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Manchester Arena Bombing and Major Incident at Salford Royal

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Salford Haematology Major Incident Procedure

- Major Incident planning at Salford has resulted in the use of **Action Cards** specific to all departments
- Once the call is made staff go to their **Major Incident Folder** and follow the instructions on their **Specific Action Cards**
- These clearly allocate roles, responsibilities and procedures to follow during a major incident.

Evolution of Major Incident planning at Salford

- In light of a series of Terror attacks in France. All emergency service departments across the UK were asked to review their Major Incident procedures.

- In Greater Manchester we held two Major Incident simulation events involving all emergency services in the region.
- The final one was **Socrates** held on 29.3.17

Lessons learned from Major Incident Simulations

- From the initial event we identified our call out procedure for contacting staff was difficult to follow.
- It didn't allow for annual leave or sickness.
- It didn't take into consideration shifts.
- It purely looked at that moment in time and didn't allow for forward planning of staffing.

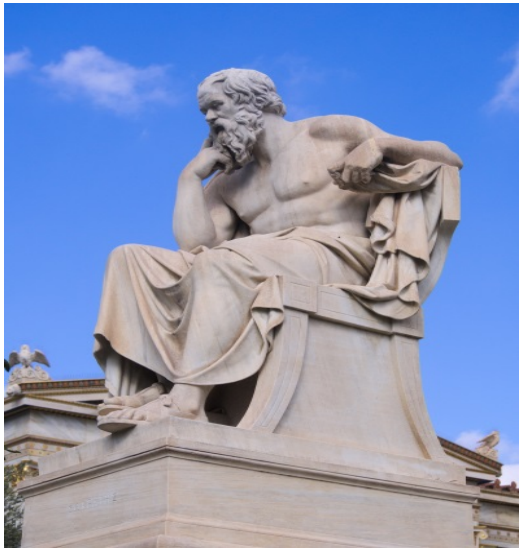
What did we change as a result:

- The organisation of the call out chart so it flowed better.
- Included reviewing staff to call in but taking into account annual leave and the current rota.
- Implemented a system for checking staff contact details.

Socrates

- Socrates was a real time simulation event involving the emergency services for the whole region.
- At Salford we were all in one room throughout the event no one contacted Blood Bank despite multiple MHP activations!
- As a result Debbie had the idea that if we were a visible presence in ED it would remove barriers to communication.

We began to explore this……



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The time for planning was over!

22nd May 2017: Manchester

- On the day of 22.5.17 thousands of school age children were preparing to attend a Pop concert
- They would have been giddy and excited to see their idol
- Some were attending the concert for the first time without their parents!

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10.35PM

At 10.35pm just as the fans were starting to leave a loud explosion was heard.

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Manchester Arena

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How were we alerted?

- At 10.45pm Debbie received a call from her sister
- She was in a car outside the Arena waiting for her 14 year old daughter
- Lydia was at her 1st concert without an adult.
- Sally had heard a loud bang and saw people running from the Arena
- By 10.40pm Lydia had spoken to her mum so we knew she was scared but safe!

11.00PM

- Debbie called switch “hands-free” as she was driving in and notified them we could be alerted to a Major Incident. The command team were then informed of the potential Major Incident
- As Debbie walked into the Lab at 11.00pm, the BMS had just received the Major Incident call.
- The Haematology Major Incident procedure was then activated.

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What actions followed

- **11.05** Gold command contacted Debbie to discuss the intel so far
- **11.05** the standby BMS was called in
- **11.05** MLA instructed to count all available blood product stock
- **11.10** using the new system we activated the call out procedure

  Considerations: Who is on leave/sick, ensuring adequate staffing for the forthcoming day/night shifts.
- **11.15** NHSBT contacted and additional products ordered

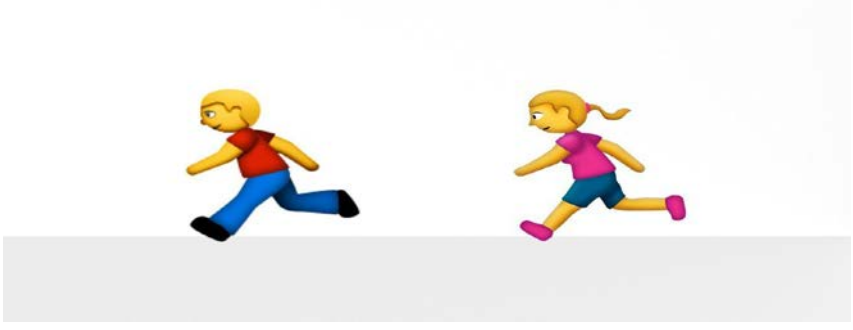
So far all actions mirrored the revised action cards!

Changes to plan!

In response, as Haematology coordinator Debbie made some decisions based on lessons learned from Socrates.

