BBTS Transfusion Practitioners Group Committee

Teams Virtual Meeting 10/06/20: 10.30-12.30

Minutes

Present:
Aine O'Kane (AOK) - chair, Alister Jones (AJo), Wendy McSporran (WM), Karen Smith (KS), Ant Jackson (AJa), Kathleen Wedgeworth (KW), Angela Sherwood (AS), Lorraine Lewis-Prosser (LLP)

Apologies
Louann Birch (LB)

1.	**Welcome** **AOK** welcomed everyone to this Microsoft Teams virtual meeting.
2.	**Previous minutes/actions** Previous minutes from meeting on 11/12/19 accepted. Action log review (note – some actions stalled by COVID impact): • TP forum – close; see point 5 of the minutes • TP group ToRs – awaiting approval/sign off from Council • TP group webpage – **WM** to lead a re-fresh of the content • England reps – was to be raised with/lead by England TP group chair after TP 2020 event • Newsletter – first draft complete; **All** to review and feedback comments to AOK
3.	**TPs & COVID** • NI: AOK – resistance to getting re-deployed staff back to haemovigiliance; increase in OTCOL wastage (especially O-) as clinical locations in hospital were changed; use of elearning increased to support training needs, but face to face assessment for F0 work-shadowing Drs was deemed needing to continue; newsletters with key messages are going to be created. • Scotland: KS – 'once for Scotland' principle used as part of Emergency Blood Management Arrangements in every health board so everyone doing the same thing; training algorithms for transfusion developed on learnPro (especially useful for new/redeployed staff) as well as a return to practice rapid induction guide – **KS** to share these; local staff team huddles utilised to help maintain rapid communication with users. • England: WS – there was no national approach; there have been no TP meetings in London since crisis began; TPs have mostly stayed in role (and been very busy) – a lot of organisations viewed this as the priority AJa – similarly very few TPs redeployed in the E.Midlands; they have had 1 TP meeting by Zoom, although now AJa's trust has barred the use of this. A lessons learned document is being prepared by the England TP group. KW – very few COVID patients in the South West; locally they have had to modify the way 2 person checks are done for administration in hot zones; F1 induction in August is a cause for consideration (due to face-to-face restrictions). • Wales: LLP – there have been weekly joint TP & TLM meetings; elearning package for new/ re-deployed staff was developed for use. AJo – generally it appears that TPs/HTTs have been left out of some key decision making (e.g. practice of not labelling a pre-tx. sample at a (COVID) patient's side; a lesson for future episodes to try to ensure we are appropriately consulted.
4.	**BBTS annual conference 2020** • Conference has been postponed this year; there has been some talk of a desire to have something run in it's place (e.g. webinars), but nothing decided yet.
5.	**BBTS TP group** • TP forum: launch dependent on new BBTS website, which is progressing slowly (not likely to completed before autumn at the earliest).

	• KS suggested setting up something on Teams; all agree this sounded a workable option – **KS** to explore.
6.	**TP competency framework** • This work has been completed and handed over to King's Health (the commissioning organisation); it was presented at TP 2020 and still under consideration by NBTC; these are a recommendation in the NBTC 2024 document, but this is still to be signed off (it is hoped that the NHSBT executive might seek to push this through as a national recommendations coming out of DoH). • Wales have reviewed the draft and are keen to explore developing similar.
7.	**NBTC PBM subgroup update** • AJa: no update – only one meeting since the last BBTS TP group meeting, and this was COVID dominated. • AS raised that the NHSBT PBMP team have developed an alternatives to transfusion document (one-sided) to support PBM, soon to be published on the hospitals & science site. • AS also highlighted the A6 cards now available for all hospitals to access – to be given to post COVID patients inviting them to register as potential convalescent plasma donors.
8.	**AOB** • KS highlighted that SNBTS are looking closer at pre-habilitation (pre-surgery), and also at management of anaemia in the community. AOK referenced some good work that has been done by a maternal anaemia group in Belfast. AJo noted that concerns around future blood shortages once healthcare services return to (near) normal has prompted a more stringent approach to expectations around blood conservation measures in health boards in Wales. • AJo highlighted the NBTC triage guidance for use of blood in major haemorrhage during red phase shortages; this has been published and TPs need to be aware. AJa said his trust had adopted it; AJa to share the NBTC document. • WM highlighted that London RTC has had a request to review the recent NHSBT internal report into racism within the organisation and what processes/measures can be facilitated by the RTC to support BAME colleagues and prevent/combat racism within London transfusion.
9.	**Date of 2020 meetings** • 09/09/20; it was agreed to run as Teams meeting again; AJo to send invite.

Actions	By	Status
Invite England TP group chair to future meeting	WM	C/F 11.12.19
Circulate approved revised BBTS TP group ToRs	AOK	C/F 11.09.19
Invite Rachel Moss to future meeting re: ISBT TP group	WM	C/F 11.12.19
Get TP group ToRs posted on BBTS website	AJo	C/F 11.12.19
Liaise with England TP group re: (new) BBTS TP group reps	WM	C/F 11.12.19
TP group website refresh	WM	
BBTS newsletter draft – review and feedback to AOK	All	
Share return to practice rapid induction guide & training algorithm	KS	
Explore setting up a TP forum on Teams	KS	
Send Teams invite for 09/09/20 meeting	AJo	
Circulate NBTC triage document	AJa	

C/F = Carried over from…