

International Haemovigilance **Network**

Summer 2026 Newsletter



Welcome

Dear colleagues,

Warm greetings to the international transfusion and haemovigilance community.

We are pleased to share the latest edition of the International Haemovigilance Network newsletter, bringing together key updates from across our network. In this issue, we highlight recently published symposium abstracts, developments from the World Health Organization (WHO), upcoming collaborative educational events, and opportunities to engage with IHN activities.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving transfusion safety and haemovigilance worldwide.

Upcoming IHN Webinar- 17th September 2026

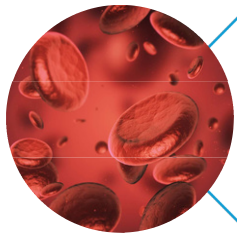
The International Haemovigilance Network is pleased to partner with the International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT), National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT) and NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) to deliver a special World Patient Safety Day webinar focused on the future development of haemovigilance systems.

Please see the poster for the upcoming webinar below

Interactive webinar on enhancing haemovigilance: Current and future directions

Thursday 17 September 2026, 12:00-13:30 GMT

We are pleased to announce a collaborative webinar on World Patient Safety Day 2026, to explore current and future development of haemovigilance systems and share learning from NHSBT-funded research into enhancing future systems to promote blood and transfusion safety



Webinar aims

This webinar will include key perspectives on recommendations for future haemovigilance systems from researchers, IHN, ISBT, SHOT and patients, along with interactive discussion and opportunities to contribute your views.



Who is this relevant for?

This webinar will be particularly important for all professionals involved in the transfusion chain and haemovigilance specifically. This is the first of two events designed to help develop recommendations for future haemovigilance systems.



Key content

The research involved review and synthesis of international expert perspectives from transfusion medicine, safety and implementation science and the resulting areas for development and recommendations will be presented and discussed during this webinar, including their potential local and international relevance.

Register for the webinar by scanning the QR code or clicking on the URL

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



Publications

WHO publishes Global Status Report on Blood Safety and Availability 2025

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has published its Global Status Report on Blood Safety and Availability 2025, providing a comprehensive overview of blood systems worldwide based on data reported by 168 countries through the WHO Global Database on Blood Safety. The report reviews blood collection, testing, supply, haemovigilance systems, governance, and access to plasma-derived medicinal products, while highlighting both progress and continuing challenges in achieving equitable access to safe blood globally. Members are encouraged to explore the report and consider its relevance to national haemovigilance and transfusion safety programmes.

Read the report: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240121546>

International Haemovigilance Symposium 2026 Abstracts Published

We are delighted to announce that the abstract book from the International Haemovigilance Symposium 2026, held in Rome, has now been published online. The publication showcases the breadth of haemovigilance research, quality improvement initiatives and international collaboration presented during the symposium. We thank all authors, presenters and attendees for contributing to another successful scientific meeting.

Access the abstract book here: <https://www.bloodtransfusion.it/bt/issue/view/83>

Shaping the Future of Haemovigilance: Highlights from the 2026 IHN Symposium in Rome

IHN published a brief article in ISBT's July issue of Transfusion Today with some highlights from the IHN Symposium in Rome. Included were pictures, statistics on attendance, and many details of the programme. Indications of the programme's success were evident in the very positive scores from attendees and well as indications of interest in future Symposia. If you have interest in helping to shape future IHN Symposia, email secretariat@ihn-org.com with your suggestions.

<https://isbtweb.foleon.com/transfusion-today/transfusion-today-july-2026/shaping-the-future-of-haemovigilance-highlights-from-the-2026-ihn-symposium-in-rome>

Supporting haemovigilance implementation worldwide

Are you looking to establish, strengthen or expand a haemovigilance system? A range of freely accessible resources is available to support countries and organisations at every stage of development. The World Health Organization (WHO) User Guide for Navigating Resources on Stepwise Implementation of Haemovigilance Systems provides a practical roadmap for implementation, while the International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) hosts a comprehensive collection of haemovigilance tools, guidance documents and training resources developed through the International Haemovigilance Tools Collaborative Project. Find out more:

WHO User Guide: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240047860>

ISBT Haemovigilance Tools and Resources: <https://www.isbtweb.org/resource/hv-tools.html>

Collaborative project publication: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/vox.13570>

IHN Member updates

Farewell message from Beth Corbett

Dear All,

As I say goodbye, I want to thank you all for the support, kindness, and teamwork you have shown me over the past 8 months. It has truly been a pleasure being part of the IHN, and I will miss working with you all. Meeting everyone at the symposium was a fantastic opportunity for me and I wish nothing but the best for the IHN moving forward. I am grateful for everything I've learned, and will carry those experiences with me throughout my career.



Introduction to Becky Thompson

I have worked at NHS Blood and Transplant for the past two and a half years, initially as an Apprentice Administrator and now as a Business Administrator. I am currently transitioning into a data-focused role and I am aiming to begin a Data Analyst apprenticeship within the next few months.

I live in Essex, England, with my partner and cats. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, travelling & attending gigs.



Get Involved!

We encourage members to sign up, join our workstreams, and contribute their ideas. If you're interested in becoming part of an IHN committee or taking an active role within the IHN, we'd love to hear from you—please email secretariat@ihn-org.com

Upcoming Transfusion related events

- 1st September- 2nd AfBMT Webinar: The African Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation (HCT) and Cellular Therapy (CT) Registry <https://www.isbtweb.org/events/2nd-afbmt-webinar-the-african-hematopoietic-cell-transplantation-hct-and-cellular-therapy-ct-registry.html>
- 16th September - National Maternity Safety conference <https://www.babylifeline.org.uk/conference-2026>
- 17th September- Interactive webinar on enhancing haemovigilance: Current and future directions. [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- 15-17 September- BBTS Annual Conference 2026- Glasgow, Scotland <https://www.bbts.org.uk/bbts2026/>
- 23-25 September- 59th Annual Meeting of the German Society for Transfusion Medicine and Immunohematology DGTI 2026 <https://www.isbtweb.org/events/59th-annual-meeting-of-the-german-society-for-transfusion-medicine-and-immunohematology-dgti-2026.html>
- 21-23 October- Laboratory Medicine Congress & Exhibition (LMCE) 2026 <https://www.isbtweb.org/events/laboratory-medicine-congress-exhibition-lmce-2026.html>
- 29 – 31 October- 8th Transfusion medicine congress of Serbia and 3rd International Congress of TMAS <https://udruzenjetransfuziologasrbije.org/en>
- 9-11 November State of the Science in Resuscitation for Severe Traumatic Bleeding <https://www.isbtweb.org/events/state-of-the-science-in-resuscitation-for-severe-traumatic-bleeding.html>
- 25- 26 November- Webinar: Advances in Transfusion Medicine Symposium 2026 – Organised by RCPATH and SHOT <https://www.rcpath.org/event/advances-in-transfusion-medicine-symposium-2026-organised-by-rcpath-and-shot.html>