

North East & Yorkshire Regional Transfusion Team Meeting

25 November 2024
Face to face meeting - Bedale Hall

Present

Andrew Charlton (AC)	Newcastle / NHSBT
Robin Coupe (RC)	NHSBT
Alison Hirst (AH)	Airedale
Wasim Hussain (WH)	NHSBT
Catrina Ivel (CI)	York & Scarborough
Michelle Lake (ML)	Calderdale and Huddersfield
Ric Procter (RP) - Chair	South Tees
Jordan Reed (JRe)	York & Scarborough
Janice Robertson (JR) - minutes	NHSBT
Jo Shorthouse (JS)	NHSBT
Kayleigh Smith (KS)	NHSBT
Karen Ward (KW)	Northumbria

Apologies

Aimi Baird (AB)	Newcastle
Carolyn Carveth-Marshall (CCM)	South Tees
Teo Groza (TD)	Leeds
Marina Karakantza (MK)	Leeds / NHSBT
Alison Muir (AM)	Newcastle
Youssef Sorour (YS)	Doncaster and Bassetlaw
Brian Taylor (BT)	Sheffield
Megan Wrightson (MW)	South Tees

1.	RTT matters
1.1	<p>RP gave an overview of current projects, key points included:</p> <p>IBI Outcomes</p> <p>Draft summary of Transfusion Transformation Strategy due out Spring 25</p> <p>Patient representative has been present at the review of IBI documents.</p> <p>Benchmarks to be reviewed as a part of staffing issues- quantify TP / lab staff time and requirement</p> <p>Question if author of IBI report is expecting more metrics. Recommendations are often generic rather than performance specific, and this may limit the influence on individual trusts.</p> <p>Set performance metrics would be of more benefit – possibly two per year over a five year programme.</p> <p>Use HTC report forms to track engagement with the IBI.</p>

Connecting with pathology networks / NHS England

NHSE involvement may push the support for an anaemia dashboard and assistance to the regional pathology team.

Links to the pathology network exist in NE&Y (2 reps currently know to our group). They are very engaged but focused on cancer services. Interested in reviewing digital integration.

Medical anaemia – promoting appropriate blood use

RTCs may need to consider what measurements should be included locally if not stated in the transformation document. Metrics to assess against to be decided, model health would be a useful tool.

Consider a working group to review this further after the draft document.

Local pilot using a screening iron deficiency anaemia dashboard would be the next step, and would involve using an existing Rapid Diagnostic Centre. This requires funding, which may be available from avenues such as the Northern Cancer Alliance.

The group thanked RP and urged him to 'keep doing what you are doing'

Patient Engagement-

Have we evidenced patient engagement from the RTC.

What patient outcomes related to transfusion are relevant and measurable?

Surrogate used will be reduction of SHOT reporting incidents

The group noted that this is a large piece of work and wondered if solutions will be given to us or if it will be delegated to us.

Action: Contact NHSE IT network for details of what next steps could be.

Action: Contact Louise Sherliker to see if a link has already been made.

1.2 Minutes of previous meetings, 29 July 2024 accepted as a true record.

Action: Post minutes onto the NBTC website

Actions

1	Minutes of previous meetings, 15 April 2024, posted onto the NBTC website	Closed
2	Cost benefit analysis for IV iron v transfusion. https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/action/downloadSupplement?doi=10.1111%2Ftrf.14493&file=trf14493-sup-0001-supinfo01.docx	Closed
3	The TP group agreed that we can use learning aspects from the TP group meeting, to populate the bulletin.	Closed
4	Survey circulated to collect views of the group re: way forward of the Regional Transfusion IT Group. Include suggestion of producing a lessons learnt / how to guide. Only five responses received to date.	Closed
5	Contact volunteers from previous HTC reports regarding cell salvage working group.	c/fwd
6	RTC meeting minutes, 05 June 2024, circulated to RTC members	Closed

7	November RTC agenda updated as per discussion.	Closed
8	November RTC HTC report updates as per discussion.	Closed
9	TPD's for Yorkshire and North East & Cumbria for anaesthetics advised there is funding available from the RTC for trainees interested in transfusion or PBM topics who have abstracts to present.	Closed
10	Options for spending the remainder of the budget to be forwarded to JR.	Closed
11	Project plan updated 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	
2.2	RTC meeting – 19 March 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting to be given over to the importance of and engagement with IBI recommendations Action: contact NHSE for speaker Action: compose an email to request Trusts give a five minute presentation on progress within the Trust on the recommendations. Action: Update agenda as per discussion. HTC report Not to be used for this meeting. 	
2.3	Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair RPs term as chair runs for three years, from 01 April 23 to 31 March 26. Presumption that the deputy chair will take over at the end of this term. Deputy chair Teo Groza has had to stand down from this role, due to personal reasons. RP is in discussions with Mike Carrick (MKa), Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of Leeds HTC, in regard to taking on this role. MKa has an interest in Cell Salvage and may be able to take this forward. Patient Representatives Action: Contact Anne Olaleye to ask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would she like to be on any of the RTC working groups Does she have anything to report regarding the role? Is it what she was expecting? Does she think it would be beneficial to have a second patient representative? Does she think it would be beneficial to have a patient focus working group? Patient and public advisory group can offer links to patient representatives NHS England » Engaging and involving patients, families and staff following a patient safety incident 	

Action: Contact 'Patient and Public Advisory Group' for second patient representative.

2.4 Working Groups / discussion forums

- **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. It is hoped that if MKa takes on the deputy chair role he will take this forward and look at setting up a reporting tool.

