

**Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT) celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July with their annual SHOT Symposium 2017 at Rothamsted Conference Centre, Harpenden.**

SHOT is one of the first schemes that collects anonymous information on transfusion adverse events and reactions from all healthcare organisations in the UK. Where risks and problems are identified, SHOT produces recommendations to improve patient safety. The Annual Report and Summary, together with several other educational resources, can be found at [www.shotuk.org](http://www.shotuk.org) and you can follow SHOT on Twitter [@SHOTHV1](https://twitter.com/SHOTHV1).



Keir Pickard (left) spoke on improving the process of obtaining patient consent and clinical documentation in blood transfusion and received the *Best Abstract Oral Presentation* award

# 20 YEARS OF SHOT

Great way of imparting knowledge to others. SHOT has been there for us, we value their consistent hard work and all their recommendations in clinical practice.

This was my first SHOT Symposium and I found it both educationally relevant and enjoyable. I wish I'd been able to attend years ago!



Dr Fiona Regan, Clinical Director - Products, moderates one of the event's debates



Dr Paula Bolton-Maggs, SHOT Clinical Director, and colleagues Katie Leadbetter and Hema Mistry

The event provides an opportunity to highlight the key SHOT messages and to enjoy presentations on a variety of topics relating to patient safety and transfusion best practice.



Rick Mills (left) is thanked for being a donor by SHOT Steering Group Chair Dr Dafydd Thomas



Voting on hospitals limiting group O negative red cell use to match supply



Pre-conference meet the experts