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BASHH Annual Review

**Branches
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This is a stand-alone review that allows the individual Branches and Groups to highlight their activities over the year.
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East Anglia – *no report submitted*
Ireland – *no report submitted*
Northern – *no report submitted*
Oxford – *no report submitted*

Scotland – *no report submitted*
South West – *no report submitted*
Thames - North – *no report submitted*
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Prizes and programmes

BASHH Undergraduate Prize Winners

Undergraduate Research Prize

Vidushi Pradhan

“Assessing the performance of the OSOM[®] Trichomonas Vaginalis (TV) Point of Care test (POCT) in the management of vaginal discharge”

Undergraduate Clinical Prize

Mary Flinn

“Management of Gonorrhoea in MSM Patients Labelled as Penicillin Allergic”

Scientific programme

13 January 2017

Organised by MSM and HIV special interest groups

- History of MSM rights and freedom over 100 years PrEP/TasP Behavioural aspects
- A history of HIV and AIDS
- HIV Nursing Competencies
- What are we missing in the Rectal Compartment
- Targeting STIs: Geospatial Mapping
- Innovations in STI Testing
- Eradicating HIV

24 March 2017

Part 1 - Organised by HPV SIG

- Progress report on the HPV vaccination in MSM pilot
- Update on progress towards implementation of HPV testing in the English cervical screening programme
- New developments in immunotherapy and their application to HPV – related disease.

Part 2 Organised by Gen Derm SIG

- Genital Dermatology & The Urologist
- Challenging Penile Dermatological Cases
- Vesicobullous lesions affecting the Anogenital area in females

6 June 2017

- Innovation in Service delivery
- What does the future hold for STI services?
- What should we be doing today with today's diagnostics?
- Epidemiological investigation of infection outbreaks using whole genome sequencing directly from clinical samples
- Shaping HIV services for the future – what should we be doing?

13 October 2017

- Experience of delivering Sex and Relationship education
- Loudmouth Theatre present "Working for Marcus"
- Using Safeguarding simulation to teach CSE
- Mr Peter Greenhouse HLF
- Innovation in Medical Education
- The Future of Postgraduate Medical Training
- Finding the Silver lining in Workplace Based Assessments
- Advanced Nursing Accreditation

12 January 2018

Organised by BASHH GSM and HIV Special Interest Groups

- Sexual Health of Women Who Have Sex with Women
- WSW: Psychological and psychosexual health
- Domestic abuse in women who have sex with women
- How to manage women who have sex with women presenting to sexual health services
- HIV prevention and Care Issues Affecting Women
- HIV and the Menopause
- Women and PrEP, and the SWIFT Network
- Case Presentations and Discussion
- The Patient Perspective
- BASHH AGM

9 March 2018

Part 1 - Organised by BASHH Bacterial Special Interest Group

- Sustained transmission of high-level azithromycin resistant gonorrhoea in England
- Mycoplasma genitalium coinfections and resistance
- Vaginal discharge
- BSIG website/App on Microscopy for STIs

Part 2 Organised by Public Health England

- Pooled sampling for CT/GC NAAT testing: A pragmatic assessment
- The use of Digital Vending Technology and HIV Self-Testing in a MSM sex on premises location
- Sex Week on National Prison Radio
- An evaluation toolkit for sexual health interventions – an example in action
- An update on the PrEP Impact trial

28 September 2018

Part 1 Organised by BASHH HSV SIG

- Intro- 'Recent insights into HSV – whole genome sequencing and vaccine failure'
- Conditional Consent for sexual contact – have the rules changed for patients with STI around disclosure?
- What did we learn from the Southampton Mystery shopping studies for HSV-1 and HSV-2?
- What is it when it isn't HSV? – non infective causes of genital ulceration for the STI physician
- Clinical Cases
- Honorary Life Fellow Award Presentation

Part 2 Organised by BASHH GSM SIG

- Launching the BASHH GSM SIG Recommendations for integrated sexual health services for trans and non-binary individuals.

Overview

President's report

As President of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) it is a privilege for me to submit our annual review for the year ended July 2018, which details the Association's many activities and achievements in line with its charitable aims, which continue within a responsive organisational framework.

Sexual health, reproductive health and HIV services across the UK continue to face challenges from a myriad of sources. In England, the on-going tendering of services and tight financial constraints continue to pose significant challenges for providers and commissioners alike. Whilst in Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland, increasing demand with limited investment in services and workforce is also a major concern, with a Welsh Government commissioned '*A Review of Sexual Health Services in Wales*' finding for instance that there has been a doubling of attendances within the country in just 5 years. In light of these challenges, BASHH continues to collaborate with a range of national representative bodies, professional and third sector organisations to raise the importance of maintaining high-quality, easily accessible sexual health services across the UK. Ensuring this is especially important in a time which has seen the emergence of multi-drug resistant gonorrhoea and a significant rise in numbers of cases of syphilis.

