



SHOT Newsletter March 2025



Annual SHOT Symposium 2025

We are thrilled to announce that registrations and abstract submissions for the 2025 Annual SHOT Symposium are now open! [Click here for more information.](#)

Join us for an engaging and inspiring event, featuring insightful discussions, presentations from expert speakers, and valuable networking opportunities. This symposium will be relevant to all health care professionals involved in transfusion – Laboratory Staff, Clinicians, Transfusion Practitioners and Haemovigilance Specialists, as well as Quality Assurance Professionals.

The 2025 Annual SHOT Symposium will take place on **Friday 11 July 2025** at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole, B40 1PP.





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Registering for the event

Attend the Annual SHOT Symposium to hear the key highlights from the latest Annual SHOT Report, network and share learning about transfusion safety.

[Click here to register for the 2025 Annual SHOT Symposium](#)

Early bird rates will be available for a limited time only!

To enquire about sponsorship or exhibitor opportunities please contact SHOT.Symposium@nhsbt.nhs.uk

Submitting an abstract

Abstracts are invited for poster presentation at the Annual SHOT Symposium, with two abstracts selected for oral presentation. Abstracts must be original and must not have been previously published or presented at other British meetings with the exception of British Blood Transfusion Society Annual Conference (BBTS). Agreement has been made that abstracts may be presented at both the BBTS Annual Scientific Meeting and the SHOT Symposium. Abstracts can only be accepted if received in the requested format.

[Instructions for abstract submission for the Annual SHOT Symposium 2025](#)

[Click here to submit an abstract to the 2025 Annual SHOT Symposium](#)

Bursary application

There are a limited number of FREE bursary places available to students and those working and AFC band 6 or below (or equivalent). Why not apply to join us? Applications must be received by 9th May 2025.

To apply please complete a [SHOT Bursary Application Form 2025](#) and send it to SHOT.Symposium@nhsbt.nhs.uk





MTE Virtual Sessions



Join us for interactive 'Meet The Experts' sessions on Zoom

Paediatric Cases
Wednesday 09 April 2025 at 12:00 GMT

Click here to register for this event

Near Miss Reporting & WBIT
Monday 09 June 2025 at 13:00 GMT

Click here to register for this event



A 20-minute overview of chapter content:
Including trends, highlights and example cases



Followed by 40-minute Q&A:

We want to hear from you!

- What are your urgent questions about laboratory errors?
- How have you improved practice in your area?



Important note: To get the most out of the session, please read the relevant chapter from the latest Annual SHOT Report, come prepared with any queries you have for our experts, or email them to the SHOT team beforehand: shot@nhsbt.nhs.uk

Human Factors
Monday 20 January 2025

Click here to watch the recording

Laboratory Errors
Thursday 06 March 2025

Click here to watch the recording





Forthcoming events

Forthcoming events where SHOT is presenting sessions, posters, oral abstracts. Click on the images for more information.



SCRIPT – Lessons Learnt

Have you recently implemented an IT system and have wisdom to share with the transfusion community?

The SCRIPT group have created a ‘Lessons learnt’ [form](#) which can be used to share experiences and lessons learnt from implementation of transfusion IT systems within your organisations. It can be completed by anyone involved with or impacted by the project: this could include (but is not limited to) transfusion practitioners, transfusion laboratory managers, biomedical scientist staff, quality managers and IT staff.

Anonymised responses will be collated into a ‘living’ document on the SCRIPT webpage, which will be updated on a regular basis and analysed for trends.

Responses may contribute to SHOT educational material and may be included in other publications to share the learning widely.

SCRIPT Community Guidance: Lessons learnt from implementation of transfusion IT systems



SCRIPT – IT cutover planning template

The [SCRIPT group](#) has developed a cutover planning template to help with planning system transitions. Cutover planning is the process of preparing for the transition from an old system, process or environment to a new one. A cutover plan ensures a smooth and controlled switch with minimal disruption to business operations. Cutover planning is critical to manage the risks of the downtime period, this includes the lead in time and the post-downtime periods.

Downtimes and cutovers are specific to the type of system and the extent of planned changes, therefore there is no ‘one size fits all’ plan, this SHOT SCRIPT template aims to provide a template that can be tailored to the specific needs of your organisation.

SCRIPT
Serious Hazards of Transfusion

IT cutover planning template

Action to be taken during lead in time or post downtime	Task details	Duration of task	Start date	Action by (e.g., IT team, laboratory team (named individual))	Comments	Date completed
	<i>(This is to facilitate retrospective addition of the details to IT system, and account for all components/products released)</i>					
Post downtime action	Update relevant systems with manual downtime data including traceability					
Post downtime action	Scan downtime records and upload to relevant IT system					
Post downtime action	Review cutover plans and final sign-off					
Post downtime action	Document and review lessons learnt, and feedback received about issues (if any) encountered in the live system post-update					



NHSBT RCI update

NHSBT Red Cell Immunohaematology (RCI) will no longer be sending hard copy paper reports from **02 June 2025**. RCI reports will be available through [Sp-ICE which is a secure online platform giving hospitals fast access to reports](#).

Please ensure that your teams are aware of the change date, and that staff members who use RCI reports for patient care have access to Sp-ICE. If access is needed, please request via email at ice@nhsbt.nhs.uk.

To support your organisation to prepare for this change, RCI have produced a toolkit available here: <https://nhsbtdeb.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/35498/rci-paper-report-cessation-toolkit-v2.pdf.pdf>.

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