



Welcome to the May 2024 SHOT Newsletter



SHOT Symposium – Tues 9 July , Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel Manchester



Reminder to register for the event!

Early bird rate of **£110** is available when registration and payment received before **31st of May**. Click below to register:

[Symposium 2024 Registration - Serious Hazards of Transfusion \(shotuk.org\)](https://shotuk.org)



Abstracts received, with thanks!

Thank you to all those who have submitted abstracts for the symposium. They are now with our judges and lead authors of all accepted abstracts will receive a **FREE** delegate space for the event.



There are a limited number of **FREE** bursary places available to students and those working and AFC band 6 or below (or equivalent). Why not apply to join us? Applications must be received by 7th June 2024. Further details can be found on the link provided above.

Last few remaining spaces for exhibitors!

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please contact
SHOT.symposium@nhsbt.nhs.uk



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Why should I attend the SHOT Symposium? This is your opportunity to network, be informed, and share learning to improve transfusion safety. Take a look at some of this year’s programme highlights below and view the full draft programme using the link here:

[Annual SHOT Symposium 2024 - Serious Hazards of Transfusion \(shotuk.org\)](https://www.shotuk.org) (Images from 2023 Symposium on SHOT Website)



This year’s **Keynote Speech** will be **Learning from day-to-day events** by **Jenna Merandi**, Medications Safety Officer at Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Dr Shruthi Narayan will share the **key highlights from the 2023 Annual SHOT Report** including the main findings and key recommendations.



Informative **panel discussion** focussing on the recommendations from the **Infected Blood Inquiry**: impact on haemovigilance, and what next?



A **rapid-fire poster session** returns to showcase the fantastic work submitted to SHOT. Presenters will have exactly 1 minute to convince delegates to view their poster!



Other sessions at the symposium include

Insights from a transfusion recipient

Interactive case studies from the 2023 Annual SHOT Report

Safety culture in transfusion laboratories

A chance to visit all the wonderful exhibitors that support the Symposium, network and have a chance to **win an exciting prize!**



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Results of the 2023 SHOT and UKTLC safety culture survey in transfusion laboratories in the UK is now published

- A summary of these results had now been published on the SHOT website, in the 'Surveys' section of the UKTLC webpage <https://www.shotuk.org/resources/current-resources/uktlc/>
 - The survey has highlighted several concerns related to safety culture that need addressing urgently. Several recommendations have been made to improve safety culture. We are aware that several improvement initiatives to enhance safety culture may be ongoing or planned in various organisations; we encourage monitoring progress and impact of implementation of these safety initiatives
 - A document with suggestions to improve safety culture has been created to support healthcare organisations and can also be accessed at the above link
 - SHOT and the UKTLC would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who responded to the survey and shared their lived experiences. Your responses have helped to highlight the concerns regarding safety culture in laboratories and has informed improvement actions at a national level
- Please note that SHOT Bite 24 has several resources and links about speaking up for safety and can be accessed at this link: <https://www.shotuk.org/resources/current-resources/shot-bites/>

SHOT Bite No. 24
Speaking up for safety

SHOT Serious Hazards
of Transfusion

Forthcoming conferences

Look out for the SHOT team at the following events



ISBT Conference
23 – 27 June 2024
Barcelona, Spain

Scotblood Annual
Conference
30-31st May 2024
Stirling, UK

BBTS Annual
Conference
17 – 19 Sept 2024
Glasgow, UK

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Posters on display

Exhibition stand and
presentation

Exhibition stand, mini
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Useful transfusion resources

The NHSBT PBM team have released **Blood Essentials**, the replacement document for A drop of knowledge and A wealth of knowledge, This is now live on the hospitals and sciences website, and is a comprehensive educational tool covering all elements of the transfusion process. Designed as a go to resource to answer questions or check information as well as an end-to-end guide, the resource is designed to support new and existing Transfusion Practitioners, as well as healthcare professionals involved with or with an interest in transfusion.

This is the link to view Blood Essentials



<https://hospital.blood.co.uk/patient-services/patient-blood-management/education/>



Visit the new **Transfusion Training Hub** hosted on the NBTC website. Specifically designed to support education and training for all healthcare professionals working within blood transfusion and for anyone wishing to increase their transfusion knowledge. The Hub provides direct links to pre-existing resources all in one handy place.

This is the link and QR code to view the Transfusion Training Hub



<https://nationalbloodtransfusion.co.uk/transfusion-training-hub>



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