


**Minutes of the Meeting of
National Transfusion Practitioner Network Working Group
of the NBTC**



Tuesday 19th March 2024

10:00am – 11:30am

Via MS Teams

Present		
Joanne Bark	JB	Patient Blood Management Practitioner, NHS Blood, and Transplant.
James Davies	JD	Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Ant Jackson	AJ	Transfusion Practitioner, United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Julie Jackson	JJ	Transfusion Practitioner, James Paget University Hospital Foundation Trust, Norfolk.
Tracy Johnston	TJ	Patient Blood Management Practitioner – London, NHSBT
Rachel Moss	RM	Senior Transfusion Practitioner, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust
Jane Murphy	JM	NW RTC Administrator (Minutes).
Janet Nicholson	JN	Transfusion Practitioner, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS
Jonathan Ricks	JR	Lead Transfusion Practitioner, University Hospitals Southampton NHS Foundation Trust.
Jennifer Rock	JRo	T2024 Education Lead, NHSBT
Dipika Solanki	DS	Trust Transfusion Practitioner Team, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
Rebecca Spiers	RS	Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals, NHS Foundation Trust
Carolyn Warren	CW	National TP Lead, Spire Healthcare
Apologies		
Aimi Baird	AB	Advanced Transfusion Practitioner, Integrated Laboratory Medicine, The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
Maxine Herbert	ML	Modern Matron, Transfusion, UHCW NHS Trust
Stuart Lord	SL	Lead Transfusion Practitioner, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Minutes		
01.24	Welcome & Apologies – Julie Jackson	Actions
	JJ chaired the meeting on behalf of AB. JJ welcomed the group and apologies were given from those listed on page 1.	
	DS advised of 2 new members to the group, Pascal Winter and James Davies who are the deputy chairs for the London TP Group.	
02.24	Minutes from Previous Meeting, 12 th December 2023 – Julie Jackson	
	Unfortunately, there are no minutes from this meeting due to IT issues of recording of the meeting.	
	JJ fed back regarding changing the name of Hospital Transfusion Committee as some areas have changed to Hospital Committee Forum or Group. AB raised this with the NBTC, they expressed their concern that it could dilute the framework.	
03.24	Student Nurses – Ant Jackson	
	AJ raised a query from a TP in the Midlands region who had recently had an MHRA inspection where the training of student nurses was questioned. AJ opened this up to the group for discussion as TP wanted to get a general idea what was happening around the region and nationally. AJ to feedback comments to TP.	
04.24	TP Conference 2024 – Julie Jackson	
	Planning for conference is on track and all speakers have been confirmed.	
05.24	Education	
	Emergency Planning Working Group's 2 nd Educational Webinar "Are you Prepared for a Major Incident" is being held via MS Teams on the 15 th May 2024.	
	New pathology portal containing a section about transfusion medicine.	
06.24	Regional Reports	
	<u>East of England</u> (Julie Jackson)	
	 EoE RTP Report (19.03.2024).docx	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCA Steering Group: No TP representation. Suggested TP representation would be useful as TPs organise / complete most of the audits. Requested NCA Group communicate plans earlier and direct to NTPN chair. More hospitals introducing electronic blood tracking systems. Continue to have new TPs. Have set up an introduction session to advise on structure and to introduce PBMP and RTC Administrator. Considering a 	

	<p>buddy system to provide mentorship and support for those in lone hospitals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplicate samples / 2nd sample: Concerns raised that staff are taking 2 samples at the same time but writing different times on them. • Q Community: Encouraging people to engage as there are lots of benefits with free courses and QI grants that can be applied for. If we can get a good core of people looking to set up a Transfusion SIG. 	
	<u>London</u> (Dipika Solanki)	
	 London RTP Report (19.3.2024).docx	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHRA inspections: Had quite a few across the region over the last year which had a similar theme. Competencies for the electronic systems and how trusts manage traceability. • UKAS Inspection at Imperial: Asked for audit data on WBIT. • Change in guidelines for stipulation of age of red cells is now official. • Sharing of stock project between 2 of the London hospitals which NHSBT have now taken on board potentially as a project. • NBTC/BBTS: Ongoing discussions around having a national competency for transfusion. London region now has 3 representatives on the BBTS TP Group. • Ongoing work with WBIT tool / LOPAG / Shared Care. • Good engagement from across the region: Last F2F meeting and virtual meeting had 20+ TPs attending. WhatsApp group going really well. • Challenges in IT systems. • Next meeting June 2024. 	
	<u>South West</u> (Stuart Lord)	
	 SW RTP Report (19.03.2024).docx	
	Verbal Regional Updates	
	<u>South East</u> – Jonathan Ricks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QS138 Insight Tool: Widely being used. 80 hospitals have signed up. • Major Haemorrhage Skills and Drills: Implementing recommendations in recent BSH MH Guidelines as some hospitals not doing enough. • Recruitment, training and retention: Real challenge. Sharing ideas, proposals and plans between hospitals. JR feeding back into universities problems with new BMS's not knowing much about Transfusion. • Where Does Blood Go? Following survey, trying to get an automated run down in the hospitals to give to clinical teams. 	
	<u>North West</u> – Rebecca Spiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample Labelling: Clarification requested from group around sample acceptance when it comes to pens, signatures and general labelling other than core identifiers. ACTION: JJ to seek clarification from Julie Staves, Chair of NTLMN.	JJ

