



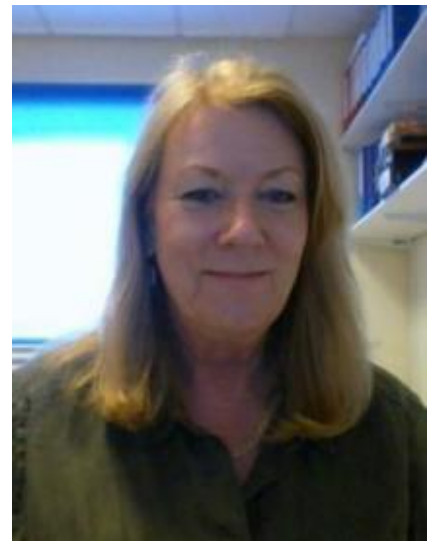
SHOT Newsletter October 2024



Announcement of a New SHOT Steering Group Chair

SHOT is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Megan Rowley as the new Chair of the SHOT Steering Group, effective immediately.

Dr Rowley succeeds Prof Mark Bellamy who has served as Chair for the last 7 years, having made significant contributions to the success of SHOT in striving to improve transfusion safety for patients. In her role as Chair of the SHOT Steering Group Dr Rowley will oversee key safety initiatives and haemovigilance activities from SHOT, work with regulators, key stakeholders, and policymakers to drive forward improvements in transfusion safety in the UK.



Celebrate National Pathology Week

SHOT is delighted to support [National Pathology Week](#) which runs from 4 – 10 November 2024. The annual week-long celebration provides an opportunity to celebrate achievements and highlight the vital role this profession plays in healthcare and medical science



Access a [guide](#) on how to get involved



Register and attend a [National Pathology Week webinar](#)



Take part in the [Pathology Quiz](#) and win a prize



2023 Annual SHOT Report Recommendations and Resources



Addressing patient identification errors to enhance transfusion safety:

Accurate and complete identification of patients receiving transfusions is essential for patient safety and should be reflected in clinical and laboratory settings and embedded in transfusion practice.



Safe staffing to support safe transfusions:

Healthcare leaders should review their organisation's workforce needs to ensure that appropriate staffing is in place with future planning, including digital transformation to support a safe transfusion service.



Effective, timely communications to ensure safe transfusions:

Staff should receive appropriate training on effective communication skills including cultural sensitivity. Feedback mechanisms must be in place to ensure continuing improvement in processes with optimal use of technology to support safe communications.

Order summaries using code

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<https://hospital.nhsbtleaflets.co.uk/>

Individual PDFs of each chapter can be viewed by

accessing [2023 Annual SHOT Report - Individual Chapters](#)



SHOT GAP Analysis Tool 2023

Recommendation	SHOT Key Recommendations
In recommendation 2 - Safe staffing to support safe transfusions	Healthcare leaders should review their organisation's workforce to ensure that appropriate staffing is in place with future planning, including digital transformation to support a safe transfusion service. The review should consider the needs of the organisation, using a lens relevant to the individual professions and must include clear time-bound actions where gaps are identified.
In recommendation 3 - Effective, timely communications to ensure safe transfusions	Effective communication is crucial for safe patient care. Timely, clear and concise communication can help prevent avoidable transfusion errors, foster collaboration, facilitate shared decision-making and enhance the overall quality of care provided to patients. Clear and concise communication with active listening, structured handovers, huddles and safety briefings with optimal use of technology to support safe communications is vital for patient safety. Staff should receive appropriate training on effective communication skills including cultural sensitivity and feedback mechanisms must be in place to ensure

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Put the SHOT recommendations into practice use the [SHOT GAP Analysis Tool 2023](#)



Download the SHOT App now to keep up to date with SHOT resources wherever you are

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Upcoming SHOT Activities

Meet the Experts webinars

SHOT 'Meet the Experts' sessions will be held as individual webinars throughout 2024/25. Further information can be found at <https://www.shotuk.org/meet-the-experts-webinars/>

