

**The Update  
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NHS Blood and Transplant fully endorse [the alert](#) from the Chief Medical Officer.

The alert encourages NHS organisations to review their blood transfusion processes in response to the Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT) 2016 [recommendation](#) 'A checklist must be used at the patient's side as a final administration check as a standard of care.'

The check is the final opportunity to prevent a patient receiving an incorrect blood component and will save lives if carried out correctly and in full.

*Jayne Addison, PBM Practitioner*

**For Information**

**New resource for Laboratory Best Transfusion Practice for Neonates, Infants and Children**

The Paediatric Guidelines writing group have created a [bookmark](#) which gives basic guidance for laboratory scientists on compatibility testing and component selection for neonates, infants and children.

It is one of three bookmarks developed as educational tools to highlight the important messages of the [BSH paediatric transfusion guidelines](#) (2016). The others,

[Transfusion of blood components for infants and children](#) and [Transfusion of blood components for neonates](#) summarise the clinical recommendations.

The bookmarks can be downloaded from the NHSBT Hospitals and Science website, Patient Services' PBM [Education](#) section or ordered from the [distribution hub](#) free of charge.

*Denise Watson, Patient Blood Management Practitioner - Education Team*

### **Price increase for 2018 training courses for NHS employees**

From 2 January next year, there will be a small price increase to our scientific and medical courses once all free courses funded by Health Education England have been allocated.

The increase comes after maintaining the same price for several years and will help cover costs. The cost of the course will be provided at the time of booking.

[Course details](#) and instructions [how to apply](#) are available on the Hospitals and Science website.

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### **For Training**

Our [training events](#) are open to Hospitals and your attendance is welcomed. We look forward to meeting you.

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