To draw attention to these issues, in January 2018, BASHH launched an online '*Save our Sexual Health Services*' public petition, supported by 25 leading patient, professional and third sector organisations. The petition was promoted by a proactive social media campaign and was signed by 7,000 individuals over a 6-month period. BASHH has also produced key metrics '*the Hot Six*' to help services more accurately identify their pressure points and aid pan-UK benchmarking. Evidence gathered provides valuable information in support of the ongoing campaign to improve funding of services.

The volume of issues on the horizon is reflected in the number of key consultations that we have responded to in recent months. These have included a review of Public Health Prescribed Activity, The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors)(Amendment) Regulations 2017, detailed input into the new NICE Quality Standard on Sexual Health and joint engagement with other stakeholders regarding the proposed Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Bill 2017-19.

Through partnership working we have secured a programme to deliver the quadrivalent human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine for boys and a national vaccination programme for men who have sex with men (MSM) across the UK. Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is provided for high risk individuals in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland on the NHS but only accessible via PrEP Impact clinical trial in England. BASHH have called for PrEP to be available in England by April 2019 prior to the trial being concluded.

Production of guidelines and standards are an essential aspect of our remit. Our Clinical Effectiveness Unit has been extremely busy and has co-produced with BHIVA guidelines on the use of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis, and with both BHIVA and FSRH, guidelines for the sexual and reproductive health of people living with HIV. Guidelines for Pelvic Infection and Donovanosis were updated and new NICE accredited guidelines for Mycoplasma Genitalium were published.

Our educational activities go from strength to strength, providing high quality content which receives excellent feedback on a variety of platforms. The activities continue to provide our Members and the wider community of health professionals with excellent educational events across the UK throughout the year. The joint BHIVA /BASHH conference in Edinburgh attracted over 1,000 delegates and our annual joint meeting with FSRH was fully subscribed.

The media team have had an exceptionally busy year, responding to a record number of enquiries and appearing on almost all leading TV, radio and online outlets in the process. Close collaboration with the BHIVA media team has enabled both Associations to gain a wider reach and raise the profile of contemporaneous issues in the field of sexual health and HIV. The launch of the M. Gen guidelines provided a particular highlight, with wall-to-wall coverage which included the New York Post, ABC News Australia and the International Business Times. All of this has contributed to the continued growth of our Twitter presence @BASHH_UK, which has increased its followers to over 6,000.

Our Centenary Year in which we recognised the tremendous progress made since the introduction of the Venereal Diseases Act concluded with a celebratory dinner at The Apothecaries and a fun and unique Venereology Concert Party.

Despite the challenges we're faced with, BASHH continues to be a successful and vibrant organisation, proudly promoting excellence in sexual health and HIV care, delivering high quality education, seeking to influence national decision makers for the improvement of public health and also most importantly working for the benefit of the public. We acknowledge and thank all of the Members, Officers and Trustees for their time, commitment and enthusiasm, without which none of the above would be possible.

Dr Olwen Williams OBE

Treasurer's report

BASHH had a stable financial year. The joint meeting with BHIVA and dividends and investment gains from our investment portfolio contributed to overall robust and positive financial results with a net surplus for the year of £19,557. The value of the investments has continued to rise and has contributed significantly to BASHH's reserves. However due to the financial commitments to pay in advance for the venues for the BASHH annual spring conferences until 2021 (deposits in excess of £100,000 have been paid as at 31 July 2018) BASHH's cash reserves dropped from £466,142 at the end of the previous financial year to £306,459 at the end of this financial year. These deposits will be utilised subsequent to holding the spring conferences in future years and the revenues from these conferences should have a positive effect on the cash balances. Although the association's financial state remains robust, it is important to note that without the investment income and the growth in investment assets the association's costs currently and during the last couple of years outweigh its income from its normal charitable activities. Subsequent to the year end the world stock markets have been in decline and it is likely that the results next year show negative returns from our investments. As we expect a turbulent few years post Brexit for the stock market, it would be important to note that our finances may come under strain in the coming years. The main drivers of our expenses are our educational meetings and secretariat fees. They each have increased by 15% in 2018. Our contract with KSAM is to be renewed in January 2019. The current proposal is a 12% increase in our secretariat fees and this would impact also on our future finances. Detailed results of our activities during the year are given within these audited financial statements.

Principle funding sources

Income for the charity comes from investments, membership subscriptions, and educational events. Because of the charity's stable financial position, the annual membership fee was not increased in 2018. The joint BASHH/ BHIVA conference was financially successful. The surplus generated was smaller than the meeting held during 2014. BASHH may have to plan its resources around a lower expectation of income from the meetings in future years. Results from the other main educational events managed and delivered by the association's special interest groups are given within the financial statements.

Dr Kaveh Manavi

Clinical Governance Committee Review

Membership

Dr John McSorley	Chair
Dr Mohamed Ghanem	Secretary

This group consists of a Chair, Secretary and Regional Representation from the Branch Chairs.