- **11.15** Instructed the AP to defrost 3 X 4 packs of FFP plus one set suitable for those born post 1996.
- **11.15** Instructed BMS staff to prepare additional Packs of Emergency O Negs
- **11.45** Additional stock & FFP was taken to ED

By 11.45pm we already had an additional 5 BMS's and an AP who had all rushed in.



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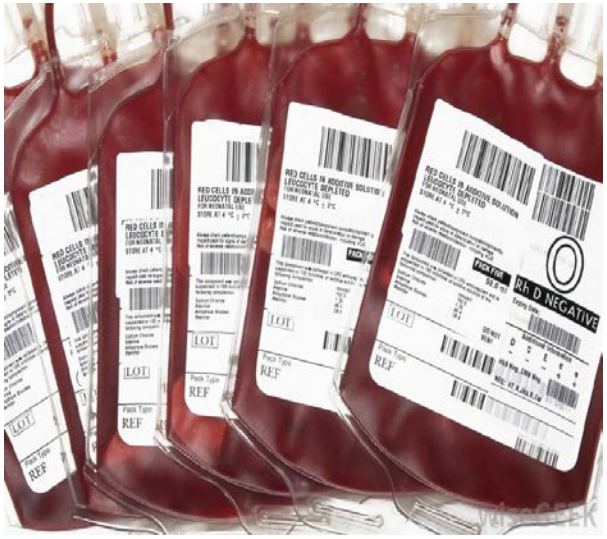
11.50 Additional blood stock arrived from NHSBT

Be Aware

If you are on lockdown you will need special arrangements for the access of NHSBT drivers!



New roles developed on the night

- We identified early that controlling stock levels would be difficult for the BMS staff so an AP was given the task of coordinating stock levels with defined triggers for re-ordering.
- Debbie and myself based our selves in ED coordinating blood support for the patients.

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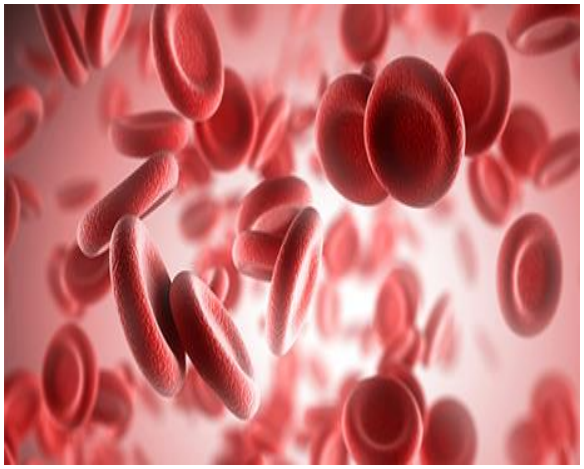
Blood Transfusion Support role in ED

- Monitor the usage of emergency products, replenish as required
- Liaise with ED staff and communicate requirements to blood bank
- Assist ED staff in completing Traceability documentation- not record sheet.

Blood Product usage on the night of the Bomb

- 27 RED CELLS
- 2 LITRES OF FFP
- 2 LITRES OCTAPLAS
- 3 DOSES PLATELETS
- 6 ANTI-TETANUS

Save a life
Give Blood



What went well?

- ED support role has been identified as being directly responsible for saving 2 possibly 3 lives.
- ED staff maintained patient contact throughout – no need to run back and forth to blood bank
- Staff in blood bank found it easier to communicate with us rather than ED staff
- We maintained a constant supply of emergency products – no delay in provision of blood products.
- We even facilitated the provision of Anti-tetnus
- Staff in the lab were able to focus on less severely injured patients and preparing more Emergency O Negs.
- All Haematology staff were calm, focused and well prepared.


MANCHESTER ARENA
EXPLOSION: WHAT
HAPPENS NEXT?

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Improvements Required

- We need to establish clear guidance for minimum stock levels
- We developed 2 new action cards: Blood stock co-ordinator and ED Blood Transfusion support.
- We need to improve the system for dealing with traceability in ED- source dedicated bag for units and paperwork.
- We need to establish a minimum stock level for Anti-Tetanus.
- **Communication:** We have identified we need our own wireless phone whilst in ED
- **Visibility:** We require a tabard so Blood Bank staff are clearly identifiable whilst in ED.
- **Stand down:** As a trust this happened too soon it didn't take into account patients going back to theatre for multiple surgeries i.e. the theatre list for Wednesday wasn't cancelled.

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Recommendations

- **Practice Practice Practice**

  Attend simulations and work in a real time way so you can identify weaknesses.
- Develop connections with the Major Trauma team- be part of planning, resilience and preparedness
- Ensure you have a system for checking your callout procedure and staff contact details.

A note about Manchester

We stick together!!

Whatever is thrown at us!

thank you!

From The Minions of Salford!

Any Questions?