

The Update for January 2026

Do not reduce the 'required time' for delivery / collection times for blood and blood components in OBOS

When an order is placed in OBOS (online blood ordering system) the system auto-populates the delivery / collection time and displays this in the 'Required time' field on the screen.

The required time is based on the preparation time plus the estimated travel time (detailed for each hospital in NHS Blood and Transplant's 'Contract for the Supply of Blood Components, Reagents and Services').

The required time is the earliest time the order can be delivered or collected, and we ask that staff placing the order do not manually reduce it. The time may be extended, if appropriate.

Future developments to OBOS include disabling manual reduction to the required time.

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The Serious Hazards of Transfusion's (SHOT) January newsletter is now available

The highlights in this newsletter are:

- SHOT's 30-year anniversary
- key dates for the 2026 SHOT Symposium and England haemovigilance workshops
- upcoming Febrile, Allergic and Hypotensive Reactions (FAHR) webinar
- newly released transfusion safety resources: Blood Essentials, updated SHOT Bites, and the My Transfusion app feedback initiative

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The SHOT team

The updated irradiated blood components patient information leaflet is now available in different formats

The UK and Ireland blood services have collaborated to produce the latest version 'Information for people who need irradiated blood components' which provides important information about irradiated blood components and gives the reasons why they may be needed.

It is published on the Patient Blood Management's [patient information leaflets webpage](#), and is available to order, for download or in print and screen reader friendly formats.

Charlotte Longhorn - Patient Blood Management

Transfusion Training Hub impact assessment survey results

To find out whether the Transfusion Training Hub has helped to support transfusion laboratory training, we conducted a survey between July and October 2025 and received 70 responses. Highlights from the survey are:

- The responses were positive, receiving an overall rating of 4.24 out of 5 stars for a training resource
- 86% of respondents said they have achieved/partially achieved better access to self-directed learning
- 67% said it had improved their own/their staff self-directed learning
- 44% had found new resources or enrolled on a course
- 84% had included or considered including the Transfusion Training Hub in their departmental training plans
- 50% had forwarded resources onto a colleague
- Resources could be found 94% of the time

[View an infographic of the survey results \(425KB\)](#)

[Go to the Transfusion Training Hub](#)

Jill Caulfield - Education Development Lead, Transfusion 2024

MSc in Applied Transfusion and Transplantation webinar, 24 February, 1pm to 2pm

Boost your career options

The MSc is the only applied postgraduate master's degree in transfusion and transplantation in the UK. It is tailored to support the work-life balance of working professionals in healthcare, with most learning available online, and delivered as a collaborative partnership between NHSBT and the University of the West of England (UWE).

All modules can be completed as stand-alone continuing professional development (CPD) modules. The modules are:

- Applied Transfusion Science
- Applied Transplantation Science
- Management of clinical services

- Research methodology and statistics
- Enterprise and innovation
- Research project

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Alternatively, you can [read more about the course on the UWE website](#) or email the team on MScappliedTxTp@nhsbt.nhs.uk

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