

North East & Yorkshire Regional Transfusion Team Meeting

29 July 2024

Present

- Andrew Charlton (AC) Newcastle / NHSBT
- Teo Groza (TD) – deputy chair Leeds
- Wasim Hussain (WH) NHSBT
- Intan Iliana (II) Honorary International Observership
- Catrina Ivel (CI) York & Scarborough
- Marina Karakantza (MK) Leeds / NHSBT
- Ric Procter (RP) – **chair** South Tees
- Janice Robertson (JR) – **minutes** NHSBT
- Youssef Sorour (YS) Doncaster and Bassetlaw
- Brian Taylor (BT) Sheffield
- Karen Ward (KW) Northumbria

Apologies

- Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM) South Tees
- Robin Coupe (RC) NHSBT
- Alison Hirst (AH) Airedale
- Lucy Johnstone (LJ) Trainee Representative
- Michelle Lake (ML) Calderdale and Huddersfield

1.	RTT matters	
1.1	Minutes of previous meetings, 15 April 2024 accepted as a true record. Action: Post minutes onto the RTC website	
	Actions	
1	LTHT business case forwarded to the group (With the aim of producing a cost comparison of IV iron v transfusion) Action: Contact Pharmacosmos and SHOT to see if they have a cost benefit analysis for IV iron v transfusion.	Closed JR
2	Minutes of previous meetings, 11 December 2023, posted onto the NBTC website.	Closed
3	Send communication for items to for inclusion in the Transfusion bulletin, early 2024. Action: Discuss with ML. Can we use learning aspects from the TP group to populate the bulletin.	JR
4	Produce a lessons learnt / how to guide from the Transfusion I.T. Group Action: Discuss with ML.	JR

5	RTC meeting minutes – 06 March 2024, circulated to RTC members	Closed
6	RP has a link to Pathology Networks and is working towards an understanding of what the RTC needs to achieve in way of transfusion.	Closed
7	Jazz Bradley agreed to speak on 'Model Health' at the November 24 RTC meeting.	Closed
8	Brigit Greystoke spoke on 'Sickle cell therapy in NHS-E 2024' at the June 24 RTC meeting.	Closed
9	Speaker for 'Apheresis – what is changing' unable to attend June 24 RTC meeting. Louise Collingwood has arranged for Teresa Baines to speak at the Haemoglobinopathies event in October 24.	Closed
10	Angela Kanny agreed to present on 'Gene therapy in haemophilia' at the June 24 RTC meeting.	Closed
11	RTC meeting agenda updated as per discussion.	Closed
12	HTC report updated as per discussion	Closed
13	Ideas for people to approach for the Deputy RTC chair role forwarded to RP.	Closed
14	Contact volunteers from previous HTC reports regarding cell salvage working group.	c/fwd
15	Email sent to RTC members to request volunteers to join the education working group. Working group set up, it has ten members.	Closed
16	Survey on process of reporting late transfusion reactions sent to TP group requesting completion by 31 August 24.	Closed
17	No updates received for the content of the regional website pages https://nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/rtc/north-east-and-yorkshire	Closed
18	Offer of funding sent, for delegate fee to attend SHOT 09 July 24 to RTC members. Three delegates funded and will provide updates at the November 24 RTC meeting.	Closed
19	Offer of funding for sent, delegate fee to attend BBTS 17-19 September 24 to RTC members. Two delegates funded and will provide updates at the November 24 RTC meeting.	Closed
20	Project plan update and circulated to the group for comment.	Closed
2.	RTC matters	
2.1	RTC meeting – 05 June 2024 Minutes reviewed Action: Circulate to RTC members	

