

UK Red Alert Plans Meeting
Tuesday, 28 February 2023 (14:00 – 15:00)
 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) - Katie Hands (SNBTS) (KH) - Mike Murphy (NHSBT) (MM) - Sue Katic (NHSBT) (SK) - Minutes
Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kathryn Maguire (NIBTS) (KM) - Megan Rowley (SNBTS) (MR)- confirmed KH representing Scotland

Minutes	
1	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apologies noted ▪ FC - no feedback received regarding minutes of previous meeting – 17 January 2023 - accepted as final
2	<p>Review of guidelines - NBTC Red Cell Shortage Plan</p> <p>FC has sent final copy to LE to check. Once this is done FC will circulate to the group.</p>
	<p>Review of guidelines - NBTC Platelet Shortage Plan</p> <p>FC confirmed once the Red Cell Shortage Plan is finalised a lot of the sections can be transcribed over to the Platelet Shortage Plan.</p> <p><i>Appendix 3: Categorisation of patient types</i></p> <p>During this meeting, the group discussed Appendix 3 in detail. FC made the changes as they were discussed.</p> <p>Action: FC will re-send the Appendix to the group with these changes for review and comment.</p> <p>LE asked whether in cases of bone marrow failure/immune thrombocytopenia/Neonates, in a red alert situation; would all devolved countries produce reduced dose apheresis platelets to extend the blood supply.</p>

	<p>General</p> <p>LE asked whether there would be anything on reduced dose platelets. FC has added this into the document with hyperlinks and asked LE to look at this when checking the document.</p> <p>Brief discussion on using reduced dose platelets rather than 5-day, we want to avoid using 5-day if we can and it was agreed not to add use of 5-day platelets to this document to avoid confusion.</p> <p>LE has been looking at all NHSBT controlled documents, MPDs and SOPs and a lot of them need to be updated with all changes made to processes in the case of Amber/Red Alerts being raised.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>NBTC blood indications app</p> <p>MM queried whether the APP was used; EM confirmed used widely in Wales. LE had not heard back regarding an update on the cost of updating the app. She will be joining a Transfusion SMT meeting and will ask for an update then.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>FC asked whether the group wanted to look at reviewing the Plasma Shortage Plan, but it was felt that this should not be done yet. The group will concentrate on finalising the Red Cell and Platelets Plans.</p> <p>MM asked whether FC had thought of writing up the experience of developing the Shortage Plans. FC has not done this yet but asked the group what they thought of publishing the Plans in Transfusion Medicine or similar journal. Agreed this would be a good idea, with an overview of how they came about and the experience. LE would be able to help get something into Transfusion Medicine if FC wrote of her experiences producing the Plans.</p> <p>Discussion on publishing a position statement on BSH website linking to the NBTC guidance.</p> <p>MM will send round a suggestion by email for BJHaem as he can commission it for that. To publish both shortage plans in BJHaem with some commentary on the experience.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, 5 April - 14:00 to 15:00 via MS Teams. Meeting invite sent by FC.</p>