

Timeline of the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards and relevant resources

This document outlines the timeline for the release of key supporting materials developed to aid the implementation and understanding of the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards to help facilitate a structured and transparent approach to support their adoption in practice. A plan for webinars, drop-in interactive sessions is also provided. All documents and events planned will be available on the [SHOT website](#).

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July 2025 - Release of the Transfusion Safety Standards

On the 11 July, the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards and a supporting FAQ document will be released.

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End July 2025 - Baseline assessment tool

A baseline assessment tool in a fully editable format in Excel that can help guide prioritisation of improvement initiatives will be released.

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September 2025 - SHOT resources and links

A document signposting a range of available resources related to the standards and requirements/criteria from both SHOT and other national bodies will be provided. These materials offer practical guidance, tools and insights to help embed the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards into everyday practice and promote a culture of safety and continuous improvement.

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October 2025 - SHOT webinar and BBTS presentation

To support understanding and implementation of the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards, a webinar with Q&A was held. This was also covered in the mini SHOT symposium at the 2025 BBTS conference. These sessions provided background context, answered questions and outlined next steps, creating opportunities for open discussion and shared learning.

To access the webinar's recording: [SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards: From Paper to Practice](#)

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May 2026 - Updated FAQ

An updated FAQ document has been published, incorporating recurring themes and queries received since the launch of the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards with input from NHSE and NHSBT colleagues. These additional questions aim to provide clear, consistent answers and further support understanding and implementation across all settings.

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July 2026 - 1 year post release

One year from the release of the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards, a dedicated panel discussion will be held at the 2026 Annual SHOT Symposium to reflect on the progress, explore challenges, share learning, and identify future opportunities. This will help ensure these standards remain relevant, responsive, and embedded in practice.

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Metrics and benchmarking

The qualitative and quantitative metrics used to assess progress against, and compliance with, the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards will be developed through the Infected Blood Inquiry recommendation subgroup with a specific focus on benchmarking. This work will form part of a future workstream, and further details will be confirmed as the programme progresses.