

OUTCOMES FROM PREVIOUS WORKSHOPS HELD ON 27th March AND 27TH April 2015

Dr Kate Pendry introduced the new N.W. Pre-operative Anaemia Project Officer, Jaya Ganvir-Roche.

Presentations were made by Jaya giving an overview of her role.

Group discussions included

- The importance of collecting information on the patient experience
- The need to set up systems to systematically collect information on project outcome measures
- The need to systematically collect the learning from the pilot sites re obstacles and barriers and successes
- The need to work closely with primary care to define the role of GPs in anaemia diagnosis and management
- The need to work with commissioners to define approaches to commissioning the pre-op anaemia pathway that will incentivise good practice- perhaps this could be achieved region-wide
- KP explained that NICE clinical transfusion guidelines are in the process of being prepared and a consultation process took place in May
- Quality standards for transfusion are to be developed following on from the NICE guidance, covering alternatives to transfusion as well as transfusion triggers
- KP would like to pilot the use of a local CQUIN for pre-operative anaemia management as part of this project
- Ideally, an approach would be developed that would collect data already collected within Trusts for other purposes
- KP explained that the Informatics Department at Central Manchester can link 'blood track' data with Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) and Patient Administration (PAS) data to provide a detailed transfusion database. It may be possible for other Informatics Departments in pilot trusts to replicate
- KP put forward the ideas for it to be mandatory for GPs to provide an Hb result as part of the Choose and Book referral process. Perhaps this could be piloted in one CCG first and then rolled out
- JG is to develop a new section on the RTC website to share the pilot updates, pathways, data collection forms etc
- Measurement Tool in its draft form was disseminated and discussed at length
- KP explained the rest of the country are looking to us to introduce pre-op anaemia to them, asking the group for ideas on the best way to roll it out, the feasibility of capturing information prospectively
- Group agreed that it would be important to identify data that can be collected from electronic systems rather than relying on paper eg: PAS data, lab data
- The group thanked JG for arranging the workshops.