

Message from the SHOT team to everyone in the transfusion community

As we approach the end of the year, the SHOT team would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone in the transfusion community. Your dedication, expertise, and valuable contributions to haemovigilance activities have been instrumental in advancing transfusion safety. Together, we have shared knowledge and insights, produced educational resources and made meaningful progress towards enhancing safety.

December 2025 Newsletter



We wish you peace, joy, and renewal during this festive period. Looking ahead, we are excited for a new year filled with continued collaboration, innovation, and collective efforts to further improve transfusion safety.

Thank you for being part of this vital journey—your commitment truly makes a difference.

With the end of this year fast approaching, the SHOT team would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months. 2025 was filled with challenges, accomplishments, and remarkable national and international collaborations with healthcare professionals.



Throughout the year, there were many special moments worth remembering and celebrating. The key highlights from 2025 are presented below.

Annual SHOT Symposium 2025

We are grateful for all delegates, poster presenters, moderators, speakers and exhibitors who were part of this year's Annual SHOT Symposium in Birmingham.



Preparations for the special 2026 Annual SHOT Symposium are underway, as it will mark the 30th anniversary of SHOT! 🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, 10 July 2026 Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, B40 1PP

2024 Annual SHOT Report and SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards

The 2024 Annual SHOT Report was published on the 11 July 2025.

From the findings several resources were created in a collaborative effort to improve transfusion safety. All are available on the SHOT website.

This year, the SHOT recommendations were replaced by the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards. These have been produced to promote and ensure safe, effective transfusions by identifying risks, implementing strategies that create a safer environment for everyone involved, contributing to safe patient outcomes, staff wellbeing and overall system safety. All the relevant resources are available on the SHOT website.



Transfusion Safety Standards



Transfusion risks



Improving transfusion safety

SHOT website

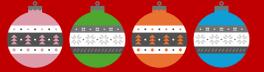


At the end of January 2025 SHOT launched a new website (www.shotuk.org).

This was a significant step forward in improving accessibility, user experience, and the visibility of resources, events, and additional information about haemovigilance.

Since then, efforts have been ongoing to produce content that is both available and accessible to everyone.

If you have any feedback about the SHOT website, please get in touch by emailing SHOT@nhsbt.nhs.uk



LinkedIn account



In 2025, SHOT joined the transfusion community on LinkedIn. To date, we have 660 followers and have published 90 posts sharing a diverse range of information about haemovigilance activities, including events, new resources, educational webinars, and more.

If you haven't done so already, please follows us on:
SHOT LinkedIn

Please note: SHOT has discontinued the Twitter/X account



My Transfusion app

In 2025, SHOT was delighted to launch the UK's first blood transfusion information app for patients – **My Transfusion**. This app was developed in partnership with patient representatives and transfusion experts ensuring that My Transfusion is a trusted, accessible and patient-centred resource.



This app includes different topics with key information for patients such as:

- ✓ Key information about blood transfusions
- ✓ Preparing for transfusion/s
- ✓ Consent for transfusions
- ✓ Safety checks prior to transfusion
- ✓ When to seek medical help following a transfusion



A promotional pack for healthcare professionals, with information regarding the My Transfusion app, email and newsletter templates, plus more information on other resources, is available to help individuals share details of the My Transfusion app.

Please visit the following page on the SHOT website to access all resources and information:
My Transfusion app - information for healthcare professionals

SHOT webinars

In 2025, SHOT hosted nine webinars, attracting strong engagement from participants worldwide.

Recordings of all sessions are available to watch free of charge on our website.

CLICK HERE to catch up and explore the topics at your convenience!

SHOT cumulative data pages



During this year, SHOT has published two new cumulative data pages: **Anti-D Immunoglobulin Administration Errors** and **Laboratory Cases**.

These pages aim to help users find all the information relevant to a specific category on a single page, without the need to perform multiple searches on the website. Each page provides an overview of the reports submitted and analysed by SHOT since reporting began in the category, along with current definitions, relevant resources, and previous recommendations.

Currently there are 11 SHOT categories with their own cumulative data pages, and in 2026 we endeavour to increase this number further (**Cumulative Data Pages**).

