

**South West Transfusion Practitioners (SWTP) Business Meeting
Via Teams
8th October 2024**

Attendance:	Trust
Stuart Lord (SL) (Chair)	Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS FT
Laxmi Chapagain (LC)	Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS FT
Annie Butterworth (AB)	Salisbury NHS FT
Leah Pecson (LP)	Salisbury NHS FT
Pedro Valle-Vallines (PV)	Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
Jaroslav Kamensky	Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
Nesa Kelmendi	Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
Laura Kinsey (LK)	Cornwall Partnership NHS FT
Lucy Fallon (LF)	Dorset County Hospital NHS FT
Sam Gray (SG)	University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust
Soo Cook (SC)	UHB - Bristol
Lucia Elola Gutierrez (LG)	UHB – Bristol
Egle Gallo (EG) (Deputy Chair)	UHB - Weston
Karen Mead (KM)	North Bristol NHS Trust
Mooi Heong Tay (MT)	North Bristol NHS Trust
Vikki Chandler Vizard (VCV)	UHD – Poole
Claire Gallo (CG)	Great Western Hospitals NHS FT
Julie Ryder (JR)	Great Western Hospitals NHS FT
Julia Pinder	Torbay and South Devon NHS FT
Amy Heaver	RDUH – Exeter
Rob Baker	RDUH - Exeter
Sam Timmins	NHSBT
Jackie McMahon (JM)	NHSBT
Presenters:	
Jen Rock	NHSBT
Caryn Hughes	SHOT
Nicola Swarbrick	SHOT

Welcome and Round Table Introductions.

SL opened the meeting and facilitated round table introductions.

Action Log: 27.03.24

The minutes of the meeting held on 27.03.24 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

The following outstanding actions were reviewed.

Medical Schools Transfusion Training (ST):

ST to find out who does what for each Deanery and try and get a unified approach to what we are teaching – to be discussed under Any Other Business.

Set up working group to produce generic regional sample labelling guideline: KM/PVV updated that they have been working on an article for Bloodlines which could be used as a baseline and will look to recruit some regional volunteers for a working group to agree a regional guideline. ST will liaise with NHSBT's regional Customer Service Manager to facilitate feedback/input from NHSBT labs.

Send Glos transfusion e-learning slides to Salisbury and Dorset: Complete.

Role of Deputy Chair for the TP Group: SL welcomed Egle Gallo as the new Deputy Chair.

RTC Update/PBM Updates

- New anti-D leaflet is available to order - in high demand, so please don't over-order.
- New CMV-ve leaflet outlining ordering criteria.
- Updated cell salvage leaflets from UKCSAG now available.
- Poster of QR codes of PBM resources available to support Amber Alert.
- Transfusion training hub now live.
- ST confirmed that it is the intention to translate the PILs into several key languages. There is no timescale yet but she will ask our rep on the planning group to push for a clear plan.
- Still happy to do the PBM pop-up stands – have had some real successes and PBM Awareness Week is coming up in November. Contact ST if you are interested in hosting in your trust. ST will also re-visit the NBT paperwork when she returns from leave.
- Work started on the paediatric version of the baby blood assist app. Delayed due to funding issues but should be available by December 2025.
- Looking to broaden resources into other areas of PBM including iatrogenic anaemia and ST is pushing for medical PBM and medical management – if you can think of any gaps, please feed back to ST.
- ST sits on the newly formed UK and Ireland Anaemia Focus Group.
- RAD tags have changed and ST happy to send an image if anyone wants to see what they look like.
- Blood Essentials six month review underway. Should be finalised by the end of the year.
- Genotyping project. Delayed but testing is now underway and samples received up to and on the day that funding closes will be processed.
- Still concerns around blood stocks, particularly O- and ST gave some background into why we are still in Amber for Group O and work that is going on behind the scenes. We may set up some drop-in calls but will wait and see how things go.

Transfusion Practitioner Framework Development Update (JR)

JR gave some background and an update on progress, outlining the aims of the Framework and the work that is currently going on. A link to the presentation given at TP2024 is below:

<https://nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/news/2024/jennifer-rock-presented-bbts-19th-september-transfusion-practitioner-professional>

For the Framework to work, it needs full TP support and it is important that any requests for information/data that come from the NTPN are responded to. To help raise the profile of the NPTN and increase footfall to the site, comms will start to come from there and not directly from JR.

