



You will notice that the format of this month's SnapSHOT is different to normal. This is a temporary measure due to some IT issues.

Resources update: Webinars – Key highlights

In July 2023 there were two SHOT webinars focused on accurate and complete patient identification for safe transfusion.

Webinar of accurate complete patient identification for safe transfusion adults

The first webinar was live on 11 July 2023. Members of the SHOT team along with members of the SG/WEG, the UKTLC, PBM team, a Transfusion Practitioner and patient representative covered some key aspects of positive patient identification. This included an overview from SHOT, WBIT – common themes and lessons learnt, practical steps regarding accurate patient identification and patient identification from a laboratory aspect. The presentation also highlighted the challenges of ensuring positive patient identification from a hospital and patient point of view. Relevant resources, both from SHOT and external sources, were also signposted.

Webinar on accurate and complete patient identification for safe transfusion in children and neonates

The second webinar that was presented live on 19 July 2023 focused on the challenges, practical steps and potential solutions related to accurate and complete patient identification in children and neonates. Panellists included paediatric transfusion experts both from clinical and laboratory perspectives and members from the SHOT team. We also had valuable insights from a patient and parent about methods of patient identification, challenges and importance of accurate patient identification. Relevant resources, both from SHOT and external sources, were also signposted.

Click here to access the webinars <https://www.shotuk.org/resources/current-resources/webinars/>

Do we know who they are?
Accurate and complete patient identification for safe transfusions in adults

5 speakers
5 presentations
One shared view

A collaboration between the SHOT, UKTLC, Patient Blood Management teams from around UK and patient representative

Topics covered in this webinar:

- Overview and background from SHOT
- Wrong blood in tube events reported to SHOT - common themes and lessons
- Practical steps to ensure accurate patient identification
- Transfusion practitioner perspective, laboratory aspects and patient perspective
- Available resources in the UK

Q&A session
Several key questions raised which were answered. All questions matter and all the learning is important.

Approximately 194 attendees were present at this SHOT webinar

103 attendees completed the poll at the end of the session

Staff group of the attendees of this webinar:

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Transfusion Practitioners | 38 |
| Scientific | 22 |
| Quality | 2 |
| Nurse | 26 |
| Medical | 2 |
| Management | 1 |
| Healthcare supporters | 2 |

95% of the attendees found this webinar 'Mostly' or 'Very' useful for their roles

SHOT educational resources - Are you aware of them?

- 82% attendees use the SHOT videos as part of the organisation wide transfusion educational programmes and/or for personal learning
- 42% attendees use the SHOT bites frequently and 39% use them occasionally or not frequently
- 19% NOT aware of SHOT videos
- 19% NOT aware of SHOT bites

Have you already visited the patient page on the SHOT website?
47.6% attendees answered YES
52.4% answered NO or NOT AWARE

Click [here](#) to visit the patients' page
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Click [here](#) to access SHOT Bites
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Let's increase awareness!

Have you downloaded the SHOT app?
All the SHOT resources at your fingertips
Click [here](#) to find out more

Do we know who they are?
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The webinar was held on 19 July 2023 with a total of approximately 199 attendees

62 attendees completed the live poll at the end of the webinar

60 attendees said they found this webinar "VERY" or "MOSTLY" useful

International community Attendees from:

- Canada
- France
- Germany
- United States
- Isle of Man
- Finland
- Qatar
- Albania
- Nigeria
- Costa Rica

Staff groups present at the webinar:

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Medical Staff | 8 |
| Healthcare support | 2 |
| Management | 2 |
| Quality | 2 |
| Nursing | 14 |
| Transfusion | 21 |
| Scientific | 13 |

The SHOT team would like to thank all the panellists and attendees for this amazing webinar

SHOT educational resources Are you aware of them?

- 66% attendees use the SHOT videos as part of the organisation wide transfusion educational programmes and/or for personal learning
- 66% attendees found the SHOT Bites very useful/somewhat useful
- 54% of attendees said that were either not aware of the patient page or had not visited the patient page.