In addition, there are Professional Group Representatives from Nurses, Health Advisers, Staff & Associate Specialists, and Doctors in Training.

Other groups within BASHH feed into this committee, the Clinical Effectiveness Group, the Clinical Standards Unit, the National Audit Group, the Integrated Information Group and the Web Team.

Objectives

- Implement strategies and policies of BASHH as approved by the Governing Board
- Set and monitor standards and specifications
- Identify areas of best clinical practice and promote them for adoption where appropriate whilst recognizing local differences
- Identify regional and individual clinic difficulties
- Explore solutions to issues and suggest action plans

Meetings

The Committee holds meetings on the same days as the Scientific Meetings. In the Year ended 31st July 2018, 3 face to face meetings were held, a fourth meeting was held as a teleconference utilising Adobe Connect for document review in June 2018, as the IUSTI meeting was the Scientific Meeting supported by BASHH that quarter.

Significant activities

- Spotlight discussions were held on topics maintaining quality within new contracts for services and addressing issues arising from contract changeovers and retendering; maintaining standards for online STI screening services and integration with face to face services; the rollout of the PrEP IMPACT Trial and PrEP services, and service issues arising across the UK including ways to improve the interactions of branches with local BASHH members.
- The CGC contributed to BASHH Survey of impact of service changes in 2017/18 and commenced work on developing a BASHH recognised acronym glossary to support local service usage within local guidelines
- The Royal College of Physicians provided a pathway for action when Regional Advisers for Service were unavailable for input into consultant appointments and this was formally agreed and adopted by the Committee.
- Regional Advisers and Consultants continue to contribute to this work
- The CGC contribute to the generation of and content of papers created by BASHH Officers for external partner organisations affecting sexual health policy

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18

- The functions and geographical coverage of branches in relation to effectiveness of meetings, clinical networks, safety and intelligence reporting, and effective representation of local members was reviewed and discussed formally. No changes of boundaries or formal mergers have taken place but regions were encouraged to consider and support joint meetings between co-terminous branches.
- Advice on Ceftriaxone usage, spectinomycin usage was discussed and strategies circulated to support services in context of occasional stock shortage and in management of suspected penicillin allergy in different clinical settings.
- Communication and dissemination of information relating to Hepatitis A outbreak, and management of supply chain issues with Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and Twinrix vaccination stock across the regions, was co-ordinated and support.
- Accurate minutes of meetings were kept and published

Future plans

- To facilitate CGC members fulfilling branch, group and national roles by providing travel expenses if not employer-funded, and increasing the use of teleconferencing.
- To develop a BASHH resource of common acronyms and glossary to support a diverse range of services maintaining local guidelines
- To support BASHH commitment to equitable geographical provision of safe, effective and accessible on-line services that support high standard face to face sexual health services

Dr John McSorley
CGC Chair

Education committee review

The Education Committee is responsible for facilitating the delivery of the BASHH's vision, values and service priorities through education, training and development. This is particularly important in the current challenging healthcare environment where resources are stretched and value for money must be demonstrated in all educational products. The Educational committee (EC) and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have developed and maintained educational programmes providing high levels of specialist training and skill, whilst embracing a wider, more integrated sexual health remit across a wide geographical area and range of healthcare settings.

The Special interest groups (SIGs)

The SIGs are responsible for leading on development of educational materials, meetings and training needs analysis within their specialist areas. They develop and deliver educational programmes and courses. They also contribute to education and training by generating publications and research, developing guidelines and recommendations in collaboration with other BASHH groups and external organisations, and reviewing and responding to documents on behalf of BASHH. Individual reports detailing specific contributions are available in the BASHH Annual Review. This year, the SIGs have provided several well-established courses such as the BASHH microscopy course, SAS and Doctors in training meetings, the genital dermatology course, surgical techniques in GUM course, ABC of sexual dysfunction course, the Diplomas in GUM and HIV revision courses, STI Foundation theory and competency courses and the HIV Masterclass. There have also been new courses developed including two joint HIV nurse training packages with the national HIV Nurses association (NHIVNA). These are called 'STIF-NHIVNA core competency' training and 'STIF NHIVNA advanced competency' training. Some BASHH educational products have also been delivered

internationally, including a STI Foundation course delivered in Lusaka, Zambia in July 2017.

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In early 2018 new BASHH group specifically representing Nurses and Health Advisors has been established which now also contributes to the EC.

BASHH scientific meetings

The EC has the responsibility of providing 4 scientific meetings annually, which are free to delegates, including invited lectures from BASHH Honorary Life Members and Professorial lecturers. SIGs take it in turn to organise these meetings and they often take a two-part structure, organised by two individual SIGs. This year, the October meeting was lead by the Adolescent SIG (CSE theme) and Education committee (Medical Education theme). The January meeting was lead by the GSM (WSW theme) and HIV SIGs (Issues specific to women living with HIV). The March meeting was organised by the Bacterial SIG and Public Health England and the September meeting was organised by the HSV SIG and GSM SIG. These were all well attended with excellent evaluation. Availability of podcasts/webcasts of the lectures has been reinstated since January and continues to facilitate access for those BASHH members who are unable to attend in person. Programmes are available on the BASHH website.

