

The SHOT team would like to take a moment and say thank you to everyone for all your hard and selfless work during this time of crisis. Thank you so much for all the countless hours you are all putting in to combat COVID-19 and keep everyone safe and healthy. It may not feel like it at times, but we are so appreciative of everything you do. Keep

up the amazing work in providing compassionate and collaborative care. Thanks to all our reporters for continuing to submit and complete reports in these difficult times thus continuing to help improve patient safety. Thanks to all the educators for their innovation and persistence to make sure learning doesn't stop. It is great to see all NHS staff working together—many of them remotely—to ensure all those in need receive support. For all this and more, we say thank you. We're grateful to you, our transfusion community, for rising to the challenge in these unprecedented times.



*Illustration by Jenny Leonard*

## SHOT Office Team Leavers and Joiners

In February 2020 Emma Milser joined the Team as SHOT Haemovigilance/PBM Specialist. Emma is a nurse by background, having worked within Critical Care Units for much of her career, and then as a Transfusion Practitioner at a very high blood use Trust for around 10 years

Operations Manager Courtney Spinks left the team in May 2020 to take up a new role at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Courtney's valuable contributions to the team will be missed and she is wished well in her new position

## Announcements

It is with great pleasure we announce that SHOT's Human Factors expert, **Dr Alison Watt**, has been shortlisted for the award of Biomedical Scientist of the Year, part of the Advancing Healthcare Awards (AHA). This nomination comes following Alison's groundbreaking doctoral research into the area of human factors in transfusion. Her PhD (PhD thesis available at [https://repository.lboro.ac.uk/articles/The\\_application\\_of\\_human\\_factors\\_to\\_the\\_blood\\_transfusion\\_process/12489734](https://repository.lboro.ac.uk/articles/The_application_of_human_factors_to_the_blood_transfusion_process/12489734)) is a culmination of her huge commitment, work and achievement in this sphere.

Join us in congratulating her on this tremendous achievement which is a great step in improving patient safety in transfusion

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Dr Sharran Grey**, who is our TACO expert for successfully completing her FRCPath exam- she is now a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists and has recently been appointed as Haematology Consultant Clinical Scientist and is working at the Dept of Clinical Haematology at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS FT and also working across Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS FT. She has been instrumental in devising the TACO checklist and is continuing to promote and improve transfusion safety in various ways.

We are immensely proud of her achievements and value her contributions to haemovigilance



## Key highlights



The **2019 Annual SHOT Report** is being finalised and will be released on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. We will be hosting a webinar discussing the key highlights from this report which will be open to all and further details will be communicated to all reporters



For the first time, we will be moving to a **foldable SHOT summary** that staff can carry and use – key highlights from the report will be captured on this summary. We will be posting out several summaries to each Trust/Health Board for use by transfusion staff – these will be posted out in August and staff will be able to order additional copies, the process for which will be emailed in due course



SHOT is excited to announce the launch of our new **App** this summer, free to download from the Apple and Google stores! This will feature our annual reports, resources, videos, newsletters etc. The App will be a key feature of future Symposiums, enabling audience participation and an interactive experience!

***Please note that this App will not be used for submitting reports, the mechanism for this will remain unchanged***



SHOT is working closely with the NHSBT Clinical Trials Unit on **Convalescent Plasma clinical trials in the UK** during the COVID-19 pandemic. Reports to SHOT relating to transfusion serious adverse events and serious adverse reactions will help inform trial decisions regarding transfusion safety



In line with the Financial, Digital and Go Green aspects of the **Five Year SHOT Strategy 2020-2024**, we are phasing out the print version of the Annual SHOT Report, and replacing it with a digital-only version. This year, the print version will be available for £20 per copy



The **Safe Transfusion Checklist** is now available on the SHOT website. This checklist provides a structured process to ensure that the right component is transfused to the right patient at the right time for the right reason and will help ensure patients have received the right information about their transfusion in a timely manner where possible



An **anti-D Ig aide memoire**, to replace the previous checklist, is available on our website. We are encouraging users to utilise this document to help draft checklists locally. The aide memoire will also feature in the soon to be updated Anti-D Ig administration SHOT bite. **SHOT Bite No. 9: Component Compatibility** has been updated and will be released shortly after the Annual SHOT Report 2019. Look out for **new SHOT Bite 12, with information on human factors** in incident investigation, coming soon! Other additional resources are being developed like educational videos that can be used for training purposes, podcasts and case based discussions – watch this space!

We are excited to announce that we will be releasing illustrations depicting various haemovigilance and transfusion safety messages similar to the ones below on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 to coincide with the release of our 2019 Annual SHOT Report.

We thank Jenny Leonard (<https://jennyleonardart.com/>) for these lovely illustrations. We encourage all users to use under their email signatures to disseminate these vital messages as well as use in their education/training slides, in leaflets, etc. We only request that the SHOT logo is not clipped from the picture. All these illustrations will be downloadable for use from the website (we will put high resolution images on our website) and are also included in various chapters in the 2019 Annual SHOT Report. Please do let us know your feedback and if you wish to have any other key message included for illustration.



The SHOT Team would like to again take this opportunity to acknowledge that these are challenging times and we recognise and thank each and every member of staff across the UK for continuing to contribute to haemovigilance reporting. You are helping to ensure that transfusion safety underpins patient care and we sincerely appreciate all you do!

Please do contact us with any queries either by emailing [shot@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:shot@nhsbt.nhs.uk) or calling 0044 161 423 4208. Note that we are all working remotely during these times but remain accessible and available to help in any way we can. Follow us on twitter [@shothv1](https://twitter.com/shothv1) for regular updates.

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