



Welcome to the June 2024 SHOT Newsletter



Highlights of the month

- The **Annual SHOT Symposium** is fast approaching but it is not too late to register for the event. See how you can attend! (pages 1 and 2)
- The release of the **2023 Annual SHOT Report** will be happening very soon. See the date when it will become available (pages 1 and 2)
- The **Infected Blood Inquiry** (IBI) report has been published. See signposted resources in each devolved nation (page 3)
- New **SHOT resources** are now available on the SHOT website. Check them out now! (pages 4, 5 and 6)

Annual SHOT Symposium 2024

Register for the event until Friday 21 June 2024

[Symposium 2024 Registration - Serious Hazards of Transfusion \(shotuk.org\)](https://shotuk.org)



Tuesday

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When? Tuesday 9 July 2024



Where? **Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel**
(<https://www.mercuremanchester.co.uk/>)

The 2023
Annual SHOT
Report will be
released on
this date!



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Programme highlights

Keynote Speaker



Jenna Merandi, Medications Safety Officer at Nationwide Children's Hospital, will be presenting about learning from day-to-day events.

2023 Annual SHOT Report



Dr **Shruthi Narayan**, SHOT Medical Director, will share the key highlights of this year's SHOT report including the main findings and key recommendations.

Infected Blood Inquiry



Informative **panel discussion** focussing on the recommendations from the IBI report and impact on haemovigilance and future considerations.

Rapid-fire poster session



A session to showcase the fantastic work from staff in the transfusion community submitted to SHOT. **Presenters** will **have 1 minute** to convince delegates to view their poster!

And much more...

Insights from a transfusion recipient



Case studies from the 2023 Annual SHOT Report



Discussions regarding safety culture in transfusion laboratories



A chance to visit all the wonderful exhibitors supporting the symposium, network with colleagues, and have a chance to **win a beautiful and unique Manchester themed prize!**



The SHOT Symposium is your opportunity to network, be informed, and share the learning to improve transfusion safety. See the programme via this link: [Annual SHOT Symposium 2024 - Serious Hazards of Transfusion \(shotuk.org\)](https://www.shotuk.org)



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Infected Blood Inquiry (IBI) Report

The Infected Blood Inquiry (IBI) chaired by Sir Brian Langstaff has published a comprehensive report with the findings and recommendations relating to the circumstances that led to unnecessary HIV and Hepatitis C infections from transfusion of contaminated blood components and blood products in the 1970s and 1980s. The report was published on 20 May 2024, contains 7 volumes, and can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk/reports/inquiry-report>

Please see statement from SHOT in response to the IBI report (click [here](#))

Available resources

➤ Further information, responses and frequently asked questions

UK-wide

- <https://www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk/>

England

- <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/who-we-are/transparency/infected-blood-inquiry/>
- <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/publication-of-the-infected-blood-inquiry-final-report/>

Scotland

- <https://www.scotblood.co.uk/about-blood/infected-blood-inquiry/>
- <https://www.nss.nhs.scot/search?q=infected+blood+inquiry>

Wales

- <https://www.welsh-blood.org.uk/infected-blood-inquiry/>
- <https://111.wales.nhs.uk/encyclopaedia/i/article/infectedbloodinquiry>

Northern Ireland

- <https://nibts.hscni.net/about-us/infected-blood-inquiry/>
- <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/news/final-report-infected-blood-inquiry>

➤ Useful SHOT resources

- Number of recipients with confirmed/probable Transfusion-Transmitted Infections (TTI) and related resources can be accessed here: <https://www.shotuk.org/resources/current-resources/data-drawers/tti-cases-cumulative-data/>
- Patient information page: <https://www.shotuk.org/patients/>



New educational resources from SHOT

All the resources are available on the SHOT website and are free to access

[Home - Serious Hazards of Transfusion \(shotuk.org\)](https://shotuk.org)

Transfusion Transmitted-Infections (TTI) Cumulative Data Page

Number of recipients with confirmed/probable Transfusion Transmitted Infections (TTI)

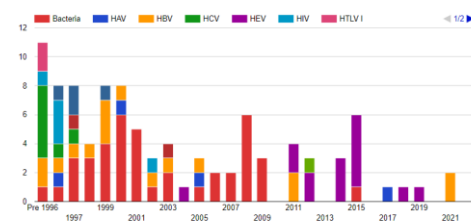
Definition:

If following investigation, the recipient had evidence of infection post transfusion, there was no evidence of infection prior to transfusion and no evidence of an alternative source of infection.

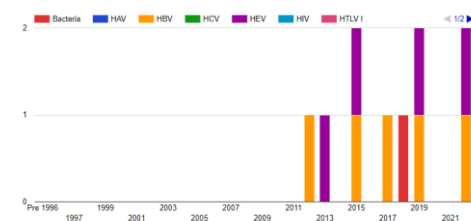
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Either at least one component received by the infected recipient was donated by a donor who had evidence of the same infection.
Or at least one component received by the infected recipient was shown to contain the agent of infection.