Other meetings

Fourth Joint Conference of BASHH with the British HIV Association (BHIVA) took place in Edinburgh in April 2018. It was again very highly evaluated and proved to be an excellent educational event. The annual Joint BASHH /FSRH meeting in January also continues to be well attended and very successful. The Conference and Communications secretary's report will provide more detailed feedback.

Further EC plans

The EC has established a new Fellowship for Doctors in Training called the BASHH Educational Fellowship. Three applications of high calibre were received this year and the successful candidate, Dr Laura Gillespie (Sandyford Sexual health Service, Glasgow), has commenced a 12-month educational project with the STIF Competency group. The EC plans to award one fellowship per year going forward, if suitably qualified candidates apply.

Next year's BASHH spring meeting will be held in Birmingham and preparations are well underway. The BASHH Board has agreed to cancel the Sept 2019 Scientific meeting and instead support the attendance of junior BASHH members at the IUSTI conference in Tallinn next year. The ASIG will be running a BASHH Symposium on sexual exploitation at this meeting. Plans are underway to try and establish an international educational fund to help support and promote BASHH's educational projects being delivered overseas.

Dr Ashini Fox
Educational Committee Chair

Named groups

BASHH/Faculty Integrated Information Group

Membership

David Phillips	Chair, BASHH
Asha Kasliwal	Co-chair, FSRH
Anatole Menon-Johansson	BASHH
Huw Price	BASHH
Nathan Acladius	FSRH
Achyuta Nori	BASHH
Usha Kumar	FSRH
Susannah Hall	FSRH
Kate Jervis	Brook
Nicky Connor	PHE
Stephen Duffell	PHE
Cuong Chau	PHE
Hamish Mohammed	PHE
Wendi Slater	PHE
Judith Ellison	HSCIC
Sarah Freeman	HSCIC
Kate Thurland	PHE
Charles Hewitt	Pathway Analytics

Observers from IT systems

Ed Hulse	Mill Systems
Shafeda Mohammed	Riomed
Thiyagarajan Jayaraman	IMS
Iain Galloway	ID Capture
Andrew Denman	Inform Health

Objectives

- To recommend strategies for IT implementation, data collection and reporting for the spectrum of Sexual Health services (ranging from non-integrated services to fully integrated services).
- To advise on the type, quality and format of information to be collected from Sexual Health services for the purposes of national audit, public health monitoring and monitoring of service performance.
- To respond to relevant consultations affecting service provision and data collection in Sexual Health.
- To liaise between DH, HSCIC, PHE and other agencies regarding information issues to achieve best outcomes for both patient and public health.
- To receive and respond to queries and concerns from members relating to IT and Information Governance, including data protection and confidentiality rules.
- To anticipate issues relating to IT and Information Governance from new legislation, commissioning or other changes that affect Sexual Health.
- To disseminate important information to BASHH/Faculty members via organisational websites/newsletters.

Significant activities

- The Group met on 3 occasions during 2017/18.
- We have considered matters of relevance to GUM Clinics, SRH clinics and Integrated Services in particular in relation to statutory reporting through SRHAD and SHHAPT coding.

- We have deliberated the implications of GDPR for sexual health services and advised BASHH accordingly, including and a coordinated response with PHE re-asserting the legal basis for data-sharing to fulfil statutory obligations.
- We have advised PHE on matters arising including: Data compatibility and mapping of SHHAPT to SNOMED, review of coding for bacterial infections, development of HARS and deployment of GUMCADv3.
- We have responded on behalf of BASHH to the NHS Digital Consultation on the legally un-sharable dataset in relation to the future of data sharing between agencies.
- We have represented BASHH at the RCP project for standardising encoding of diagnostic categories Medical Specialties.
- We have contributed authorship of the Standards for Online Sexual Health Services.
- We have reviewed and updated sections of the e-Learning for Health relating to information governance.

Future plans

- To continue to work closely with members of the Faculty, PHE, DH, NHS Digital, software providers and others to ensure that we meet our objectives.
- To ensure the objectives and benefits of this group incorporate relevant issues for all devolved nations of the UK.
- To be both pro-active and responsive to upcoming matters that affect data handling and Information Governance to find the best solutions.
- To perform a review of the functionality of Sexual Health software systems in order to promote innovations from providers that will improve the ease and quality of clinical coding for clinical services.
- To encourage and facilitate NHS Digital and PHE collaborate work to work towards a unified coding system for Sexual Health.