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IT TAKES TWO TO MATCH ME

FOR ROUTINE TRANSFUSIONS, REMEMBER TWO INDEPENDENT SAMPLES ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE SAFETY



Resources Update: SHOT e-learning modules are now live

These modules have been developed and are relevant for all healthcare staff, clinical and laboratory, involved in the transfusion process. The e-learning modules have been created with funding support from the Health Education England and have been designed to increase awareness about patient safety related to transfusion and the role of haemovigilance in transfusion safety.

Available modules include:

Human Factors and Ergonomics (HFE) module

Insights from SHOT for Safer Transfusion:

Specific requirements for patients – The essentials

- Module 1 – Haemovigilance Overview
- Module 2 – Reporting to SHOT
- Module 3- Learning from Haemovigilance

We have now a page on the SHOT website where they can be accessed: <https://www.shotuk.org/e-learning-modules>.

They can also be accessed through the following links:

ESR: <https://my.esr.nhs.uk/dashboard/web/esrweb> (You may need to contact your ESR representative to add these modules)

NHSBT Learning Zone: <https://learninghub.nhs.uk/catalogue/NHSBT-Learning-Zone>

E-Learning for Health: <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/blood-transfusion/>

EIntegrity: <https://www.eintegrity.org/healthcare-course/blood-transfusion/>



News

Printed copies of the 2022 Annual SHOT Report will be available mid to late August at a cost of £35. A payment link will appear on the website when the reports become available.

The 2022 SHOT Recommendations Gap Analysis Tool will be available on the SHOT website within the next few weeks.

We will shortly be sending around a small survey to get some feedback about the content of this newsletter and to review subscriber interest.



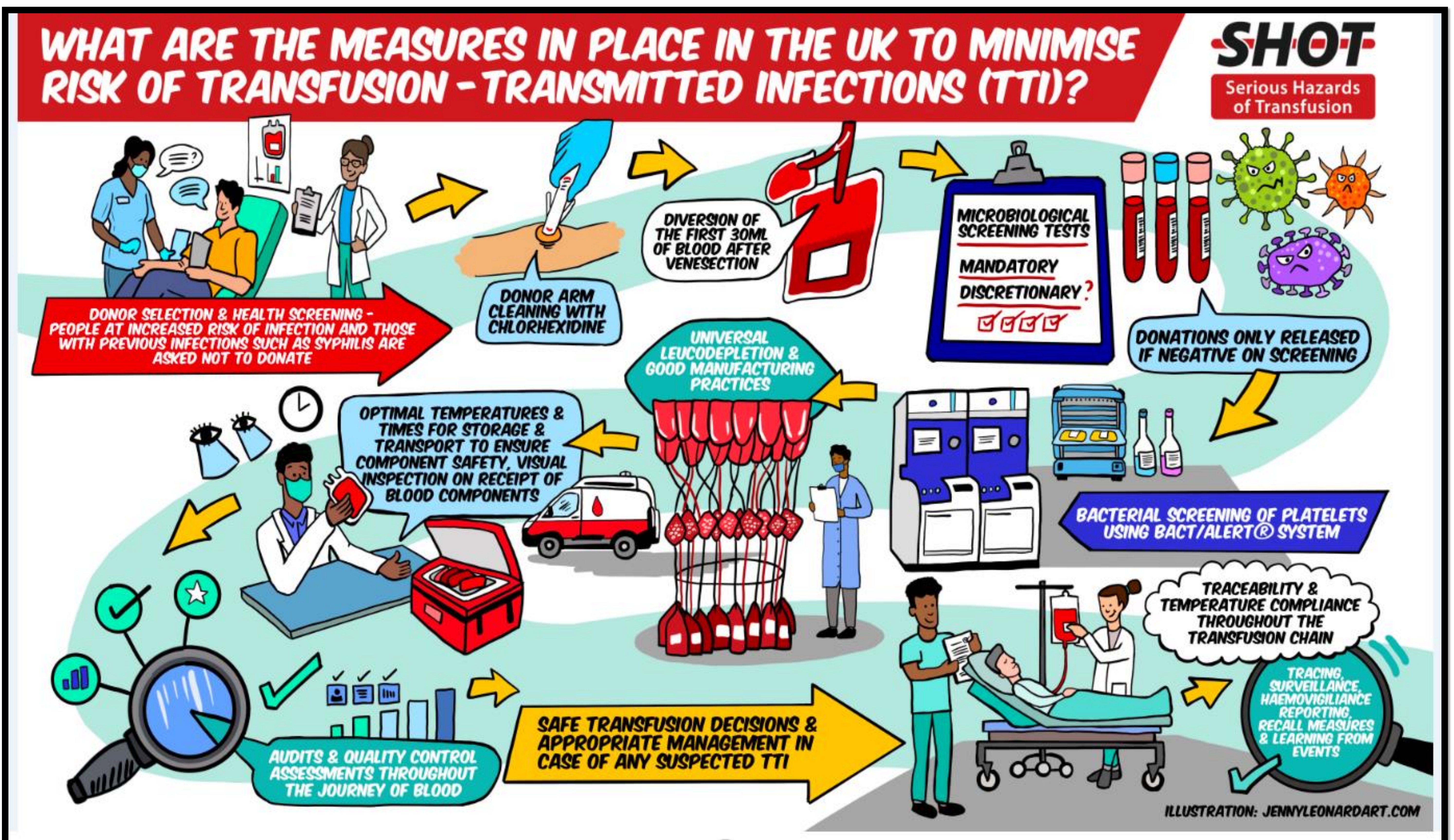
Spotlight on Transfusion-Transmitted Infections (TTI)

