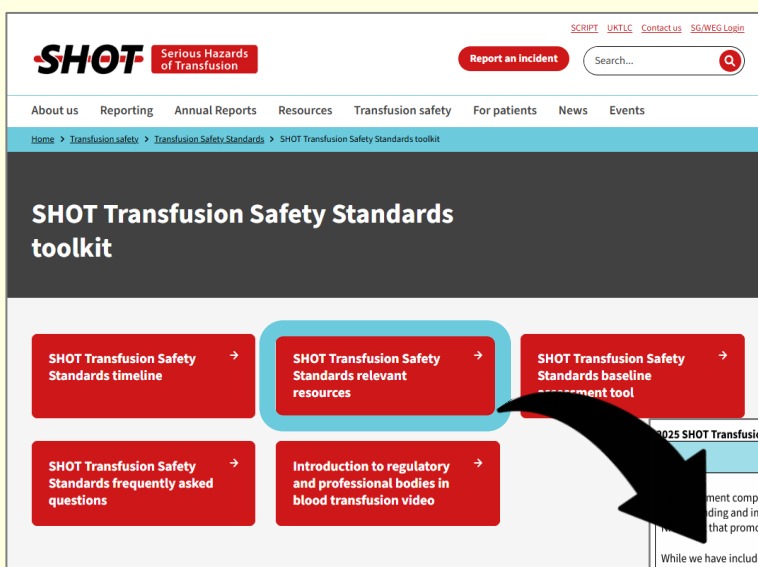


SHOT Newsletter November 2025

New SHOT resources available

New SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards relevant resources document



The **SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards relevant resources document** brings together essential SHOT resources alongside key guidance, tools, and educational content from regulatory and professional bodies. It offers practical support, highlights learning opportunities, and signposts related SHOT and NHS initiatives— aimed at strengthening safe practice and driving continuous improvement in transfusion safety.

[Click here to access the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards – relevant resources](#)

2025 SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards: Relevant resources available

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This document compiles SHOT materials and links to guidance, tools, and educational content from regulatory and professional bodies to support the understanding and implementation of safety standards. It aims to provide practical support, highlight learning opportunities, and signpost related SHOT and NHS initiatives that promotes safe practice and continuous improvement.

While we have included a wide range of SHOT and external resources, the list is not exhaustive. If you are aware of additional relevant documents, please contact us so we can keep this summary comprehensive and up to date.

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New SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards webinar video now available

On 22 October SHOT held the **Transfusion Safety Standards: From Paper to Practice Webinar**. An interactive webinar, with opportunities to ask questions and gain clarity to support the implementation of SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards.

[Click here to access the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards webinar](#)



Updated Transfusion Transmitted Infection SHOT bite 7a and b

SHOT Bite 7a and 7b covering Reporting and investigating Transfusion Transmitted Infection have recently been updated and are available on the SHOT website. 7a covers bacterial and 7b non-bacterial TTI events. **Click here to access [SHOT Bite 7a](#) and [SHOT Bite 7b](#), available via the SHOT website in [Resources](#).**

New community resources

NHSBT Epidemiology Unit: Annual Review



The latest ‘**Safe Supplies 2024: Collaborating for Safety**’, annual review from the joint NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Epidemiology Unit has now been released.

KEY MESSAGE: Donor selection helped keep the number of UK blood donors with markers of infection low in 2024, and no transfusion-transmitted infections were identified following investigations. However, continued vigilance is essential, especially with challenges faced by emerging threats like arboviruses and the potential for rare cases of early viral infections which could potentially go undetected. Collaboration across services ensures donors are supported and recipients protected. **Click here to access the [NHSBT Epidemiology Unit annual review](#)**

RCPATH Pathology Portal



The Royal College of Pathologists, together with NHS England (NHSE) and colleagues in other professional bodies have developed an innovative adaptive learning platform to support medical undergraduates and trainees, practising pathologists, scientists and those in pathology-linked roles – the **Pathology Portal**. Using technology to enhance learning, the Portal incorporates the ability to digitally host and view whole slide images and a wide range of other resources, including teaching sessions and quizzes. Published content includes over 5,500 modules with more to follow, in a phased rollout across pathology specialties. **Click here to access the [RCPATH Pathology Portal](#)**

MHRA #MedSafetyWeek 3-9 November



The annual #MedSafetyWeek campaign takes place from 3 to 9 November 2025. This year’s campaign theme is ‘we can all help make medicines safer.’ In the UK the campaign focuses on highlighting the importance of reporting suspected problems from all healthcare products to the Yellow Card scheme, no matter who you are. MHRA are seeking your support to raise awareness of the scheme to increase awareness and reporting from the general public. **Click here to access the [MHRA MedSafetyWeek page](#)**

Join the SHOT team working expert group

SHOT Working Expert Group posts



An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the SHOT Working Expert Group. Do you feel you could use your experience to add to the transfusion community by joining the SHOT Working Expert Group?