- **Education**

Suggested topics for the 25/26 rolling programme of education discussed.

The RTT preferences are as follows

1. Neonatal and paediatric transfusion
2. Management of adverse events including PSIRF, human factors and safety
3. Adverse events in transfusion including pulmonary complications

Action: CI to respond to NBTC Education Working Group and request the regions preferred topics, following the working group meeting in January 2025.

- **Transfusion Bulletin** (share information on safety alerts and best practice)

Action: Compose 'Message from the RTT and RTC chair'.

Action: Provide items for 'Coming soon', 'Evidence based practice' and 'SHOT section'

Action: Request TP write up a case from the December TP meeting - learning to share from incidents.

- **Transfusion IT group.**

To help us decide how we move forward with this group, members were asked to complete a short survey to review progress to date and hopefully provide some direction for the future of this group.

Only 5 responses received.

- **Post Transfusion Advice**

Following a presentation at the RTC meeting on 'Results of the 'Reporting of transfusion reactions in patients that have left the Hospital' survey, it was requested that the RTT set up a working group to take this forward.

Group to look at how would we set up post transfusion advice and look at an overview of regional policy with telephone numbers and post transfusion advise.

3. Education

3.1 NBTC study day

- Haemoglobinopathies

13:00 – 16:00 Wednesday 09 October 2024

Team's meeting

309 delegates attended, 97% of those who completed the evaluation rated the event excellent or good.

Some technical issues on the day.

3.2 Non-Medical Authorisation

- Upcoming dates: 05 December 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 to be released following the working group review meeting in December.
4.	Audit / Survey
	<p>NCA Audits</p> <p>Current / Upcoming audits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCA Repeat audit of NICE Quality Standard QS138 (October 2024) NCA Major Haemorrhage audit (Spring 2025) <p>Latest reports published:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 National Comparative Audit of Bedside Transfusion Practice (Re-audit) Full report 2024-bedside-transfusion-audit-report-final.pdf Key Findings 2024-bedside-transfusion-key-points.pdf 2023 Audit of NICE Quality Standard QS138 Full report 2023-nice-qs138-final-audit-report.pdf Key Findings 2023-qs138-key-points.pdf <p>National Comparative Audit of Blood Transfusion website: https://hospital.blood.co.uk/audits/national-comparative-audit</p> <p>Action: Request Brian Hockley gives an update on the OD Negative Blood Use survey for lab managers at the June 2025 RTC meeting.</p> <p>Regional Audits / Surveys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results of the 'Reporting of transfusion reactions in patients that have left the Hospital' survey, presented at the RTC meeting in November 24.
5.	Website / Twitter
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PBM national Twitter account continues to be monitored. 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 projected balance £3698 The RTC funded 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: Ask Lucy Johnston, Trainee Representative, if any trainees from the region have submitted an abstract to British Society for Haematology 65th Annual Scientific Meeting 27-29 April 2025. If yes, offer funding of delegate fee.</p> <p>Action: Offer funding for NHSBT Virtual Reality Blood Identification app for each lab. Cost is £24.99.</p>



Action: Enquire as to what other regions have used their budget on.

7.	Quality Improvement Projects / Alignment of Policies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfusion bulletins • Working groups
8.	RTT Project Plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed items to be on a separate page. • Include 'Participated in OD Negative Blood Use survey' for lab managers. • Include 'Importance of and engagement with IBI recommendations' meeting. <p>Action: Update project plan and circulate to the group for comment.</p>
9.	Any other business
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC advised that there is no restrictions on roles, for funding for RTC chair.
10.	Date of next meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm Tuesday 01 April 2025

RTT Action List

Min. No	Action	By Whom
1.2	Post minutes of previous meetings, 29 July 2024, onto the NBTC website	JR
1.2	Contact volunteers from previous HTC reports regarding cell salvage working group.	RP
2.1	Circulate minutes of RTC meeting – 05 June 2024, to RTC members	JR
2.2	Contact NHSE, to request a speaker for the RTC meeting on 19 March 25, which has been given over to the importance of and engagement with IBI recommendations.	RP
2.2	Compose an email to request Trusts give a five minute presentation on progress within the Trust on the IBI recommendations.	RP
2.2	Update RTC meeting agenda as per discussion.	JR

2.3	Contact Patient Representatives Anne Olaleye to ask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would she like to be on any of the RTC working groups • Does she have anything to report regarding the role? Is it what she was expecting? • Does she think it would be beneficial to have a second patient representative? • Does she think it would be beneficial to have a patient focus working group? 	RP
2.3	Contact 'Patient and Public Advisory Group' for second patient representative	AC
2.4	Respond to NBTC Education Working Group and request the regions preferred topics, following the working group meeting in January 2025.	CI
2.4	Compose 'Message from the RTT and RTC chair' for the Transfusion Bulletin	RP
2.4	Provide items for 'Coming soon', 'Evidence based practice' and 'SHOT section', for the Transfusion Bulletin	JS
2.4	Request TP write up a case from the December TP meeting - learning to share from incidents, for the Transfusion Bulletin	ML/JRe
4	Request Brian Hockley gives an update on the OD Negative Blood Use survey for lab managers at the June 2025 RTC meeting.	JR
6	Ask Lucy Johnston, Trainee Representative, if any trainees from the region have submitted an abstract to British Society for Haematology 65th Annual Scientific Meeting 27-29 April 2025. If yes, offer funding of delegate fee.	JR
6	Offer funding for NHSBT Virtual Reality Blood Identification app for each lab. Cost is £24.99.	JR
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