This is a category of incidents reportable to SHOT since 1996. In 2022 the UK Blood Services investigated a total of 124 reports; 115 suspected bacterial incidents, 1 suspected parasitic incident and 8 suspected viral incidents. From the 124 reports 2 confirmed TTI, causing major morbidity related to Hepatitis B virus.

In the 2022 Annual SHOT Report the key SHOT messages were:

- Suspected TTI should be discussed with infectious disease and/or virology colleagues to confirm the diagnosis and reported to the appropriate UK Blood Service as soon as possible for it to be fully investigated
- The UK Blood Services store a sample from every blood donation for at least three years. Testing can be done on these samples during this time if a TTI is suspected
- It is important that all healthcare professionals consenting patients for blood transfusion have up-to-date knowledge of blood donation testing, and the extremely small but potential risk of routine testing not detecting an infection in a donor that may enter the blood supply. For HBV, HCV and HIV this has been estimated to be less than 1 in 1 million donations tested

To access the 2022 Annual SHOT Report follow this link: <https://www.shotuk.org/shot-reports/report-summary-and-supplement-2022/>



Transfusion-transmitted infection risk-reduction measures

Why is this document needed?

To outline the measures in place in the UK to minimise risk of transfusion-transmitted infections (TTI).

What does it contain?

Illustrative diagram of the transfusion process from donor selection, arm cleaning, diversion of initial donation, microbiological screening tests, optimal storage and transport, quality control processes and safe management of any suspected TTI cases.

How do I use it?

This image can be utilised as a training and educational tool to explain the measures in place to minimise TTI in the UK blood supply.



Upcoming Events



The **HSJ Patient Safety Awards** help drive improvements in culture and quality across the NHS. These awards recognise and reward the hard-working teams and individuals who, in these times of austerity, pay restraints and workforce shortages, are striving to deliver improved patient care.

18th & 19th September 2023. Manchester Central, Manchester

<https://patientsafetycongress.co.uk/>



IBMS Congress 2023 is an important forum for progressing your professional skills and knowledge, supporting career development and promoting the profession.

Learn from the leading voices in biomedical science and network with professionals across the field.

