

UK Red Alert Plans Meeting

Tuesday, 17, January 2023
(12:00 – 13:00)

via MS Teams
FINAL MINUTES

Attended	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fateha Chowdhury (NHSBT) (FC) – Chair- Lise Estcourt (NHSBT) (LE)- Edwin Massey (WBS) (EM)- Kathryn Maguire (NIBTS) (KM)- Katie Hands (SNBTS) (KH)
Apologies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mike Murphy (NHSBT) (MM)- Matt Gillespie (NIBTS) (MG)- Megan Rowley (SNBTS) (MR)

Minutes	
1	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Apologies noted▪ FC - no feedback received regarding minutes of previous meeting (23 November 2022) – accepted as final
2a	<p>Review of Guidelines - Major Haemorrhage Triage Tool</p> <p>Discussion on the Major Haemorrhage Triage Tool regarding a potential problem with authorship. It was agreed that the document remain as an NBTC document on the JPAC webpage. The group agreed that this guidance is acceptable for all nations and the NBTC document on JPAC page would be used as reference point by Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.</p> <p>It was agreed that Appendix A would be added to the Red Cell Shortage Plan document.</p>
2b	<p>Review of guidelines - NBTC Red Cell Shortage Plan</p> <p>FC had circulated the NBTC Red Cell Shortage Plan prior to the meeting, with the changes in sections listed below based on feedback received after the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Section 6.1Section 7.3Section 7.5Added section 8.1.4 and 8.4.1

	<p>Made changes in Appendix 2 (to incorporate learnings from Amber alert). Revised Appendix 3 – to include all guidance sent out regarding Pre-Amber and Amber alert.</p> <p>During this meeting the group discussed Appendix 2 in detail. FC made the changes as discussed and agreed to re-send the Appendix to the group to review and suggest any further changes. All to feedback by 24th January.</p> <p>EM suggested putting in a position statement to BSH on the UK blood shortage and then link it to the Red Cell Shortage Plan when it is finalised. All agreed with this.</p> <p>LE asked group whether there was a need to standardise when we call Amber or pre-Amber alerts - so that threshold was same for the four Nations. It was agreed that this would be difficult as each Nation would have different thresholds for the 'days of stock'. All agreed on standardising the colour used for each phase and agreed recommendations for each phase should be the same and those transfused in shortage i.e., Appendix 2.</p> <p>LE recommended once red cell shortage plan completed, the platelet shortage plan should be updated next. All to review their platelet shortage plans and those available on JPAC for next meeting.</p>
3	<p>NBTC blood indications app</p> <p>LE had not heard back regarding an update on the app progress. Will ask for the App to be amended to advise hospitals what to do in the event of an Amber or Red Alert. LE to contact Anne Davidson re update on Blood Indications App</p>
4	<p>AOB</p> <p>LE thanked FC for her hard work with updating the documents.</p>
5	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, 28 February - 14:00 to 15:00 via MS Teams. Meeting invite sent by FC.</p>