



Blood and Transplant

The Update for January 2024

SHOT Definitions Updated New definitions for 2024

The SHOT Definitions guide is reviewed and updated annually to reflect changes in practice or to further explain key points in reporting categories.

Please ensure your local versions are replaced with the 2024 version, available on the [SHOT website](#)

Caryn Hughes - Operations Manager SHOT

Group AB Fresh Frozen Plasma Limited stock component

NHSBT stock group AB FFP but due to the low frequency of group AB in the population, supply is limited. Group A, High Titre negative FFP should be considered as suitable for use in Adult Major Haemorrhage Protocols, prehospital care and for hospital trauma cases where the patient blood group is yet to be established.

Dr Fatts Chowdhury -Consultant Haematologist in Transfusion Medicine

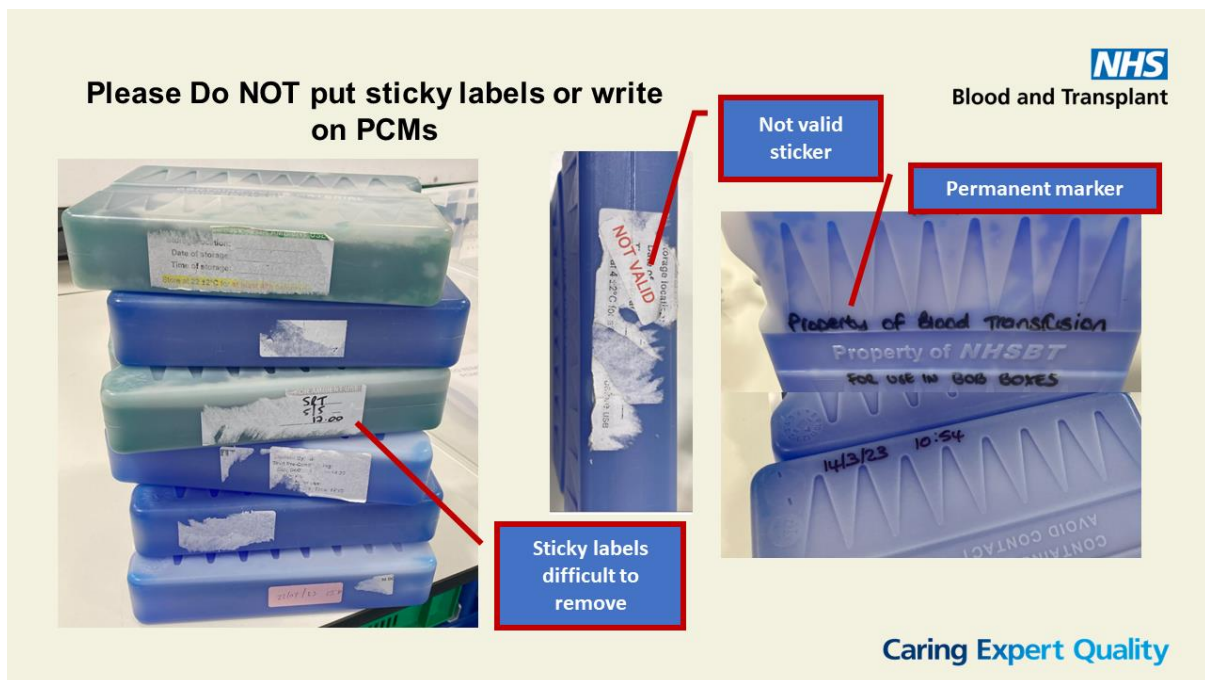
Chair NBTC Emergency Planning Working Group / Haematology & Trauma Group

Phase Change Material (PCMs)

Please do not write or stick labels on them

We are facing an increasing problem with hospital staff writing or placing sticky labels on our PCMs and hope you can help resolve this. Our Hospital Services staff spend valuable time trying to remove writing and labels. Unfortunately, some PCMs have to be discarded due to this damage, increasing costs to the NHS.

Rukhsana Hashmat - Customer Service Manager



Red cell age requirement removed for Haemoglobinopathy patients

Please review and amend local practice to comply with the changed guidance

The British Society for Haematology (BSH) have added updated guidance on age requirements of red cells for transfusion as an [addendum](#) to the BSH Guideline on red cell transfusion in sickle cell disease: Part II

Tracey Tomlinson - National Lead Patient Blood Management

Annual SHOT Symposium 2024 Registration now open

Registration for the 2024 SHOT Symposium, to be held on Tuesday, 9 July 2024 at the Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel, is now OPEN.

Applications are invited for poster presentation at the Symposium. A FREE delegate place will be awarded to the lead/presenting author of any accepted abstract. The authors of the TWO best abstracts will be given a 10-minute oral presentation slot at the symposium.

For further details please visit the [SHOT website](#).

Caryn Hughes - Operations Manager SHOT



Annual SHOT Symposium 2024

Save the date!

Tuesday 9 July 2024

Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel



Attend the 2024 symposium to hear the key highlights from the latest Annual SHOT Report, network and share learning to improve transfusion safety

Look out for updates on the SHOT website, X (formerly Twitter) and the SHOT app

For updates and additional information please scan the QR code shown here:



New look for SHOT reporting pages Questions now colour coded

The SHOT incident reporting pages have been updated to easier reflect when questions on the Dendrite system have been completed. Answered questions are coloured green, unanswered are red.

Date of birth is now a mandatory field on the Registration page. Where a date of birth is unknown, please give an estimation e.g. 01/01/2004 for estimated 20 year old

Caryn Hughes - Operations Manager SHOT

The screenshot shows a form titled "Implicated component" with a red header. Below the header, there are two rows of questions. The first row, "Implicated component/s", is highlighted in green, indicating it is answered. The second row, "Implicated red cell component/s", is highlighted in red, indicating it is unanswered. The third row, "Indication for red cell transfusion", is also highlighted in red. The form contains several checkboxes for component types and transfusion options.