25th -28th September 2023. The International Convention Centre (ICC), Birmingham

<https://congress.ibms.org/congress-2023.html>

THE BBTS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE 2023

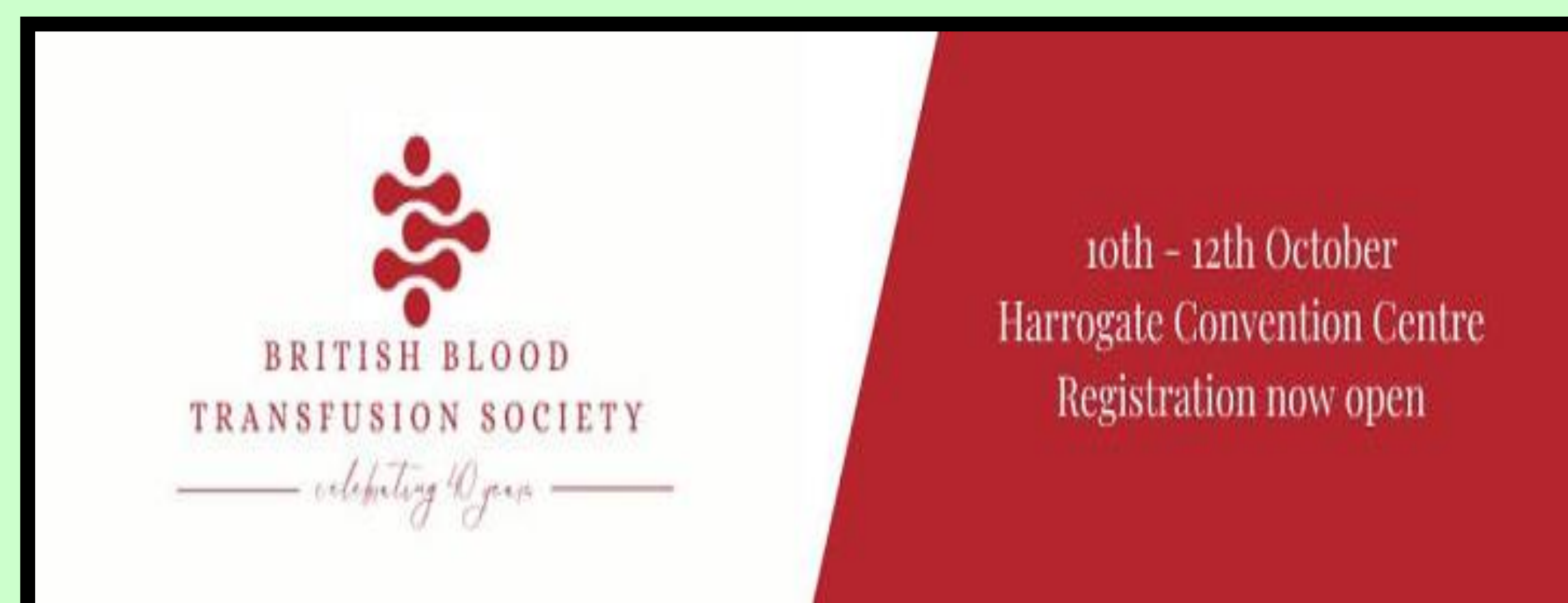
**WILL BE HELD AT THE HARROGATE CONVENTION CENTRE,
10TH TO THE 12TH OCTOBER.**

**The BBTS Annual Conference offers three days of
information, inspiration, and collaboration.**

Tailored to the specific needs of the transfusion professional, BBTS 2023 brings together delegates from around the globe to share ideas, learn from peers and develop professional contacts.

A three-day programme of 22 sessions includes presentations, talks and workshops delivered by more than 70 speakers. In addition, delegates have the opportunity to network informally at a number of social events, including the spectacular Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

SHOT will be at BBTS holding a mini symposium and hosting a stand. Come and see us for a chat about haemovigilance and how we can improve transfusion safety together!



<https://www.bbts.org.uk/bbts2023/>



ISBT Cape Town 2023

Join the 34th Regional ISBT Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, from November 18-21

This highly anticipated transfusion medicine congress will bring together experts and professionals from all over the world to share their latest research, ideas, and experiences in the field. Come join us and be part of this exciting opportunity to learn from and network with the best in the transfusion medicine community.

<https://www.isbtweb.org/events/isbt-cape-town-2023.html>



The National Haemovigilance Office (NHO) Conference 2023

Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin on Tuesday 3rd October 2023.

The target audience for this event include Hospital based Haemovigilance Officers, Medical / Laboratory Staff working in Transfusion, Consultant Haematologists and representatives from various transfusion related disciplines within the health services. The draft programme for this event will be made available in the coming weeks.

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