

SHOT Newsletter February 2026

Registration and abstract submissions for the 2026 Annual SHOT Symposium are now OPEN

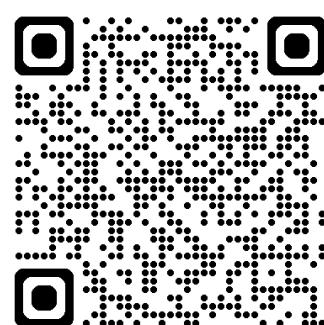
 Registration and abstract submission now open! **Early bird rate of £120** available when payment received before 31st May.

 This event brings together transfusion professionals to share insights, best practices, and learning. Relevant for all healthcare staff involved in transfusion—including laboratory teams, clinicians, transfusion practitioners, haemovigilance specialists, and quality assurance professionals.

 Submit an abstract to share your excellent practice and innovative ideas. All accepted abstracts will receive a reduced delegate rate for the lead author.

 Join us as we celebrate 30 years of SHOT — marking three decades of excellence in haemovigilance and transfusion safety.

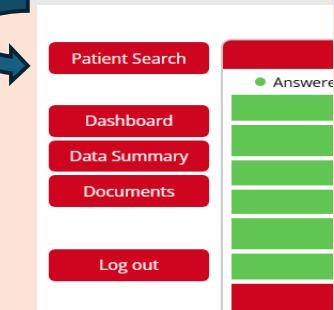
To register to attend and find out more about how to submit an abstract please visit the link below or scan the QR code
<https://www.shotuk.org/events/annual-shot-symposium-2026/>



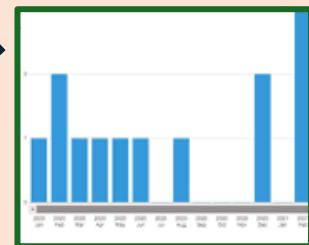
Dendrite dashboards

SHOT has created a series of dashboards that can be used to view real-time data and export an overview of cases reported to SHOT from your reporting account.

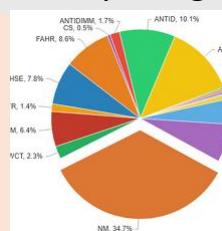
Access the dashboard from any SHOT questionnaire



Number of reports submitted



Reports by category



Average time to complete reports

Case type	Avg time (days)	Min time (days)
ANTIDIMM	0.0	
IBCTWCT	1.0	
HSE	2.0	
FAHR	20.5	
TACO	24.0	
ADU	47.0	

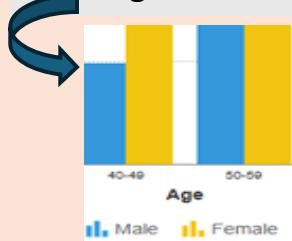
Number of incomplete reports

Case type	Incomplete reports	
	Reporting account: SHOT	Avg time incomplete (days)
ADU	308.0	308
Overall	308.0	308

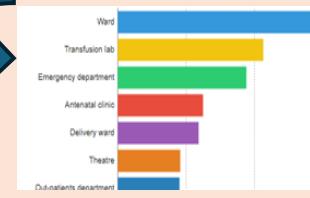
Status of SHOT reports



Reports by age and gender



Reports by location



For further information and to access the user guide please visit:
[SHOT Database Dashboard](#)

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.

(*Identical programme – please register for only one date*).

To register please use the relevant link below

Manchester Workshop
The Lowry Hotel
Wednesday 13th May

London Workshop
Holiday Inn, Bloomsbury
Thursday 28th May



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SHOT Definitions Document 2026



The SHOT Definitions are a guide to what events are reportable to SHOT. These are reviewed and updated on an annual basis, with new definitions published every January. You can find the definitions by [clicking here](#) or scan the QR code to explore.



Please make sure you discard any previous versions and use the current version.

Donor Haemovigilance Hub: Advancing Safety Together Webinar

Serious Hazards
of TransfusionJoint United Kingdom (UK) Blood Transfusion
Transplantation Services Professional Advisor

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Donor Haemovigilance Hub: Advancing Safety Together Webinar

TUESDAY 24 February
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: [Donor haemovigilance](#) 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

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2026 National Comparative Audit of the use of prophylactic anti-D in pregnancy

Despite longstanding national guidance, the release of a national safety alert, and availability of tools to support safe practice, Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT) data continues to show high numbers of errors linked to anti-D administration. Each of these errors carries a real risk of RhD alloimmunisation, which safety measures aim to prevent, thereby reducing the risk of haemolytic disease in the fetus and newborn. This audit aims to identify variation in local processes, and support hospitals to strengthen pathways, from risk assessment to administration, documentation, and follow-up, for both routine antenatal administration and in response to potentially sensitising events, including birth.

