

The Update July 2018

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There are no items for action

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[Change notification No 33 - 2016](#) details three types of temperature deviation for storage (in NHSBT and hospitals), transportation (NHSBT to hospitals), and removal and return to 2 - 6 °C controlled storage within hospitals. Each section of the change notification details the maximum deviation for storage, transportation, and removal / return.

There is no requirement for hospitals to check for transport or storage deviations when they are managing the removal from, and return to 2 - 6 °C storage, within the hospital in line with routine processes.

Three occasions of between 30 and 60 minutes outside of controlled temperature are the maximum permitted within a hospital, irrespective of what has occurred whilst in NHSBT control. There must be a quarantine period of at least 6 hours after any occurrence, either in hospitals or NHSBT.

If there is a temperature deviation due to equipment failure in your hospital, please contact your Hospital Services department to find out if there have been any previous temperature excursions the red cells may have been affected by.

Sue Cotton, Blood Stocks Management Scheme Manager

Annual SHOT Report 2017

The [report](#), together with a 4 page summary, is now available on the SHOT website.

Dr Paula Bolton-Maggs, SHOT Medical Director

New irradiator indicator labels

RadTag irradiator labels will start being used on 1 September 2018. They will replace the currently used RadSure labels.

Awareness flyers have been sent to all Transfusion Practitioners nationally. Other resources include a training presentation, poster and a screensaver available from the [irradiator indicator labels](#) web page.

Donna Blair, Lead Validation Specialist - Manufacturing Development

For Training

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

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