David Phillips
Co-Chair

Clinical Effectiveness Group

Membership

Keith Radcliffe	Chair
Darren Cousins	
Helen Fifer	
Mark FitzGerald	
Sarah Flew	
Deepa Grover	
Sarah Hardman	FSRH representative
Steve Higgins	
Margaret Kingston	
Michael Rayment	
Ann Sullivan	
Cara Saxon	
Craig Tipple	<i>ex officio</i> member as the chair of the BASHH Public Panel

Objectives

1. To oversee production and revision of the UK national guidelines on STI and closely related conditions in accordance with a NICE-accredited of methodology.
2. To produce patient information based upon each guideline.
3. To liaise with other professional organisations as required.

Output

- Publication of a statement on the BASHH website on '*The use of antibiotics to treat genital infections in pregnant women*' August 2017.
- Publication on the website of the '*2017 interim update of the 2015 BASHH national guidelines for the management of the viral hepatitis*'
- Publication on the website of a joint statement with PHE entitled '*Position statement on doxycycline as post-exposure prophylaxis for sexually transmitted infections*'
- Publication on the website of the '*United Kingdom national guideline on the sexual healthcare of men who have sex with men*'
- Publication on the website of the '*UK national guideline for the management of donovanosis 2018*'.
- Publication on the website of the '*2018 United Kingdom national guideline for the management of pelvic inflammatory disease*'.
- Publication on the website of the first joint BASHH and BHIVA national guideline on pre-exposure prophylaxis against HIV.
- Production of patient information on each guideline as it is completed. All patient information is freely available on the website.
- Publication of national guidelines in the *International Journal of STD and AIDS*.
- During this year two new CEG members were appointed – Sarah Flew and Cara Saxon.
- Liaising with: British National Formulary; BASHH audit group; BHIVA audit group; BASHH Public Panel; FSRH Clinical Effectiveness Unit; committee on screening for infectious diseases in pregnancy.
- Planned activities for 2018/19: to update the following guidelines: gonorrhoea, candida, pediculosis pubis, balanitis, sexually acquired reactive arthritis, STI in young people, epididymo-orchitis, HIV testing (jointly with BHIVA), sexual health of HIV positive persons, *Mycoplasma genitalium*, sexual assault, bacterial vaginosis, LGV, safer sex, sexual history taking, post-exposure prophylaxis following sexual exposure to HIV (PEPSE).

Dr Keith Radcliffe

Clinical Standards Unit (CSU)

Membership

Dr Raj Patel	Chair
Emily Clarke	Secretary
David Phillips	
Kaveh Manavi	
Elizabeth Carlin	
Tristan Griffiths	
Michelle Jenkins	
Olwen Williams	
Janet Wilson	

Objectives

- To develop and maintain the BASHH standards Documents

Significant activities

- 4 members of the group worked closely with FSRH colleagues to develop the Joint standards for Online Consultation
- A panel of over 20 individuals are currently working hard to update the 2014 BASHH standards for STI Management.- Target date for signoff by BASHH Board February 2019
- Members contributed to BASHH's response to the NICE 'Standards in GUM – 2019

Dr Raj Patel
Chair

Media Group

The Media Group has responded swiftly to a multitude of media requests throughout the year, including those from online media, newsprint, radio and television. BASHH provided expert opinion on recent increased rates of sexually transmitted infections, particularly gonorrhoea and syphilis, and including the first case of gonorrhoea which is resistant to all standard antibiotics. The recent public health funding cuts prompted a strong media response. Clinic closures, particularly following the London Transformation Project, attracted much attention and BASHH has highlighted the need to maintain high quality clinical sexual health services measured against nationally agreed standards, which are resourced appropriately. BASHH also supported the roll out of the Human Papillomavirus vaccine to men who have sex with men, and the planned inclusion of all boys of school age, reducing the previous inequality in vaccine provision.

National Audit Group

Membership

Ann Sullivan	Chair
Hugo McClean	Vice Chair
Vanessa Apea	Honorary secretary
Anatole Menon-Johansson	Director of development
Hilary Curtis	Audit co-ordinator

Regional audit chairs <https://www.bashh.org/bashh-groups/national-audit-group/>

Objectives

- National audits of clinical practice in sexual health/genitourinary medicine clinics against the BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group (CEG) National Guidelines
- A forum to discuss national and regional audit programmes
- Response to requests for national audits by the British Association of Sexual Health and HIV
- Specification of key auditable outcomes for the common genitourinary conditions, using the clinical guidelines of the CEG as the standard of care