Click [here](#) or in table below to register

Topic	Date (13:00-14:00 GMT)	Speakers	Register
Transfusion-Transmitted Infections	Tuesday 29th October	Katy Davison, Su Brailsford & Tali Yawich	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91111111111
Avoidable, Delayed & Under or Overtransfusion	Tuesday 12th November	Paula Bolton-Maggs, Jo McCullagh & Cath Booth	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91111111111
Information Technology	Tuesday 17th December	Megan Rowley & Jeni Davies	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91111111111

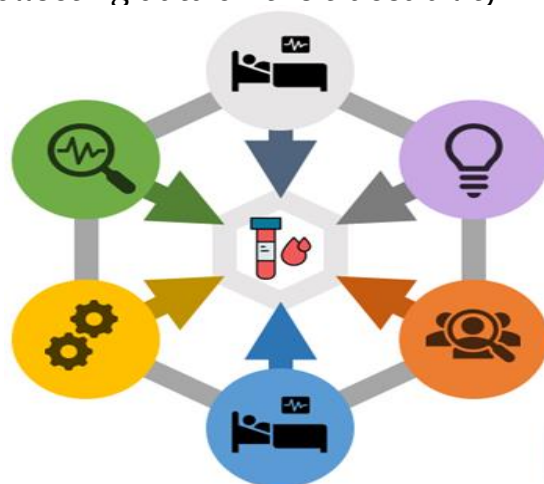
Participate in a Global Survey on Traceability

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The International Haemovigilance Network (IHN) in collaboration with the haemovigilance working party of the International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) and Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT UK) are collecting data on the traceability practices around the world.

Emails requesting participation should have been sent to you.

If you have not received an email and you wish to submit a response to this survey, please contact SHOT by emailing: SHOT@nhsbt.nhs.uk and we will send you the necessary information.





IHN Webinar on Traceability

This is the recording from the IHN webinar on ‘Traceability’ that was held on 08 October 2024. The webinar brought together three excellent speakers: Mr Paul Ashford (UK) with his insights into managing the requirements and challenges of traceability from the perspective of recent ISBT guidelines; Dr Deepak Sadani (NZ) showcasing the New Zealand experience with vein-to-vein traceability; and finally, Dr Su Brailsford (UK) who shared some salutary lessons arising from the UK Infected Blood Inquiry.



Moderators: Mr Simon Benson, Dr Shruthi Narayan and Dr Barbee Whitaker

Speakers: Mr Paul Ashford (UK); Dr Deepak Sadani (NZ); and Dr Su Brailsford (UK)



To access this webinar please see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULIW0GnKqCo>

Forthcoming Educational Activities

20-21 November 2024

Advances in Transfusion Medicine 2024 – Joint RCPATH & SHOT Symposium

COLLEGE CONFERENCE

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Human Factors in Transfusion Courses



SHOT Human Factors and Ergonomics (HFE) in Transfusion Virtual Courses
22nd November and 9th December 2024
from 10:00 - 15:00 GMT



The SHOT team are excited to announce our next Human Factors and Ergonomics in transfusion courses. These 1-day virtual courses are free to access and will be hosted on MS Teams

What are the courses about?

The courses will provide you with an overview and background of HFE in transfusion from SHOT, including key recommendations, resources and application of HFE in incident investigation and design principles

What is included in each course?

This includes small group interactive exercises using HFE tools, a masterclass demonstrating use of the SHOT Human Factors Investigation Tool (HFIT) using a case study, and small group work to apply HFIT using case studies

What about CPD?

The courses are an excellent opportunity for CPD through participation and reflective practice

Who are the courses for?

This courses are relevant to all health care professionals involved in transfusion – Laboratory Staff, Clinicians, Transfusion Practitioners, Haemovigilance Specialists, Quality Assurance Professionals and Patient Safety Teams

Places are limited to **30** on a first come first served basis. The courses are a 1-day duration each, so you only need to register for one of the dates.

To secure your place register for a course by clicking below.

[Click here to register for 22nd November 2024](#)

[Click here to register for 9th December 2024](#)

This interactive session consists of small group work, therefore if you are unable to attend, please contact SHOT as soon as possible to allow the place to be reallocated.

The MS Teams link to courses is contained in the registration email. If any further information is required, please contact SHOT@nhsbt.nhs.uk

If you would prefer not to receive haemovigilance communications from SHOT, then please email SHOT.unsubscribe@nhsbt.nhs.uk and you will be removed from the distribution list.

