



SHOT and the MHRA are working together to find ways to clarify, simplify and rationalise haemovigilance reporting in the UK.

The ultimate aim is to produce the most globally comprehensive haemovigilance reporting system in the best interests of patient care.

Consideration will be given to the following:

- Avoiding duplication of effort when reporting
- Avoiding duplication of effort when investigating incidents
- Providing reporters with a single point of input
- Producing a joint annual data review and annual report in order to improve feedback to transfusion services and clinicians
- Meeting the regulatory requirements of BSQR (2005) as amended
- Meeting the needs of the wider transfusion community by providing accurate data to:
 1. Improve standards of hospital transfusion practice
 2. Educate users on transfusion hazards and their prevention
 3. Aid the production of clinical guidelines
 4. Inform policy within the UK Blood Services
 5. Inform policy on transfusion safety within the UK
 6. Inform Europe about transfusion safety in the UK.

Above all our focus will be on improving patient safety in blood transfusion.

PROCESS:

The MHRA and SHOT teams will review existing reporting arrangements, consult with stakeholders, and identify options for making changes.

We will keep you updated about progress on changes in haemovigilance reporting.

N.B. There will be no changes to current haemovigilance reporting arrangements for 2012.

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