Significant activities

- 2018 national audit of HIV partner notification (PN): a site survey was completed by 149 services and case-note review data were received for 2753 adult index cases diagnosed with HIV during 2016-7. Nationally the standard for contacts tested per index case was met, with improvement since the 2013 joint BASHH/BHIVA audit (0.86 verified by health care worker, 0.99 verified or reported by index case, compared with standards of 0.6 and 0.8). Standards for the proportion of contactable contacts tested, the proportion of index cases with a PN plan within 4 weeks, and the proportion of index cases with documented immediate PN regarding possible eligibility for PEP were not met. Services are recommended to continue to pursue PN as an effective way of diagnosing HIV. BASHH/BHIVA/SHHA/NAT are recommended to revise and update standards to clarify definitions further.
- Follow-up of 2017 syphilis audit: 43 clinics responded to a follow-up survey and about 40% of these reported reductions in the number of health advisors or their diversion to non-PN work
- Review of auditable outcomes in draft CEG guidelines on gonorrhoea, candida, M. genitalium
- Production of a standard template to guide authors of articles based on BASHH audits for peer-reviewed publication
- Liaison with NCSP, PrEP Impact and LUSTRUM studies, BASHH TCARQ and SAS groups, BHIVA Audit and Standards Sub-Committee
- NAG page on BASHH website updated.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18

- HIV Partner Notification (PN): 2018 audit against 2015 standards. Presented by V Apea at joint BHIVA/BASHH Spring Conference, Edinburgh, written by L Bull and H Curtis
- Development of the 2015 BASHH/BHIVA/SSHA/NAT HIV Partner Notification Standards. Presented by AK Sullivan at joint BHIVA/BASHH Spring Conference, Edinburgh
- The British Association for Sexual Health and HIV 2016 UK national audit and survey of clinic policies in relation to risk assessment, HIV testing and follow-up. S Bhaduri, H Curtis, H McClean, AK Sullivan, on behalf of the National Audit Group of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0956462418771778>
- BASHH 2016 UK national audit and survey of HIV testing, risk assessment and follow-up: case note audit. S Bhaduri, H Curtis, H McClean, AK Sullivan, on behalf of the National Audit Group of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0956462418767688>
- The management of early syphilis in the United Kingdom. AS Menon-Johansson, H Curtis, H Mohammad, E Hamlyn, A Hughes, H McClean, N Pal, S Tayal, V Apea, AK Sullivan. Submitted for publication.

Future plans

- 2019 audit of times to attendance, test results and treatment
- Follow-up of 2018 HIV PN audit
- Continued working with relevant organisations
- Continued review of CEG guidelines and proposal of auditable outcomes.

**Ann Sullivan
Chair**

Public Health Group

No report

Public Panel

The BASHH public panel is a group of lay, professional and third sector members, which aims to involve patients and the public in the work of BASHH. In addition, a lay research panel, which reports to the main panel and is run collaboratively with the Terrence Higgins Trust (THT), provides lay input into sexual health orientated research proposals and projects. There are approximately 30 members across both panels.

One of the core activities of the public panel is the review and co-production of STI treatment guidelines and patient information leaflets associated with those guidelines. This year, the panel has run an event, in collaboration with Brook young people, to ensure a new young person's STI management guideline had strong patient involvement. The panel has also contributed strongly to new guidance on *Mycoplasma Genitalium* and gonorrhoea by supporting lay membership of these guideline writing groups. Another key collaboration this year has been with the Family Planning Association (FPA) with panel members providing editorial input to a new series of animated patient information films (sexwise). Finally, panel members are part of the review team for the NHS 'Health Unlocked' resource, where the public can ask questions and find answers to their sexual health queries.

The lay research panel performed three project reviews this year and, under new leadership, is poised to expand and develop into a valuable resource for STI researchers, funded by BASHH and supported by THT. Lay members are given training and are remunerated for their travel and the time they spend on project reviews.

Beyond these core activities, the panel organised a successful concert party in November 2017, open to the public, which celebrated the centenary of the Venereal Diseases Act through song!

Revalidation group

Membership

Dr Janet D Wilson

Objectives

- To provide specialty based advice and support to the RCP revalidation team
- To provide support for BASHH members in matters related to revalidation
- To develop specialty specific guidance to support members wishing to revalidate
- To ensure that the specialty specific advice is kept updated and remains current

Significant activities

- Specialty specific advice developed and uploaded on to the BASHH website and the RCP revalidation section
- Supporting the RCP to develop specialty specific clinical outcomes

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18

- RCP produced a document: ***Mythbusters: addressing common misunderstandings about appraisal and revalidation*** which is available on www.rcplondon.ac.uk/mythbusters

- The document addresses common misunderstandings around: role of appraisal in the revalidation of doctors; revalidation, appraisal and continuing professional development documentation; supporting information for appraisal and revalidation; reflection; continuing professional development; quality improvement activities; significant events; colleague and patient feedback; review of complaints and compliments; and personal development plans.
- Dr Janet D Wilson remains the Revalidation Advisor for Genitourinary Medicine.

Future plans

- It is expected that a limited number of specialty specific outcomes will be developed for validation in the future.

