

SHOT Newsletter June 2026

Annual SHOT Symposium 2026

Friday, 10th July, Hilton Birmingham Metropole, Birmingham BP40 1 PP

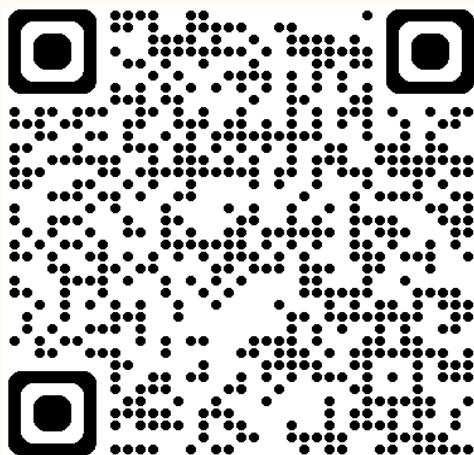


Final few delegate places available!
Celebrate with us SHOT's 30th anniversary



Join us for an engaging and inspiring event, featuring insightful discussions, presentations from expert speakers, and valuable networking opportunities.

[Scan here to register](#)



This symposium will be relevant to all healthcare professionals involved in transfusion – Laboratory Staff, Clinicians, Transfusion Practitioners, Haemovigilance Specialists, and Quality Assurance Professionals.

[Click here to view the programme](#)


Thank you for the 32 abstract submissions!

We are looking forward to listening to and reading about your work during the ever popular 'Just-a-Minute' poster quickfire session!



New SHOT Resources

2025 Annual SHOT Report release

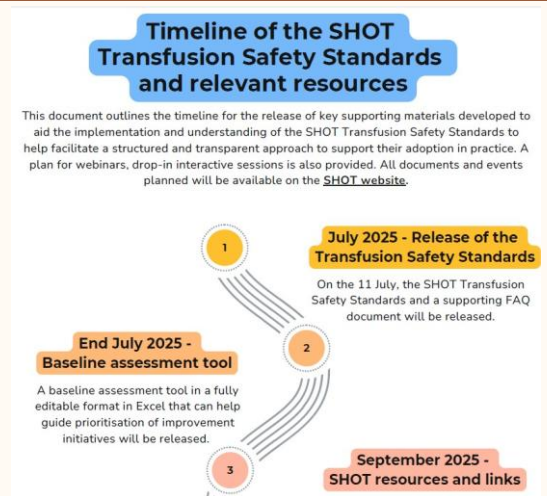
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- ✓ 2025 SHOT data analysis complete
 - ✓ All chapter writing complete, and proof-reading complete.
 - ✓ Report sent to publishers for final preparations
 - ☐ 2025 Annual SHOT Report due for release **10th JULY 2026** during the Annual SHOT Symposium in Birmingham

SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards: Updates 2026

After the publication of the SHOT Transfusion Safety Standards, SHOT and key stakeholders have continued to develop new resources to help healthcare organisations to meet the requirements for the 8 standards.

The **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** document and the **timeline** have been updated on the SHOT website.

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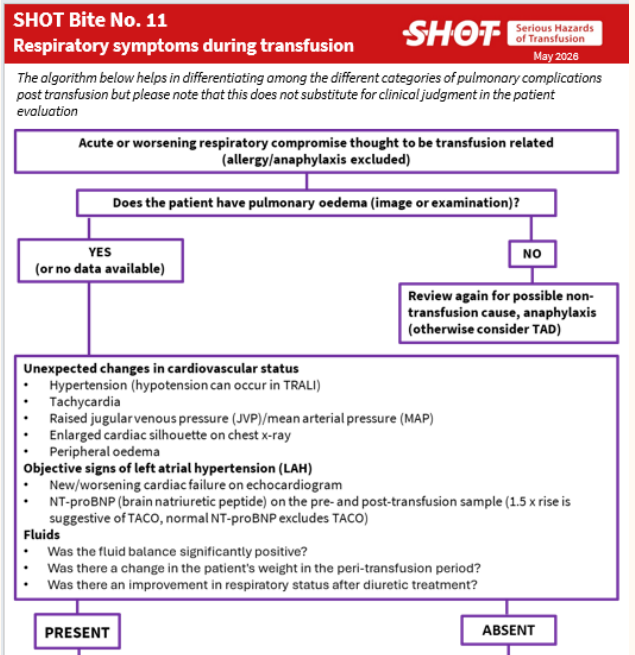
SHOT Bite No.11: Respiratory symptoms during transfusion

SHOT Bite No.11 has been updated and the new version is now available on the SHOT website.

What is included in this document?

- ✓ Allergic/anaphylactic reactions
- ✓ How to differentiate TACO and TRALI
- ✓ An algorithm to help differentiate pulmonary complications post-transfusion

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Information Technology (IT) Cumulative Data page

IT systems are part of the daily practice in healthcare. And on the SHOT reports we have seen the impact of IT systems in the events analysed.

[Click here to access](#)

In the new IT Cumulative Data page, you can find all the IT chapters of the Annual SHOT Reports, relevant presentations and resources. This is a one-shop stop to all IT resources, including those developed by the SCRIPT group.

MHRA Device Safety Information

Risk of severe harm from use of incorrect giving (administration) set for blood transfusion (DSI/2026/003)

A recent MHRA Device Safety Information (DSI/2026/003) warns of serious patient harm when standard IV infusion sets are mistakenly used for blood transfusions. These sets can cause under-infusion or haemolysis, potentially resulting in harm or even acute complications.

[Click here to access the alert](#)

SHOT data has informed this safety communication and we have collaborated closely with MHRA devices team on its content.

