

SHOT Newsletter January 2026

Happy New Year!

As we begin a new year, SHOT would like to wish everyone in the transfusion community a very Happy New Year!

Thank you to all our reporters who completed and closed off outstanding SHOT reports before the end of 2025. It is much appreciated and ensures these cases can be included in the 2025 Annual SHOT Report data.

The SHOT Team and our Working Experts are now collating and reviewing all reports, and preparing the 2025 Annual SHOT Report, due for release in July 2026!

SHOT 30 Year Anniversary!



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Serious Hazards
of Transfusion

Celebrating 30 Years of SHOT

This year marks a significant milestone for SHOT. 30 years of unwavering commitment to improving patient safety in transfusion medicine. Since its inception in 1996, SHOT has been the UK's independent, professionally-led haemovigilance scheme, dedicated to learning from adverse events and near misses to prevent harm.

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Annual SHOT Symposium 2026 -Celebrating 30 Years!

Save the Date: 2026 Annual SHOT Symposium

We're delighted to announce that the 2026 SHOT Symposium will take place on **Friday, 10 July 2026**, at the **Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, Birmingham**.

This will be a very special year, as the symposium marks 30 years of SHOT, celebrating three decades of excellence in haemovigilance and transfusion safety. Professionals across the transfusion community will come together to share insights, learning, and best practice.

Full programme details, abstract information, and registration instructions will be released in the coming weeks— so mark your calendars and stay tuned! [Click here](#)

SHOT/MHRA Haemovigilance Workshops-England

Registration is now open for **England's** joint haemovigilance workshops delivered by SHOT and the MHRA. These free, full-day, in-person sessions offer interactive learning on key haemovigilance and transfusion safety topics.

Dates & Venues

- 13 May 2026 – The Lowry Hotel, Manchester
 - 28 May 2026 – Holiday Inn Bloomsbury, London
- (Identical programme – please register for only one date.)

What to Expect

- Direct discussion with SHOT and MHRA experts
- Best-practice sharing and learning from transfusion incidents
- Updates on current haemovigilance issues
- Networking with peers across clinical and laboratory practice

Key topics will include haemovigilance reporting, human factors in transfusion, and lessons from the Infected Blood Inquiry.

Sessions will be interactive and case/scenario-based to maximise engagement.

Key Information

- These events are free-to-attend for staff from SHOT/MHRA reporting organisations only (line manager approval required)
- Places are limited – please register only if you plan to attend

Manchester Workshop
The Lowry Hotel

Wednesday 13th May

**Click on each
venue to
register**

London Workshop
Holiday Inn, Bloomsbury

Thursdays 28th May

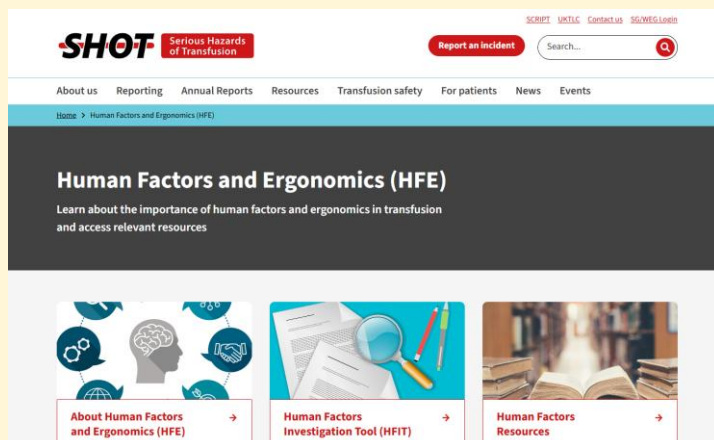
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Human Factors and Ergonomics (HFE) Courses

SHOT delivered bespoke transfusion-focused human factors and ergonomics training this winter, running three successful interactive courses in November and December 2025. Delegates from a wide range of roles attended, and evaluations were excellent.

Missed out? Keep an eye on the SHOT website and upcoming newsletters for winter 2026 course dates. A wide range of human factors resources is available on the SHOT website - **click the image or scan the QR code** to explore.



Meet the Experts (MTE) webinar

Do not miss the first SHOT webinar of 2026!

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

Febrile, Allergic and Hypotensive Reactions (FAHR) Webinar

**Wednesday 28th January
2026
12.00-13.00 (GMT)**

[Register here](#)

To get the most out the session we suggest you:

Read the relevant chapter from the 2024 Annual SHOT Report: [Febrile, Allergic, and Hypotensive Reactions \(FAHR\)](#) and bring any questions you may have for our experts or send them to the SHOT Team in advance via email: shot@nhsbt.nhs.uk

[Click here](#) for all the previous 'Meet The Experts' Virtual Sessions recordings



Upcoming Conferences

You'll meet members of the SHOT team at the conferences below, presenting abstracts, speaking or hosting an exhibition stand!