Dr Janet Wilson
RCP Revalidation Advisor for Genitourinary Medicine

Web team

Membership

Dr Martyn Wood	Chair
Dr Kaveh Manavi	
Dr Alan Tang	
Dr Nalin Hettiarachchi	
Dr Hannah Pintile	SpR Member – South
Dr Natasha Astill	SpR Member – North
Dr Ade Apoola, KSAM web team, BASHH Secretariat	

Objectives

- To improve the ease of access for BASHH members to educational content on the BASHH website.
- Improve and update public areas of the website and promote the BASHH guidelines “app”
- Increase the use of Branch website areas to increase engagement with local branch activities and ease administration burden for BASHH groups
- Enhance channels of communication with BASHH members using website members area and social media

Significant activities

- Roll-out of adobe connect video conferencing facility across all BASHH groups to allow remote meetings (business and educational)
- Twitter has 6,500 followers providing a significant avenue for disseminating BASHH’s message to a large group quickly.
- Re-introduction of BASHH scientific meetings recordings on the website

Future plans

- Digitize most of BASHH’s processes which currently use paper / word forms (website updates, news letter requests) using web-based electronic forms, improving the experience for BASHH members.
- Formal creating of a BASHH social media group across media group and web team.

Dr Martyn Wood
Chair

Special interest groups (SIGs)

Adolescent group

Membership

Dr Sophie Forsyth	Chair
Dr Sophie Herbert	Secretary
Dr Kimberley Forbes	Co-ordinator for external consultations
Dr Jane Ashby	Web co-ordinator
Dr Sophie Flavell	Trainee representative
Dr Ellen Dwyer	
Dr Sarah Edwards	
Dr Elizabeth Hamlyn	
Dr Katia Prime	
Dr Claire Robertson	
Dr Karen Rogstad	
Dr Selena Singh	
Dr Ceri Slater	
Effi Stergiopoulou	Health Adviser
Dr Rebecca Thomson-Glover	
Darren Tippetts	Health Adviser
Dr Dawn Wilkinson	

Objectives

- The Adolescent special interest group consists of clinicians working in sexual health and with an interest in issues related to the sexual health of young people.
- We meet quarterly and plan research studies, training and educational meetings; respond to related national consultations and develop and contribute to guideline development in related fields of young people's sexual health.

Significant activities

- BASHH scientific meeting 13th October 2017 educational theme
- To demonstrate teaching and learning techniques used to teach Sex and Relationship Education to young people and by using simulation to teach Child sexual exploitation.
- To describe examples of safeguarding work done in football using case examples.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18

- ASIG and SVG joint FGM survey results. 76 responses. 90% said no under 18's seen. Total of 6 females under 18's identified as FGM survivors and 4 reported to 101 though no one completing survey had done it personally. Useful comments particularly on genital piercing. "The issue of referral (ringing 101) of non-vulnerable 17 year olds with genital piercing needs to be addressed and should be discretionary". Written up and submitted for publication as letter in STI.
- Update of 2010 BASHH Management of STIs in Children and Young People [in progress and presented to CEG October 2018]
- CPAI meetings attended October 2017 and February 2018. Discussions with police on information sharing related to third parties and perpetrators.

- BHIVA Standards of Care- ASIG contributed to Young adults and adolescents living with HIV and Early to middle adulthood sections.

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- Feedback on safeguarding aspects of consultation on BASHH/FSRH Standards for Online and Remote Providers of Sexual and Reproductive Health Services
- Response to consultations:
 - NICE quality standard on child abuse and neglect
 - Child Sexual Abuse An assessment of interventions and preventative measures designed to reduce the adverse effects of child sexual abuse: from both health and economic perspectives. (Department of Health & Social Care consultation)

Future plans

- Present new guidelines on Management of STI's in Children and young people at BASHH Birmingham July 2019
- ASIG symposium at BASHH-IUSTI joint meeting Tallinn September 2019
- Safeguarding hot topics ASIG educational meeting 27 September 2018
 - Legal aspects of safeguarding, safeguarding with online sexual health screening, effects of pornography on young people, case studies on learning disabilities and unaccompanied minors

**Sophie Forsyth
Chair**

Bacterial group

Membership

Core Group

Catherine Ison, London,	Chair
Frances Keane, Truro	Secretary
S. Uthayakumar, London	Microscopy course coordinator
Sarah Alexander, London	Joint webmaster
Suneeta Soni, Brighton	Joint webmaster
Achyuta Nori, London	OGM organiser
Sheel Patel, London	Treasurer

General Membership

Elizabeth Claydon, Barnstaple
 Michelle Cole, London
 Rachel Drayton, Cardiff
 Helen Fifer, London
 Emma Harding-Esch, London
 Paddy Horner, Bristol
 Bavithra Nathan, London
 Nigel O' Farrell, London
 Tariq Sadiq, London
 Michael Perry, Cardiff
 Amanda Samarawickrama, London
 John Saunders, London

Objectives

To promote communication between microbiologists and clinicians involved in the diagnosis and treatment of bacterial sexually transmitted infections by: offering courses in specialist areas e.g. microscopy course, production of educational material and organisation of symposia on new areas of interest.