2.3	<p>RTC meeting – 13 November 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda Action: Update agenda as per discussion. HTC report Action: Update as per discussion.
2.4	<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teo Groza (TD) accepted the position of deputy RTC chair
2.5	<p>Working Groups / discussion forums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cell Salvage RP working on setting up a cell salvage working group. The remit of the group would be to look at standardising reporting into HTC and evidencing PBM benefit. Education Currently working on the Haemoglobinopathies event. Transfusion Bulletin (share information on safety alerts and best practice) Requesting input from TP group. Transfusion IT group. Survey in progress.
3.	Education
3.1	<p>NBTC study day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haemoglobinopathies 13:00 – 16:00 Wednesday 09 October 2024 Team's meeting Flyer to be circulated later this week Programme in development
3.2	<p>Non-Medical Authorisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming dates: 25 September / 05 December 2024 The region does not accept out of region candidates on the events but will support other RTCs to develop their own courses. RP will take this to the RTC chairs 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"> Survey on process of reporting late transfusion reactions sent to TP group requesting completion by 31 August 24. A summary should be available for the November RTC meeting.
5.	<p>Website / Twitter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website now requires review dates for all documents. This would exclude the Transfusion Safety Newsletter - January 2023 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.	<p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024/25 projected balance £3698 The RTC 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, including travel expenses for the group. Delegate fee for three delegates to attend SHOT 09 July 24 Delegate fee for three delegates to attend BBTS 17-19 September 24 <p>Action: Contact TPD's for Yorkshire and North East & Cumbria for anaesthetics to advise there is funding available from the RTC for trainees interested in transfusion or PBM topics who have abstracts to present. Action: Options for spending the remainder of the budget to be forwarded to JR.</p>
7.	<p>Quality Improvement Projects / Alignment of Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfusion Transformations This was a joint NHSBT and NHSE symposium looking at the plan for transfusion over the coming 5 years. The RTC chairs and NBTC members were represented along with NHSE pathology leads and the Medical Director of NHSE. The IBI summary and actions should have an influence over how we achieve improvements in digital solutions and funding. And the hope is that we can reduce silo working and see the benefit of expanding data services. The overall focus is on anaemia prevention, digital integration and optimising PBM activity. The "how" is still our biggest barrier. I raised the issue that access to funding, pathology commissioning and other support services is still very labour intensive, with little gain made. It is clear also that patient engagement needs to be higher. How do we achieve integrating patients stories into induction teaching and prevention of harm. Patient orientated care has been lost amongst the day-to-day pressures of work. We need to work on engaging clinicians with understanding the patient impact of transfusion error and harm. Given the IBI recommendation of patient testimony being included in training, we need to look at how we could have a patient group involved in delivering their experiences to inductions. And along with this then a way to measure the impact of this. We will no doubt need to look at data sharing and how we can evidence sampling error on a single dashboard using Model Health.

8.	RTT Project Plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add Outputs from Transfusion Transformations Anaemia Prevention, Digital Integration and Optimising PBM Activity Action: Update project plan and circulate to the group for comment.
9.	Any other business
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
10.	Date of next meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fact to face meeting 10:30 – 13:30 Monday 25 November 2024 Venue: Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL81AA

RTT Action List

Min. No	Action	By Whom
1	Post minutes of previous meetings, 15 April 2024 onto the RTC website	JR
1	Contact Pharmacosmos and SHOT to see if they have a cost benefit analysis for IV iron v transfusion.	JR
1	Discuss the 'Transfusion Bulletin with ML. Can we use learning aspects from the TP group to populate the bulletin.	JR
1	Discuss producing a lessons learnt / how to guide from the Transfusion I.T. Group with ML.	JR
1	Contact volunteers from previous HTC reports regarding cell salvage working group.	RP
2.1	Circulate RTC meeting minutes, 05 June 2024, to RTC members	JR
2.3	Update November RTC agenda as per discussion.	JR
2.3	Update November RTC HTC report as per discussion.	JR
6	Contact TPD's for Yorkshire and North East & Cumbria for anaesthetics to advise there is funding available from the RTC for trainees interested in transfusion or PBM topics who have abstracts to present.	TG
6	Options for spending the remainder of the budget to be forwarded to JR.	All
8	Update project plan and circulate to the group for comment.	JR