Further SHOT resources on safe blood administration can be found within our [Safe Blood Administration Toolkit](#).

[Click here to access the toolkit](#)

Revised Guidance for Emergency Preparedness in Hospital Transfusion Teams

The Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response (EPRR) Guidance for Hospital Transfusion Teams in England has been updated and available on the NBTC recommendations page.

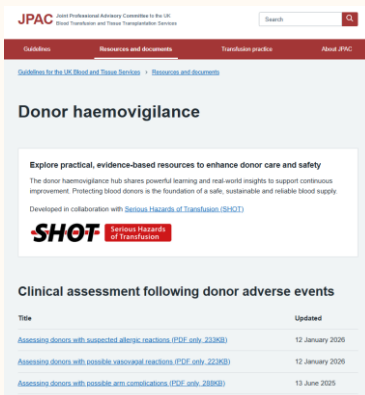
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World Blood Donor Day – 14th June 2026

On 14th June 2026 SHOT celebrates all those who give blood, a truly altruistic act that saves lives. Blood transfusion is a life-saving treatment giving those who need it the opportunity to live and to have a better quality of life. On the **World Blood Donor Day**, we reach out to all blood donors to say: **‘thank you’**.

Donor haemovigilance hub

On the donor haemovigilance hub you can find documents that provide guidance for the assessment of donor complications associated with blood donation. They also support the appropriate management of donors and donations.



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Myth busters (donor-related)

Blood donation myth busters SHOT Serious Hazards of Transfusion

MYTH: "My blood donation will affect my weight." **FACT:** To be a donor you need to weigh at least 50kg (110 pounds) and be over 17 years old.

MYTH: "I can't donate because I'm too young." **FACT:** There are no age restrictions for blood donation in the UK.

MYTH: "I can't donate because I've had a previous transfusion." **FACT:** There are no restrictions on donating blood if you have previously received a transfusion.

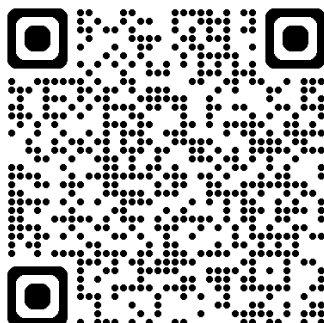
MYTH: "I can't donate because I'm a deferral." **FACT:** The primary aim of collecting blood, platelets and plasma donations is to provide transfusions for patients in need, but there are also other clinical uses.

MYTH: "I can't donate because I'm a medical professional." **FACT:** NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) have strict rules about who can donate.

MYTH: "Being deferred means the Blood Service does not want me as a donor." **FACT:** Deferral is a safety measure, to protect both donors and patients.

MYTH: "Donated blood and components are only used for transfusing patients in the hospitals." **FACT:** The primary aim of collecting blood, platelets and plasma donations is to provide transfusions for patients in need, but there are also other clinical uses.

MYTH: "People who have received a transfusion often go on to donate." **FACT:** At present, anyone who has received a transfusion since 1st January 1990 is not eligible to donate in the UK.



IHN webinar

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE HOPE
Wednesday 17th June | 1pm – 2pm BST

DONOR SAFETY: A NORWEGIAN PERSPECTIVE Presented by Gylteinn Fjelland

OPTIMISING IRON MANAGEMENT IN REGULAR BLOOD DONORS Presented by Mindy Goldman

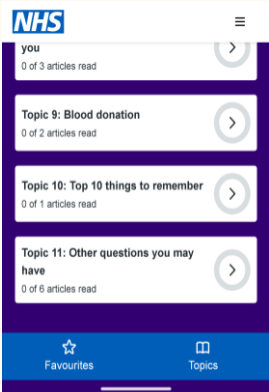
HAEMOVIGILANCE: FROM HIV TO AI Presented by Barbee Whittaker

Click on the link below to register!

Access to the webinar available through the app!

[Click here to register](#)

My Transfusion app



On the My Transfusion app you can find **Topic 9: Blood donation** with information about blood donation and how you can support blood donors even if you cannot donate.

Download My Transfusion app



Haemovigilance workshops in numbers

Manchester

- Lowry Hotel
- 13th May 2026
- 95 attendees

Bloomsbury, London

- Holiday Inn
- 28th May 2026
- 68 attendees

Some of the themes discussed throughout the day

- ✓ IBI recommendations and progress
- ✓ Using your haemovigilance data
- ✓ Recognising excellence practice
- ✓ Case-studies

Initial feedback received in the survey

'Fabulous venue, food and speakers. I left feeling inspired - thank you for all your effort! A wonderful first SHOT event as a new TP'

'everything was great, defiantly a massive learning opportunity and highly recommend it, I had very basic knowledge about SHOT before this event. Thank you'



Upcoming educational events



You'll meet members of the SHOT team presenting abstracts, or hosting an exhibition stands at many upcoming educational events. To find out more visit our **events page** by clicking on this [link](#).

Upcoming webinar

Webinar on the Hospital Blood Data Integration Project (HoBDIP)

16 June 2026, 10:30-11:30 - for non-CliniSys LIMS users →

[Register here](#)

SHOT is attending the ISBT 2026

The 39th International ISBT Congress will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 20-24 June 2026

SHOT Participation

24th June 2026
10:30 – 12:00

Session

From evidence-base to human factors

24th June 2026
10:30 – 12:00

Workshop

Wired for Safety: Transfusion IT Unplugged

Celebrate 30 years of SHOT!

SHOT would not be possible without the dedication of our vigilant reporters! We would love you to help us celebrate 30 years of SHOT by sharing **what SHOT means to you in 5 words**. Either fill in this simple [form](#), or engage with our [LinkedIn post](#).