SHOT resources and collaborative projects

The first SHOT cautionary tale

Laboratory communication toolkit

SHOT Bites Updated: 5b, 7a/b, 8 New: 33

Blood Services are reporting to SHOT since 5th August

Joint SHOT/MHRA haemovigilance workshops

Wales, 24th January

The first joint UK haemovigilance workshop

Friday, 24 January 2025
Full day workshop

Bernardo Rooms at the All Nations Centre
Sackville Avenue, Heath, Cardiff, CF14 3NY
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BUILDING A SAFER TRANSFUSION PRACTICE

Open to all staff interested in blood transfusion

Scotland, 2nd May

Friday 2nd May 2025
10:00 – 16:00

COSLA Centre
19 Haymarket Yards,
Edinburgh EH12 5BH

A unique opportunity to hear about the latest haemovigilance activities, specifically tailored for Scottish healthcare professionals

Network and share learning from transfusion safety

Open to all staff interested in blood transfusion

Register for this free event (link) QR code

Limited spaces, book yours today!

Northern Ireland, 20th Nov

JOINT MHRA AND SHOT HAEMOVIGILANCE WORKSHOP

Thursday 20th November 2025

Hilton Hotel, Layton Place, Belfast

To register scan the QR code or click the link below
[SHOT/MHRA/Niworkshop2025](https://www.shotuk.org/mhra-ni-workshop-2025)

The 2025 Haemovigilance (HV) Workshops were in-person events offering a unique chance to explore the latest HV activities, tailored for healthcare professionals in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. In 2026, we're hosting two more workshops in England (Manchester and London). Find more details by clicking the links on page 6.

IT survey

A comprehensive UK-wide survey on transfusion IT systems, led by the SHOT UK SCRIPT group, is open until **19 December**. This important initiative has been distributed to all haemovigilance reporters across the UK.

Each organisation is required to submit a single response. Completion of the survey requires collaborative effort to collect all relevant information.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the organisations that have already completed the survey. For those yet to do so, we kindly request that responses be submitted no **later than 19 December**.

Revised SaBTO guidelines released

The revised guidelines from the expert advisory committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO) on patient consent and shared decision-making for blood transfusion has been released on the 27th November 2025

These guidelines aim to ensure that:

- ✓ An effective process is in place for obtaining patients' consent and supporting shared decision-making
- ✓ Pertinent information about blood transfusion is provided to patients exposed to blood components and blood products in healthcare settings



[Blood transfusion: patient consent - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/blood-transfusion-patient-consent)



[Informed patient consent and shared decision-making for blood transfusion - Serious Hazards of Transfusion](https://www.shotuk.org/informed-patient-consent)

Workshops and webinars

SHOT Meet The Expert webinars

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

<p>Febrile, Allergic, and Hypotensive Reactions (FAHR)</p>	<p>Wednesday 28th Jan 12:00 CET (MS Teams)</p>	<p>Click here to register</p> 
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FEBRILE AND ALLERGIC REACTIONS NEED DIFFERENT TREATMENTS

THINK BEFORE PRESCRIBING

STERIODS, ANTI-HISTAMINE, PARACETAMOL

USE THE RIGHT TREATMENT FOR THE RIGHT PATIENT AT THE RIGHT TIME



SHOT & MHRA haemovigilance in-person workshops in England

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

Upcoming external conferences

<p>IHN Symposium</p>	<p>18-20 March 2026 Rome</p>	<p>Click here for more information</p>
<p>BGS Transfusion</p>	<p>13-15 April 2026 Nottingham</p>	<p>Click here to register</p>
<p>British Society of Haematology</p>	<p>19-21 April 2026 Liverpool</p>	<p>Click here to register</p>
<p>Chartered Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors</p>	<p>27-29 April 2026 Nottingham</p>	<p>Click here to register</p>
<p>International Society of Blood Transfusion</p>	<p>20-24 June 2026 Kuala Lumpur</p>	<p>Click here to register</p>



THE SHOT TEAM WISHES YOU
Merry Christmas and season greetings



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