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Shield Therapeutics plc

("Shield", the "Group" or the "Company")

#### Successful completion of US\$6.1m (£5.0m) Equity Fundraise

London, UK - 28 September 2023: Shield Therapeutics plc (LSE: STX), a commercial stage pharmaceutical company, is pleased to announce the successful completion of the subscription (the "**Subscription**") and placing (the "**Placing**") which were announced earlier today. The Subscription and Placing have raised aggregate gross proceeds of c. US\$6.1m (c. £5.0m). A total of 62,393,060 new ordinary shares to be allotted pursuant to the Subscription and the Placing are to be issued at an issue price of 8.0 pence per share (the "**Issue Price**"). The Company also announced, earlier today, details of a retail offer to raise up to an additional c. US\$1.4m (c. £1.14m) (the "**Retail Offer**", and together with the Placing and the Subscription, the "**Equity Fundraising**").

Pursuant to the Placing a total of 41,380,508 new ordinary shares in the Company at the Issue Price (the "**Placing Shares**") have been conditionally placed by Peel Hunt LLP ("**Peel Hunt**") and Cavendish Capital Markets Ltd ("**Cavendish**") with new and existing investors at the Issue Price.

Pursuant to the Subscription, AOP Health International Management AG ("**AOP**"), a major shareholder in the Company, has conditionally subscribed for a total of 21,012,552 new ordinary shares in the Company at the Issue Price (the "**Subscription Shares**" and, together with the Placing Shares, and the Retail Offer Shares, the "**New Shares**"). The Placing Shares and the Subscription Shares represent 8.0 per cent. of the existing issued ordinary share capital of the Company. The Issue Price represents a discount of 17.9 per cent. to the closing price of 9.75 pence on 27 September 2023. Up to a further 14,260,720 new ordinary shares in the Company may be issued pursuant to the Retail Offer (the "**Retail Offer Shares**"). No part of the Equity Fundraising is underwritten.

Additionally, pursuant to the exercise of all of its outstanding warrants with an exercise price of 6.75p per warrant, AOP has subscribed for a further 5,147,754 new ordinary shares (the "**AOP Warrant Shares**") for an aggregate exercise price of £347,473.40 conditional on the admission of (i) the New Shares, and (ii) such number of Retail Offer Shares to be issued pursuant to the REX Retail Offer, to trading on AIM becoming effective by means of the issue by London Stock Exchange plc (the "**London Stock Exchange**") of a dealing notice under Rule 6 of the AIM Rules.

The New Shares and the AOP Warrant Shares will, when issued, be fully paid and will be issued subject to the Company's articles of association and will rank pari passu in all respects with the existing issued ordinary shares in the capital of the Company, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid on or in respect of such shares by reference to a record date falling after their issue.

Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange for the New Shares and the AOP Warrant Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM ("**Admission**"). It is expected that Admission will occur at 08.00 a.m. on or around 4 October 2023 (or such later date as the Company, Peel Hunt and Cavendish may agree, being no later than 8.00 a.m. on 13 October 2023).

The Retail Offer through the REX platform is expected to remain open until 10:00 a.m. on 3 October 2023. A further announcement will be made in relation to the result of the Retail Offer.

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