Implicated component	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Answered <input type="radio"/> Unanswered	
Implicated component/s	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red cells components <input type="checkbox"/> Plasma components <input type="checkbox"/> Prothrombin complex concentrates (PCC) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Implicated red cell component/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Platelets <input type="checkbox"/> Granulocytes <input type="checkbox"/> Whole blood (LD) Includes platelets
Indication for red cell transfusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard red cells <input type="checkbox"/> Washed <input type="checkbox"/> For exchange transfusion <input type="checkbox"/> Irradiated <input type="checkbox"/> For intrauterine transfusion <input type="checkbox"/> HEV negative <input type="checkbox"/> CMV-negative <input type="checkbox"/> For neonatal use

Molecular Diagnostics laboratory UKAS move completed Customer number is now 9239

The UKAS Extension to Scope to move Molecular Diagnostics activities from customer number 9765 (IBGRL) to 9239 (H&I) has been granted. Information regarding our accreditation & licensing is available on our [website](#)

There is no change to the services we provide, the contact details for the laboratory, sample referral process or reporting.

Dr Katy Latham - National Head of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics

Including High-titre (HT) status in Electronic Despatch Note (EDN) Change in March 2024

The EDN system is used by most hospitals to import information about the blood components issued to them, directly into their Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS). Following several requests from hospitals to include the HT status in EDN, we hope to include this data from March 2024. The date will be confirmed.

We have informed LIMS providers to ensure this change does not affect any other functionality in LIMS. Please prepare for the additional data field activation or contact you LIMS providers if required.

The data structure and contents can be found in the [JPAC Guidelines](#), Chapter 25, Table 25.4 Message protocol 000001: blood component dispatch information: dispatch line.

Rukhsana Hashmat - Customer Service Manager

Patient Information Leaflets Digital copies now available

Online copies of our patient information leaflets are now available. Digital versions help ensure you have the most up-to-date information, reduce the environmental impact of our printed copies and enable us to provide more accessible versions such as audio.

PDF copies of our leaflets, and a [poster](#) promoting them, can be found on the [Patient information leaflets page](#) of our website. Not only can these leaflets be accessed by healthcare professionals but can be read online or downloaded by patients.

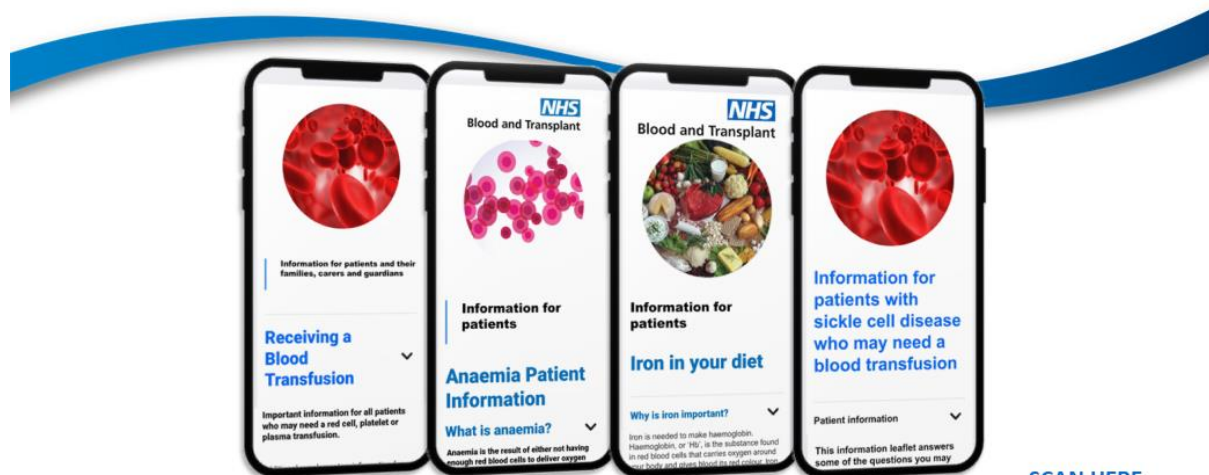
If you still require physical copies of the leaflets, please create an account and place an order at hospital.nhsbtleaflets.co.uk

If you have any queries relating to patient information leaflets, contact PBM.Team@nhsbt.nhs.uk.

Sasha Cooke - Business Administrator, Patient Blood Management

Information for patients about blood transfusion and alternatives


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A blood transfusion is a relatively common procedure that can save and improve lives. The clinical team will be able to explain to you the reason for the suggested transfusion, benefits, risks and any suitable alternatives.

These leaflets are available to read online or download. To access these leaflets, please scan the QR code.

Blood Stocks Management Scheme (BSMS) Newsletter Now available

[BSMS newsletter](#) (January 2024, PDF 983KB) is now available on the [BSMS website](#). This edition includes a summary of the stock management practices you can use now, to protect our most vulnerable blood components to ensure supply is maintained for all. Please review this essential guide and direct any queries to BSMS@nhsbt.nhs.uk.

Sophie Staples - Lead Specialist Blood Stock Management Scheme

New transfusion education resource Blood Essentials due out in Spring

Blood Essentials, formerly 'A drop of Knowledge', is a comprehensive educational tool covering all elements of the transfusion process. It is designed to support new and existing transfusion practitioners, as well as healthcare professionals involved, or with an interest, in transfusion. The interactive PDF will be published on our [website](#).

Sam Timmins - Patient Blood Management Practitioner