JR is happy to be contacted directly with any further feedback or queries.

BBTS TP Group Feedback (KM/PVV)

Not great regional representation at the Conference but appreciate distance and funding can be an issue.

Once the paper on sample labelling is complete, we can use it as the basis for a regional guideline.

KM referenced the article from the BBTS Highlight Report 'What do TPs really want from a framework and where do we start?' which was co-authored by SL and gives some background and aims.

The TPs that presented or did abstracts at the Conference have been asked to write a summary which will be included in the next Highlight Report.

<p>ST encouraged use of the regional TP SharePoint to host pdf copies of articles of interest for people that don't have access to BBTS publications.</p> <p>ST mentioned that there is a small RTC budget that we can use to support applications for funding to attend transfusion-related meetings and events and JM will circulate a copy of the funding criteria with the minutes.</p>
<p>QS138 Feedback (ST)</p> <p>All hospitals in the region are now registered and data collection for the first cycle is underway (Q2, July-September). Data can be added as and when but we will use a cut-off date to generate RTC reports every six months. The ask is for data to be entered on all four standards but please do what you can as we realise this won't be possible for everyone. It's a great tool for trusts to use and going forward we can share best practice ideas and use it to look at some more focussed regional work.</p>
<p>Learning from Transfusion Errors/Incident Investigation (SHOT)</p> <p>A copy of the presentation given by Caryn Hughes and Nicola Swarbrick is attached to the minutes. Following the presentation, SL raised a question over the use of 'Human Error' and 'Root Cause Analysis' when reporting to SABRE as we are trying to move away from this terminology and NS agreed and confirmed this has been raised with Chris Robbie/MHRA. Everyone was encouraged to feedback to SHOT if they have any comments on any of the SHOT forms/definitions document, as all feedback is reviewed. The difficulties of engaging clinical leaders with no harm incidents/near misses were acknowledged. NS mentioned the SHOT team are reviewing the annual report format and are happy to take any comments/suggestions for improvements and also reiterated that the SHOT team are happy to help and to be contacted with any SHOT-related queries.</p>
<p>SHOT Symposium Feedback and Discussion (LC/SL)</p> <p>LC presented some highlights from attending the SHOT Symposium – copy of presentation attached. It was a good opportunity to meet other TPs and learn from case presentations, guidance and patient experience presentations. LC's highlights were the patient experience and IBI sessions. Following LC's presentation there was a discussion around consent for transfusion dependant patients and ST confirmed that there is going to be a regional focus on consent. LF mentioned that Dorset has developed a transfusion passport for regularly transfused patients and KM highlighted that as a region we developed a consent form for continued blood component transfusion – JM to circulate NBT's version with the minutes. LC/SL thanked the RTC for their help with funding to attend.</p>
<p>Electronic Tracking Workshops – next steps (SL)</p> <p>SL summarised what had previously been discussed and confirmed that both of the providers in the south west had agreed to separately attend Workshops. The main aim is to discuss what we need from a system and to come up with a position statement with a minimum set of criteria to be used by current or new providers for any future developments. We will also be inviting the TLMs to be part of this process. It will be a half day meeting and we will start looking at dates over the next few weeks for Spring 2025. It's very important we get strong representation from trusts. ST also thought it would be beneficial to extend the invite to other key users of the systems.</p>
<p>Major Haemorrhage Survey (SL)</p> <p>SL confirmed that the survey will be launched during November.</p>
<p>Undergraduate Transfusion Training (ST)</p> <p>This has been on the back burner for a while but has now come into focus with IBI. ST suggested that it could be a project for the TP group to get an understanding of what is on offer from the Medical Schools around the region in an effort to try and get a more unified approach to what is taught and will raise at the next TP meeting.</p>

AOB

Please send any ideas for education at future meetings to ST/SL/EG.
ST will arrange a TP drop-in call for December.

SW TP Group Meeting, 08.10.24

Action Log:

Action	Actioner	Completed
Set up working group to produce generic regional sample labelling guideline	PVV	WIP
Ask CSM to approach NHSBT labs for their feedback/input with sample labelling guideline	ST	
Feedback any gaps in PBM Resources to ST	All	
Recirculate regional education funding criteria document	JM	
Recirculate NBT's continuing consent form	JM	
Raise undergraduate transfusion training as a regional piece of work at next TP meeting	ST	