



**SHOT Newsletter
March 2026**

SHOT/MHRA Haemovigilance Workshops-England

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

Places are limited secure your spot!

Date's & Venue 09:00-16:30

- 13 May 2026 – The Lowry Hotel, Manchester
- 27 May 2026 – Holiday Inn, London

What to Expect

The programme will cover:

- Key updates and learning from haemovigilance reporting
- The Infected Blood Inquiry recommendations and their impact on practice
- Patient-powered transfusion safety
- Human factors and ergonomics in transfusion
- Learning from Excellence
- Case studies and key themes from the Annual SHOT Report
- Transfusion IT updates and optimising learning from incidents

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**

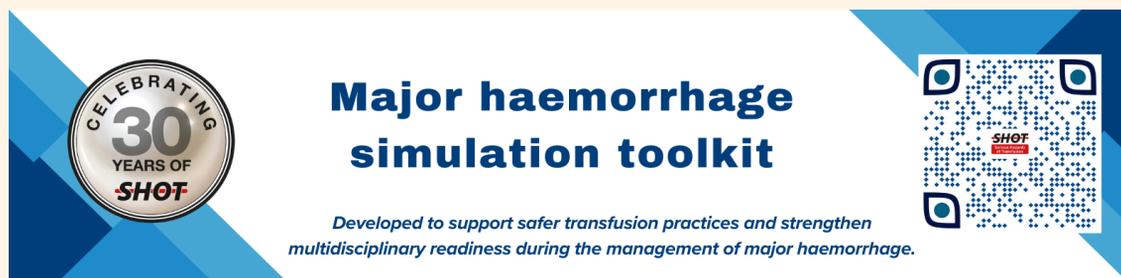
[London Workshop](#)
[Holiday Inn](#)

Thursday 28th May

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Launch of the SHOT Major Haemorrhage Simulation Toolkit

- We are proud to share the launch of the Major Haemorrhage (MH) Simulation Toolkit, created to help healthcare teams strengthen preparedness, teamwork, and system reliability when responding to major haemorrhage. It also helps organisations demonstrate compliance with key SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards
- This resource has been developed in response to increasing reports of transfusion delays, avoidable harm, and the 2022 national safety alert, highlighting the urgent need for enhanced simulation guidance and more robust transfusion support.



2025 Major Haemorrhage audit report

In February, the National Comparative Audit issued its report on the audit of the adherence to major haemorrhage protocols. 186 sites sent information on 3792 cases. All sites have an MH protocol, but there are major differences in the areas covered by the protocol. Key findings are that the protocol was activated for 96% of cases but only stood down for 54%. Not all sites undertake simulation or training drills, and not all sites had policies for when to use emergency O positive blood in men and women beyond child-bearing age. There are opportunities to use near patient testing more effectively to guide transfusion decisions. The full report has been issued to participating NHS Trusts, and please contact John Grant-Casey at john.grant-casey@nhsbt.nhs.uk if you would like a copy of the report - Link [2025 Audit MHP](#)

National Comparative Audit of Anti-D immunoglobulin (Ig)

Errors in anti-D Ig administration remain a significant concern, as highlighted by recent SHOT data, despite national guidance, safety alerts, and existing tools to support safe practice. To help address this, a national audit will review variation in local processes and support hospitals to strengthen pathways across risk assessment, administration, documentation, and follow-up. The audit covers both routine antenatal prophylaxis and management of potentially sensitising events, including birth. Data collection will run from 1 April to 30 June 2026. For further information please follow this [link](#) or scan the QR code.



SHOT Symposium

Save the Date: 2026 Annual SHOT Symposium

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](#)

Bursary Applications Now Open for the 2026 Annual SHOT Symposium

These bursaries are designed to offer early careers professionals the chance to deepen their understanding of emerging trends, key insights, and the areas requiring focused improvement based on reported transfusion safety incidents.

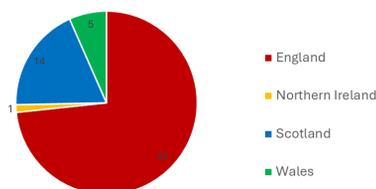
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Script IT Survey

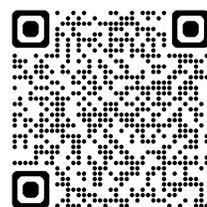
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SHOT UK Collaborative Reviewing and reforming IT Processes in Transfusion

Graph of responses from SCRIPT IT survey - UK nations (n=75)



Thank you to everyone who completed the SCRIPT IT survey. We received a total of 75 completed surveys, with a breakdown of UK nations displayed here. The data will now be reviewed, analysed, and will be published in due course. [LINK](#)



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

Case studies

HAVE YOU SHARED THE LEARNING FROM YOUR INCIDENTS **WIDELY?**



Did you know that SHOT case studies are available for every Annual SHOT Report? Collated SHOT case studies are published each year alongside the Annual SHOT Report and are freely available on the SHOT website.

To access them, visit the relevant Annual SHOT Report page and scroll down to the Case Studies section.

For example, the 2024 case studies can be found here:

<https://www.shotuk.org/shot-reports/annual-shot-report-2024/>

Completion of SHOT Reports

Timely completion of SHOT reports helps you get the most value from your haemovigilance work. When reports are reviewed and finalised regularly, the information is clearer, easier to reflect on, and more useful for your local learning and quality improvement.

Keeping your reports up to date also means that, if any clarification is needed, it can be resolved quickly while the details are still fresh.

To help you stay on top of your reporting, there are several simple ways to identify any outstanding SHOT reports within the online reporting systems:

- Check your SABRE workspace – any reports where the SHOT status is **'Open'**
- Access your SHOT workspace via an open questionnaire – open reports are yellow
- Use the SHOT reporting database dashboard - **'Status of SHOT Reports'** graph, click the **'Export'** button to extract a list of case numbers

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