These posts will be advertising via the SHOT website in the next few weeks via the News section. [Click here to access the News section.](#)

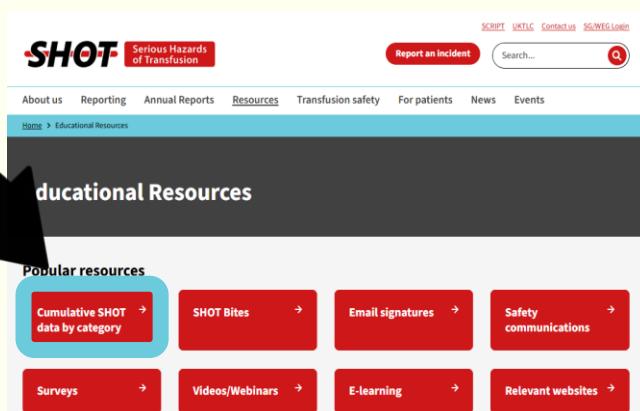
Website updates

New laboratory errors cumulative data page now available

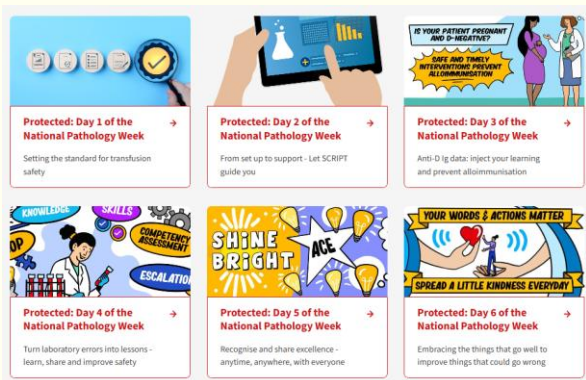


A cumulative data page is now available for **transfusion laboratory errors**. This resource hub contains previous SHOT laboratory recommendations, cases, resources, SHOT chapters and much more.

[Click here to access the Laboratory cumulative data page](#)



National Pathology Week 3-9 November – SHOT calendar



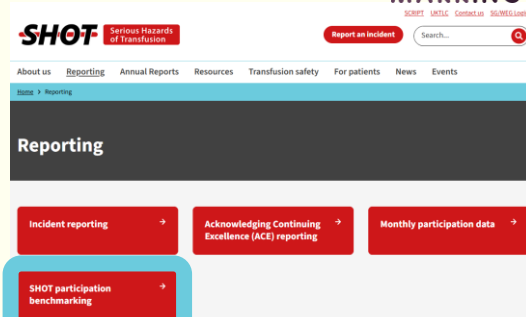
National Pathology Week (NPW) will take place between **3–9 November**.

The theme for 2025 is **'Pathology Solutions'**. Visit the dedicated SHOT webpage highlighting a variety of laboratory themes including the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards, SHOT IT working group (SCRIPT) resources, Anti-D Ig, transfusion laboratory errors, recognising and sharing excellence, Safety-I and II, and the importance of including patients in shared decision-making.

[Click here to access the SHOT National Pathology Week page](#)

Updated SHOT participation benchmarking data for 2024

The SHOT participation benchmarking data has been updated with the data from the 2024 Annual SHOT Report. Teams can use the data to monitor organisations level of participation in the SHOT scheme in comparison to organisations of similar usage.



[Click here to access the participation benchmarking data page](#)

Courses and webinars



SHOT Meet The Expert webinars

A 20-minute overview of SHOT Report chapter content including: trends, highlights and example cases followed by 40-minute Q&A

Haemolytic Transfusion Reactions (HTR) & Haemoglobinopathies	Friday 14 th Nov 13:00 CET (MS Teams)	Click here to register 
Febrile and allergic hypotensive reactions (FAHR)	Wednesday 28 th Jan 12:00 CET (MS Teams)	Click here to register



[Click here to view recordings of previous SHOT webinars](#)

SHOT & MHRA haemovigilance in-person workshops in England

North - Manchester The Lowry Hotel, Manchester (Wednesday 13 th May 2026)	Registration coming soon
South - London The Holiday Inn, Bloomsbury (Thursday 28 th May 2026)	Registration coming soon

Upcoming external conferences

BGS Transfusion	13-15 April 2026 Nottingham	Click here to register
British Society of Haematology	19-21 April 2026 Liverpool	Click here to register
Chartered Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors	27-29 April 2026 Nottingham	Click here to register
International Society of Blood Transfusion	20-24 June 2026 Kuala Lumpur	Click here to register

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