 of the NHSBT Southampton project has been successful, with ad hoc RBC/Plt orders supplied to the majority of our local Hospitals, NHSBT Oxford have reported a reduction in pressure on their services as a result. Thank you for your ongoing patience.
- The pricing structure for 24-25 has not been released yet.
- The credit form and process are set to be reviewed and improved.
- Any Hospitals currently updating or moving over to demand printed labels, please ensure the NHS number is present on the label.
- The recall process and documentation are currently under review, any changes as a result will be communicated.

Planned Events - for information:

- BMS Study Day – 7 June
- TP Meeting – 12 June
- Ox/Soton TLM Meeting – 18 July (face to face)
- Joint TP/TLM Meeting – 23 October (1300 – 1530)
- Transfusion Bites – Tuesday 12 November (face to face)
 - Southampton Hotel has been provisionally booked/ JR agreed to consider a case study about Blood refusal. Possible inclusion of item on the IBI. Decision made to wait for the published report and discuss this further.

AOB

Patient Safety Alert (TACO) – issued 4 April – deadline October. Accessible via [this link](#).

UKTLC Survey Report - Link to survey [here](#)

NHS England Survey - Never Event — circulated April 24 [Link to consultation](#)

NMA Course - HW had been contacted by the North East & Yorkshire RTC Chair regarding their local NMA Courses and accepting delegates from other regions - they prioritise local staff. HW asked if there were any South East NMA Courses. KD said Southampton held courses, which are open to others outside the Hospital. AD also highlighted the National NHSBT courses; there are now six a year. These events are very popular, and demand has and will increase.

Agenda items to consider for TP/TLM Meeting – possible topics/discussions - the UKTLC Survey; Transfusion 2024 update might provide some topics; plus anything from the working groups.

Added post meeting: – Harvey’s Gang is now called Harvey’s Lab Tours.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 24 September