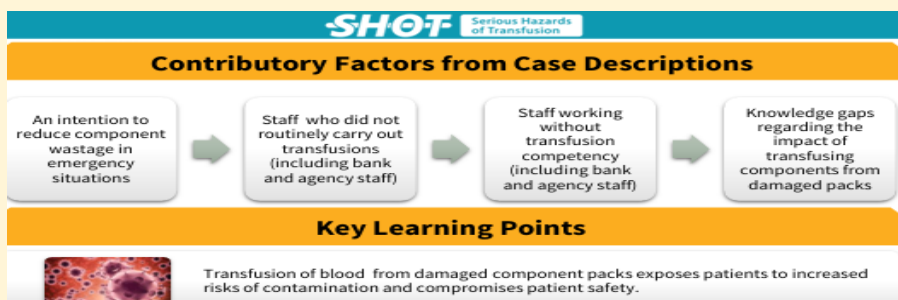
IHN Symposium	18-20 March 2026 Rome	Click here to register
Digital Health - Rewired	24-25 March 2026 Birmingham	Click here to register
BGS Transfusion	13-15 April 2026 Nottingham	Click here to register
British Society of Haematology	19-21 April 2026 Liverpool	Click here to register
Chartered Institute 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
HSJ Patient Safety Congress	28-29 Sept 2026 Telford	Click here to register

New resources and signposts



Cautionary Tales - which will highlight specific areas of practice. These may include cases that are not yet published in Annual SHOT Reports. The intention is to learn from the past to shape a safer future. These anonymised cautionary tales highlight real-life issues and offer valuable lessons to improve transfusion safety and promote shared learning. Please cascade widely – every lesson learned can save a life

[Click here](#)





Blood Essentials – Now available!

Released by the Patient Blood Management team, this transfusion education reference resource is now available through the Hospitals and Science website. Replacing A Drop and A Wealth of Knowledge with a fresh look and navigable digital format [Click here](#)

CHILDREN ARE NOT SMALL ADULTS – CHECK PAEDIATRIC PRESCRIBING REQUIREMENTS BEFORE TRANSFUSION



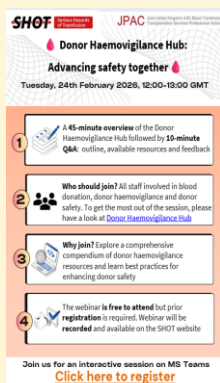
SHOT Bite No.04: Paediatrics Neonates, infants and children have been shown to be over-represented in error reports. Particular categories which are prominent each year are avoidable, delayed, under/over transfusion and incorrect blood component transfused.– Updated and now available!

A useful bite-sized resource for this patient group [Click here](#)



SHOT Bite No 22 – SHOT or NOT guide to reporting – Serious Hazards of Transfusion SHOT Laboratory reporting guide [click here](#)

Upcoming Webinar



Donor Haemovigilance Hub Webinar Advancing Safety Together

24 Feb 2026 12:00–13:00 GMT

Join this free webinar for a quick overview of the Donor Haemovigilance Hub and learn best practices to enhance donor safety.

Register now: [Click here](#)

My Transfusion app feedback form



We'd love your feedback on the My Transfusion app

Help us improve the My Transfusion app by completing a short feedback form about your experience using the app or browser version. The form is completely anonymous, collects no personal identifiable information, and takes less than 5 minutes to complete. Your feedback will help us improve content and usability for everyone.

[Please click here to access the questionnaire](#)



PARTNERING WITH PATIENTS TO ENHANCE TRANSFUSION SAFETY

INFORM, INVOLVE,
AND LISTEN TO
PATIENTS TO
IMPROVE SAFETY



The 2025 SCRIPT survey of transfusion IT systems in the UK

Thank you to those who have already completed the 2025 UK-wide survey on transfusion IT systems. The survey closing date has been extended to **16 January 2026 at 5pm GMT**, and further responses are welcomed to help build a comprehensive picture of digital infrastructure supporting transfusion practice across UK hospitals. Led by the SHOT SCRIPT group, anonymised findings will be shared with key stakeholders, with a summary published on the SHOT website.



The link and the QR code to access the survey are provided here:

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/nhsbt/script-it-survey2025>

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