

SHOT Newsletter September 2026

Patient Information Forum (PIF) TICK

We're thrilled to announce that SHOT has achieved Patient Information Forum (PIF) TICK accreditation, becoming a recognised 'trusted information creator'

- The PIF TICK is the UK's only independently assessed quality mark for health and care information, demonstrating that our patient resources are evidence-based, up to date, accessible, and easy to understand.
- To achieve this certification, SHOT underwent a rigorous assessment against 10 quality criteria, providing assurance that the patient information we create meets the highest standards of accuracy and trustworthiness.
- To find out more, visit the the PIF TICK website here [Home - PIF TICK](#)

Look out for PIF TICK coming soon to the My Transfusion App!!



Trusted
Information
Creator



This is to certify that

**Serious Hazards of
Transfusion**

has met the requirements of the
PIF TICK Quality Mark for Health
Information

Save the date – SHOT HFE course

The SHOT team are excited to announce dates for next **Human Factors and Ergonomics in transfusion courses**. These courses are **interactive and free to access** and will be hosted on MS Teams

Thursday 12 November 2026

Thursday 19 November 2026

For further information about the course content, delivery methods, target audience, how to record your learning, and everything you need to know before registering, please click the link below. This will take you to the SHOT website, where full course details are available.

[SHOT Human Factors and Ergonomics \(HFE\) in Transfusion Virtual Courses](#)

2025 Annual SHOT report summaries



The **2025 Annual SHOT report summaries** will soon be available to order from **Hospital NHSBT leaflets**.

These are a great, digestible format to share the learning widely.

Please use code: **BLC789.6**

***For Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland, these will be cascaded through established networks

SHOT shortlisted for two Picker Experience Network Awards 2026

We've been shortlisted as a finalist

at the 2026 Picker Experience Network Awards

#PEN26

Celebrating the highest quality person centred care for all, always.



Picker Experience
Network Awards

Thursday, 1st October 2026
University of Birmingham



SHOT is delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted as finalists in two categories at the Picker Experience Network (PEN) Awards 2026.

We have been recognised in the following categories:

- Patient Involvement in Patient Safety, in partnership with Patient Safety Learning
- Partnership Working

The PEN Awards celebrate excellence in patient experience, innovation, and improvement across health and care services. Being shortlisted in two categories is a significant achievement and reflects SHOT's continuing commitment to improving transfusion safety through collaboration, learning, and engagement with patients and healthcare professionals.



**PARTNERING WITH PATIENTS TO ENHANCE
TRANSFUSION SAFETY**

INFORM, INVOLVE,
AND LISTEN TO
PATIENTS TO
IMPROVE SAFETY



Available SHOT E-Learning modules

The SHOT e-learning modules offer a fantastic opportunity to learn directly from haemovigilance reporting and improve transfusion safety in everyday practice. Whether you work in a clinical or laboratory role, these short modules provide valuable insights that can help prevent harm and improve patient outcomes.

Take some time to explore:

- Insights from SHOT for Safer Transfusion
- Human Factors and Ergonomics
- Specific Requirements for Patients: The Essentials

Access the modules through Learning Hub [Learning Hub - Home](#)

Human Factor and Ergonomics Principles in IT Implementation: An Aide-Memoire

- SHOT resource supporting the safe implementation, modification and optimisation of transfusion-related IT systems.
- Developed with human factors and IT experts, it promotes user-centred design, training, risk assessment and interoperability.

Click [here](#) to access the documents

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MUST BE SET UP AND USED CORRECTLY TO BE SAFE

**IT SUPPORTS
SAFE
TRANSFUSION -
USE IT**



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Serious Hazards
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Acknowledging Continuing Excellence (ACE)



Thank you to everyone who has already submitted an ACE report for the 2026 ACE Newsletter.

Your willingness to share examples of excellence helps showcase the incredible work taking place across the transfusion community. Every submission provides an opportunity for others to learn, reflect, and be inspired by innovative practice, teamwork, and improvements in patient safety.

If you have a project, initiative, or example of good practice that has made a difference, please consider submitting an ACE report. By sharing our successes, we can celebrate achievements, spread valuable learning, and support one another in delivering safer transfusion care.

Share your excellence. Inspire others. Learn together. [Click here](#)



Case from the 2025 Annual SHOT report

The Cases from the 2025 Annual SHOT Report resource is now available and contains a wide range of transfusion reactions, events and examples of excellent practice from across the UK. These cases can be used for local teaching to support learning and education within organisations and provide valuable opportunities for discussion, reflection, and improvement in transfusion practice.

Please click [here](#) to access case studies



TRANSFUSION EDUCATION MATTERS



WELL INFORMED STAFF, BETTER DECISION-MAKING, SAFER PATIENT CARE.

Upcoming educational events

BBTS Annual Conference 2026

**Interactive webinar on
enhancing haemovigilance:
Current and future
directions**

Meet the SHOT team at upcoming educational events, where they'll be leading workshops, presenting abstracts, and hosting exhibition stands. For further information on these events and how to register please scan the QR code.

HSJ Patient Safety Congress 2026

**Advances in Transfusion Medicine Symposium 2026 –
Organised by RCPATH and SHOT**