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Component Expiry: Group agreed if Transfusion is up this should not be stopped at midnight. Transfusion should not be started after midnight if expired. • MHRA Traceability: Confirmed individual Trust traceability procedures must apply. 	
07.24	External Meeting Feedback	
	<p>NBTC Meeting, 18th March 2024 – Ant Jackson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-op Paed Anaemia Audit 2022: Near completion and the report will be issued soon. - Upper GI Bleed Audit 2022: Completed and the report will be issued soon. - NICE Quality Standard QS138: Reports out and plan to reaudit in October 2024. - Bedside Transfusion Audit: Ongoing. - Where Does Blood Go? Survey to be sent out later in this year. - Major Haemorrhage Audit: To be sent out Spring 2025. • National Indication Codes have been updated. Still going through agreement process. Been agreed by England. Waiting on agreement from Ireland, Scotland and Wales. • New Donor Centres: Centres in Brixton and Brighton about to open. • New Transfusion Laboratory Manager's: Webinars to be held for support. • National Shared Care System: Collaboration of TLMs and TPs. • SHOT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Symposium 2024: Being held on 9th July. - Taco Safety Alert: Almost finalised and waiting for final sign off. Will be issued by MHRA. 	
	<p>London and South East Haematology and Trauma Group – Jonathan Ricks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fibrinogen and Plasma in MH Packs: One hospital now using fibrinogen concentrate in Obstetric Theatres for MH. • Shortage of fibrinogen concentrate: Letter to be circulated to all sites. • Plasma 1st approach: A hospital looking at stocking thawed plasma in the ED fridge. • Fibrinogen concentrate being used in Obstetric in another hospital. However, they are pushing not to have FFP in pack one at all because it is not used. They had dropped to 2 units in pack one and are about to take out totally in the main haemorrhage pack. Looking to do the same in Obstetrics. • FFP Wastage: Around 40% for a lot of sites. 	
08.24	AOB	
	<p>IT – Rachel Moss</p> <p>RM requested on behalf of London region, if an IT subgroup could be set up for how TPs are managing IT. Group thought this would be a good idea.</p> <p>TJ mentioned a new guidance that has come out from BSH on the Specification Implementation Management for IT. Also, part of SCRIPT who are working with SHOT have said if you get any issues with IT, to relay all that information back to them because it's useful information that they are able to put into some sort of guide to help others that are implementing.</p>	

	<p>JRo advised the working group for part of the TP Framework, did challenge and ask if TPs thought the job had changed with regards to IT. The working group are hoping to deal with this separately.</p> <p>ACTION: NTPN to feedback any ICT concerns to JRo to take back to working group.</p> <p>ACTION: ICT Concerns to be a standing agenda item at future NTPN Meetings.</p> <p>Cell Salvage – Tracy Johnston <u>Using Blood for CS Training Purposes</u> Finally, have the agreement from NHSBT on using expired blood for CS training which will be in the new contracts for this year. There will be a clause in there that you can for use for CS but there will be certain mitigations that you have to evidence and traceability which you cover anyway in your laboratories and clinically.</p> <p><u>DATIX Reporting</u> TJ fed back that the CS Group requested if on the DATIX reporting tool, key words could be put in so it would then come through to TPs so incidents can be reported to SHOT. JD highlighted that CS is not a category under the new PSIRF categories. There is a category for blood but no sub section for CS so as more Trusts adopt PSIRF it might be trickier to capture.</p> <p>London Shared Care Working Group -Tracy Johnston Has been agreed this can be a national working group and we will be working very closely with SCRIPT. A meeting is being arranged with people from across the regions. Julie Staves is leading the group along with Kate Maynard, London TP.</p> <p>ISBT – Rachel Moss The Transfusion Practitioner Group have had approval to have a one-day transfusion practitioner meeting at the ISBT Conference in Barcelona on 23rd June 2024. It is the first ever International Transfusion Practitioner Meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JM</p>														
09.24	NTPN Member Affiliated Groups															
	<p>All members to keep up to date list below of groups they are affiliated with.</p> <p>ACTION: Members to feedback to JM which groups they are affiliated with that are not listed below.</p>	<p>ALL</p>														
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7	Ant Jackson	BBTS TP group, the NBTC (as a BBTS rep), NBTC Emergency Planning Group and The Midlands RTC Training and Education committee.
8	Julie Jackson	East of England RTC Education working group
9	Tracy Johnston	UK Cell Salvage Action Group (UKCSAG), Emergency Planning Working Group (EPWG), Haematology & Trauma Working Group
10	Michelle Lake	
11	Stuart Lord	South West Transfusion Practitioner Group (Chair) BBTS TP group (South West rep).
12	Denise McKeown	
13	Rachel Moss	
14	Jane Murphy	Administrator; NBTC subsidiary working groups (Transfusion Practitioners, Transfusion Laboratory Managers), North West Regional Transfusion Committee (NW RTC), UK Cell Salvage Action Group (UKCSAG)
15	Janet Nicholson	
16	Jonathan Ricks	London and South East Haematology and Trauma Group
17	Selma Turkovic	National Platelet Action Group (PAG), London Platelet Action Group (LoPAG), London and SE Haematology and Trauma Group, Biomedical Scientist Empowerment and Discussion Group (BMSEDG).
18	Pascal Winter	
10.24	Meeting dates	
	Tuesday 18 th June 2024, 10:00am – 11:30am Via MS Teams	