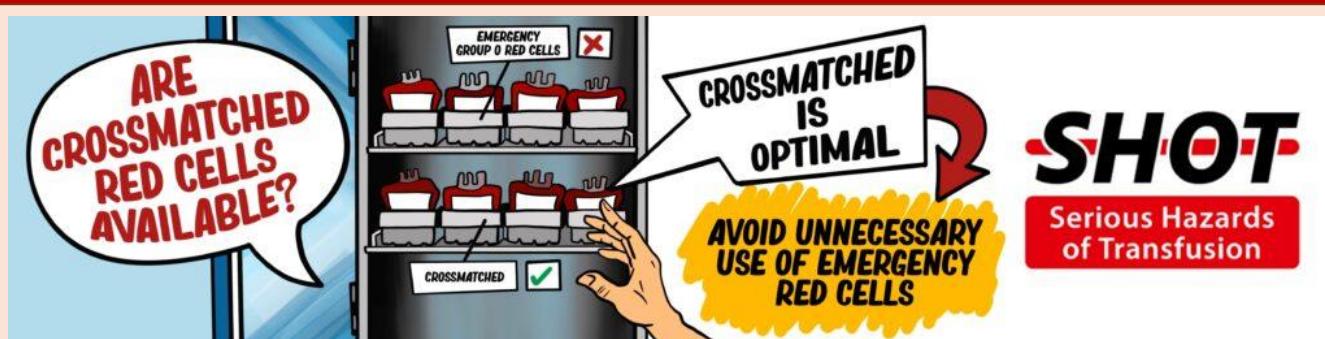
Data collection runs from 1 April to 30 June 2026



Would you like to help reduce risk, prevent harm and improve experience of anti-D treatment in pregnancy?

For further information please follow this [link](#)

New resources



SHOT Bite No. 34: Switching to group-specific red cells in major haemorrhage (MH) situations

SHOT Serious Hazards of Transfusion
January 2026

What is this document about?

This document is intended to serve as a structured tool to facilitate a timely switch to group-specific red cell components in major haemorrhage (MH) situations. This will help optimise safety at various steps in the transfusion pathway and avoid unnecessary use of emergency blood components.

Why has this been drafted?

Serial Annual SHOT Reports have highlighted avoidable delays in provision of appropriate transfusion support in cases of major haemorrhage (MH) as well as avoidable use of Group O red cell components. These are valuable in emergencies but with limited supply, prompt switch to group specific red cells is recommended in MH protocol activations. Regular review of local policies and practices to ensure alignment with national guidelines is recommended. Adequate staff training and regular competency assessment is vital to ensure effective and safe transfusion practice.

Actions recommended

- Use these prompts to review local policies, processes and practices
- Identify areas for improvement
- Implement actions for improvement
- Assess & monitor effectiveness of improvement actions

Core steps

Clinical: Major

- Is there a dedicated major haemorrhage (MH) phone line for fast access to

[Click here to access the SHOT Bite No.34](#) or scan the QR code



Serial Annual SHOT Reports have highlighted avoidable delays in provision of appropriate transfusion support in cases of major haemorrhage (MH) as well as avoidable use of Group O red cell components. **SHOT Bite No.34: Switching to group specific blood components during major haemorrhage** outlines a structured approach to enable timely transition to group-specific red cell components during major haemorrhage (MH), enhancing transfusion safety and reducing unnecessary reliance on emergency blood components.

AI In Haemovigilance

New global survey: Artificial Intelligence in Haemovigilance

The ISBT Haemovigilance Working Party, in collaboration with the International Haemovigilance Network (IHN) and Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT UK), has recently launched a global survey to explore how artificial intelligence (AI) is being used in haemovigilance.

As AI tools—from large language models to pattern-recognition algorithms—rapidly evolve, we want to understand how colleagues around the world are applying these technologies, what challenges they face, and what opportunities they see for improving transfusion safety.

We invite professionals involved in haemovigilance, transfusion medicine, quality, safety, or related fields to share their experiences. The survey includes multiple-choice questions; participation is voluntary, and all responses will be anonymised in any reporting.

 **Take the survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LZNSBCS>

 **Deadline:** Monday 09 February 2026

Following the survey, some participants may be invited to take part in optional 1:1 virtual interview to explore the topic further. Your insights will help shape future educational initiatives and support global improvement efforts in haemovigilance.

For any questions, please contact us by emailing SHOT@nhsbt.nhs.uk.

Thank you for contributing to this important work.

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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](#)



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	<u>Click here to register</u>
Digital Health - Rewired	24-25 March 2026 Birmingham	<u>Click here to register</u>
BGS Transfusion	13-15 April 2026 Nottingham	<u>Click here to register</u>
British Society of Haematology	19-21 April 2026 Liverpool	<u>Click here to register</u>
Chartered Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors	27-29 April 2026 Nottingham	<u>Click here to register</u>
International Society of Blood Transfusion	20-24 June 2026 Kuala Lumpur	<u>Click here to register</u>
HSJ Patient Safety Congress	28-29 Sept 2026 Telford	<u>Click here to register</u>