Number of recipients with confirmed TTI, by year of transfusion, and infection in the UK



Number of recipients with probable TTI, by year of transfusion, and infection in the UK

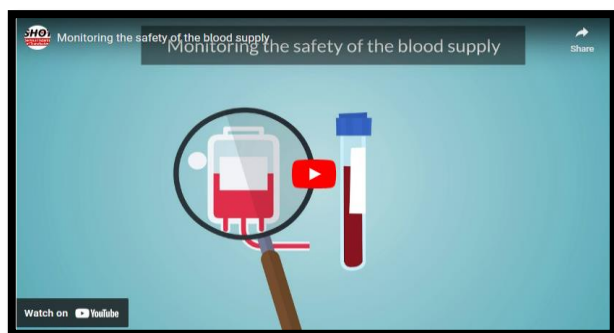


The TTI SHOT Cumulative Page has been published on the SHOT Website.
The page contains:

- ✓ The SHOT definition for TTI
- ✓ The number of recipients with confirmed or probable TTI
- ✓ Timeline of the risk reduction strategies and TTI
- ✓ Recent SHOT Key Messages
- ✓ TTI Resources (e.g., webinar, case studies, SHOT Bite)
- ✓ TTI chapters (1996-2022)

[Number of recipients with confirmed/probable Transfusion Transmitted Infections \(TTI\) - Serious Hazards of Transfusion \(shotuk.org\)](https://shotuk.org)

SHOT Video



[Monitoring the safety of the blood supply](https://shotuk.org)

SHOT Myth buster

Blood donation myth busters: 2 SHOT Serious Hazards of Transfusion

MYTH: 'I cannot donate blood if I am over 70 years old.'

FACT: There are regulations in place concerning the age at which donors can donate. Since 2009, UK donors over the age of 70 can donate as long as they have given a donation in the preceding two years.

MYTH: 'The minimum haemoglobin (Hb) level requirement is the same for all types of donations.'

FACT: The minimum Hb concentration

When someone has donated prior to their 66th birthday, they can continue to donate provided they are eligible and donate regularly, or until they wish to stop donating. They will need to have a satisfactory health screening prior to each donation as is standard practice, to ensure the safety of both the donor as well the recipient.

Want to know more... just click the link

Minimum Hb requirements:
Whole blood/component donors: females are required to have 125g/L or more, males 135g/L or more, and when the gender is not

[Blood donation myth buster: 2](https://shotuk.org)

2nd blood donor and donation related myth buster



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Coming soon

MyTransfusion App

What

- MyTransfusion App is the first mobile application to be developed for patients focused on blood transfusion
- The app has been co-created with patient representatives and transfusion experts to provide content that is informative, useful and pertinent

Why

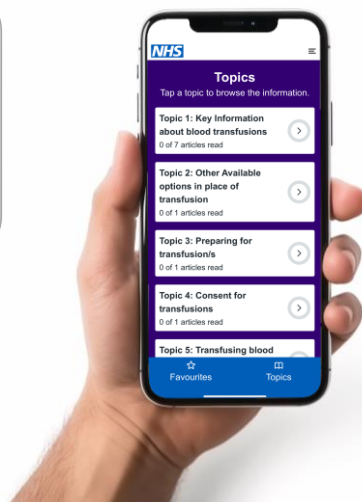
- To complement available paper-based and electronic resources that can be used by all transfusion recipients
- To support and facilitate discussions between healthcare professionals and patients in shared decision-making and informed consent

When

- MyTransfusion App *go live* date expected to be in Autumn 2024
- The app will be free to download and will include information related to blood transfusion, blood components, alternatives to transfusion and much more! A browser version with the same content will also be available!

A 'promotion pack' will also be available to help promote use of the app with patients after its release

Helps us to promote the MyTransfusion app to reach to all patients



If you have an idea or a suggestion of how to promote the app, we would like to hear it

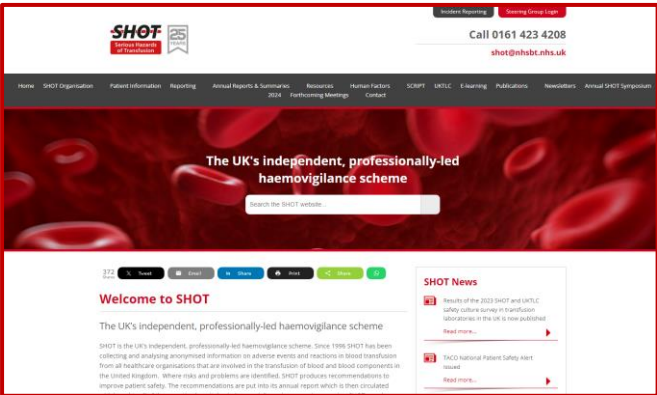
Contact us at
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Coming soon...



The SHOT team have been working on a new website to provide an enhanced user experience, improve accessibility and searchability with a modernised layout. The new website is expected to be available in 2024!

‘Meet the experts’ session will return in a different format to give everyone the opportunity to meet the transfusion and haemovigilance experts who analyse the submitted reports. Webinars are being organised and dates will be released soon!

Forthcoming conferences

Look out for the SHOT team at the following events



ISBT Congress
23 – 27 June 2024
Barcelona, Spain

[Register](#)

Posters on display



HSJ Patient Safety
Congress
16 – 17 Sept. 2024
Manchester, UK

[Register](#)

Exhibition stand 34



BBTS Annual
Conference
17 – 19 Sept. 2024
Glasgow, UK

[Register](#)

Exhibition stand, mini-SHOT Symposium, posters

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