

National Data Opt-Out Assessment – Information Governance Assessment for Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT) - Hosted by NHS Blood and Transplant

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What is SHOT?

SHOT collects information on transfusion reactions and adverse events from all healthcare organisations in the United Kingdom that are involved in the process of blood transfusion.

Since 1996 SHOT has been collecting and analysing information on adverse events and reactions. It is currently hosted by NHS Blood and Transplant and works collaboratively with the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, which is the competent authority under BSQR.

What information is collected?

SHOT's remit is to receive and collate confidential reports, of transfusion-related deaths and major complications. The reports include gender and date of birth of the patient (but no other patient identifiable data) and the details of the reporting Trust or hospital. The date of birth is to help determine whether the report relates to an adult or a paediatric patient. Where risks and problems are identified, SHOT produces recommendations to improve patient safety.

Here is the link to our Privacy policy on the SHOT website, which details what data we collect and what it is used for: <https://www.shotuk.org/wp-content/uploads/myimages/SHOT-Privacy-Notice-v7-July-2021.pdf>

What is the legal basis for SHOT under Data Protection?

To support Data Protection compliance information is shared with SHOT to enable NHS organisations to comply with legal obligations.

To support the disclosure of information it is recommended that a Data Protection Impact Assessment is carried out by the sharing organisation (data controller) so that any risks can be mitigated. Where required, organisations should also seek the views of their Data Protection Officer.

What is the National Data Opt-Out?

The National Data Opt-Out allows patients to opt out of their confidential information being used beyond their direct care for certain research and planning purposes. It was introduced on 25 May 2018 and all NHS organisations in England and are required to be compliant by 30 September 2021.

Does the opt-out apply to data shared with SHOT?

The National Data Opt-Out does not apply to data that should be shared with SHOT. The information shared supports the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005. This ensures that blood components are safe and effective.

Further information

[SHOT](#)

[NHS Digital Information Standard DCB3058 Compliance with National Data Optouts](#)

[NHS Blood and Transplant - Privacy Policy](#)

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