

Minutes of the Meeting of the Eastern Division Consultants in the Blood Transfusion Service, held 14th September 1983 at the RTC Cambridge

Present: Dr T Davies (Acting Chairman)
Dr J Blagdon (Secretary)
Dr T Gibson
Dr K L Rogers
Dr E Williams
Dr T Wood

1. Apologies
Received
- Dr J Darnborough
Dr J Harrison
Dr B Brozovic
Dr M Contreras
Dr J Kemp
Dr R Lane
Dr A Holburn
Dr H Boralessa

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th May 1983 were accepted.

3. Matters arising

6. Understood that a tare weighing system would be introduced at BPL so that centres were credited with the actual weight of the plasma sent.
10. There still appeared to be no satisfactory guidance about the use of anti-D Immunoglobulin. The matter should be raised again at the RTD meeting.
11. It was considered that the training of Senior Registrars should be by a three month course rather than just working in a blood transfusion centre for six months. The object of the training should be to produce better haematologists capable of looking after a hospital blood bank rather than to attract people into the BTS. To be raised at the RTD meeting.

4. Agenda for RTD meeting, 22nd September 1983

3a AIDS The AIDS pamphlet is being distributed in all four regions with little or no comment from donors. Dr K Rogers thought a more active approach should be made.

e. Purchase of blood packs

The answers to the three aims in Dr Wagstaff's letter were:

- 1.) Ensure more than one manufacturer - Yes.
- 2.) Any percentage split should be such that it allows a manufacturer enough of a share of the market to make it a viable proposition, so long as the products and price are acceptable.

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e. Purchase of blood packs continued/.....

3.) All agreed that there should be maximum discount to all Centres.

It was generally agreed that the Supply Council should have as little involvement as possible.

f. It was agreed that this should be organised from BPL.

4 Frozen Blood Banks It was agreed that there should be one frozen blood bank in each division to maintain a rare cell stock and be available for storage of autologous units. There should be full inventory control and accounting of units accepted for storage.

6 Donor Attendants' Committee (RTD (83)/9) The meeting considered that no support should be given to this committee. A discussion took place about the Donor Attendants' role in plasmapheresis.

7 Syphilis Testing Awaiting the outcome of the RTDs meeting.

8 Clearing House for Excess Red Cells More information was requested and it was considered that it may be worth exploring.

12 Charges to the Private Sector The meeting still considered that if any sector was charged there then should be charges to all sections.

5. Any other business

Nil

6. Date of next meeting

To be announced. Venue: RTC Brentwood

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 1613 hours.