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Significant activities

- Dr Michelle Cole, an STI microbiologist at Public Health England, joined the group. The annual meeting of the full Bacterial SIG took place on 9th March 2018 at the Royal Society of Medicine.
- The BSIG contributed to the afternoon scientific programme, together with Public Health England, on 9th March 2018.
- Two microscopy courses were held on 14 October 2017 and 19 May 2018.
- Review and editing of the responsive website and App on Microscopy of STIs continued.
- Response to requests from BASHH to review various documents.
- Sales of the DVD on Microscopy of STIs.
- Updating of gonorrhoea guidelines.
- Updating of BSIG website.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18

- The microscopy course continues to be led by Dr S. Uthayakumar and Dr Libby Claydon assisted by Drs John Saunders, Amanda Samarawickrama and Bavithra Nathan for the Bacterial SIG and others from Imperial College London. Both courses were well attended; on 14 October 2017 there were 30 attendees, 13 BASHH members and on 19 May 2018 there were 36 attendees, 14 BASHH members. The course continues to thrive, with excellent feedback, and is constantly reviewed following comments from participants.
- At their annual meeting 16 members of the BSIG reviewed the current status of the Microscopy website/App project. Discussion of the upcoming OGM programme, the Microscopy course, gonorrhoea guidelines, *Mycoplasma genitalium* guidelines and website also took place. It was decided to increase our meetings to two each year.
- The BSIG contribution to the scientific meeting on 9 March 2017 was organised by Dr Achyuta Nori and the talks were:
 - Sustained transmission of high-level azithromycin resistant gonorrhoea in England. Dr Helen Fifer.
 - *Mycoplasma genitalium* coinfections and resistance, Dr Tariq Sadiq
 - Vaginal discharge, Dr Phillip Hay
 - BSIG website/App on Microscopy for STIs, Prof. Cathy Ison
- All the content of the responsive website for the Microscopy of STIs has been uploaded. Review and editing has been ongoing throughout the year. Plans to launch in the Spring 2018 have been delayed until early 2019.
- Questionnaire about learning materials for antimicrobial resistance and infection was reviewed by Dr Frances Keane.
- BIA UK NSC consultation: chlamydia screening in pregnancy was reviewed by Dr John Saunders.

Future plans

- Two meetings of the full Bacterial SIG are planned for November 2018 and March/April 2019.
- Microscopy courses will continue and are planned for September 2018 and April 2019, following a request from Imperial that the courses be held out of term time.
- Completion and launch of the Website and App to replace the DVD on Microscopy of STIs.
- Gonorrhoea guidelines will be sent out for consultation and subsequent publication.
- To support (through Dr Paddy Horner) the Sexual Health Improvement for and Populations and Patients (SHIIPP), a multiagency multidisciplinary Health Integration Team (HIT) from Bristol Health Partners, in their major focus to develop strategies to combat antimicrobial resistance.
- Collaboration with Dr Matthew Hamill (John Hopkins University School of Medicine) on a survey of UK clinical experience of neuro/optic syphilis treatment with doxycycline.

- Continual review and updating of the Bacterial SIG webpage.

Professor Catherine Ison
Chair
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Clinical Development Group

No report submitted.

Doctors in Training

No report submitted.

Genital dermatology group

Membership

Christine Bates	Chair
Serish Basvaraj	Treasurer
Imali Fernando	Web Representative
Komal Plaha	Trainee Representative
Parameswaran Sashidharan	
Sarah Edwards	
Jillian Pritchard	
Benjamin Goorney	
Dayan Vijeratnam	
Georgina Morrison	

Objectives

- To promote genital dermatology as a subspecialty within genitourinary medicine and sexual health
- To lead on development of educational materials, meetings and training in Genital Dermatology
- To provide basic knowledge and skills for the effective management of genital skin conditions

Significant activities

- The 7th Genital Dermatology Course was held on 20th October 2017 at Wesley Euston Hotel, London
- The 3rd Genital Dermatology PLUS course was held on 15th June 2018 at Wesley Euston Hotel, London.
- The GD SIG has continued representation on the Vulval Disease workstream, with dermatology and gynaecology, working to harmonise training in vulval disorders across the specialities.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18 (1/8/17-31/7/18)

- 7th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course, London 20th October 2017
- 3rd BASHH Genital Dermatology **PLUS** Course, London 15th June 2018
- Input into Vulval Disease workstream re training

Future plans

- Deliver the Genital Dermatology Course and Genital Dermatology PLUS Course - October 2018 and June 2019
- To continue to review genital dermatology service delivery and training in the current commissioning climate
- Continue to contribute to harmonisation of vulval disease training across specialities.
- Review Guidelines for 2018-19
 - Pediculosis Pubis

HIV & Blood Borne Virus Group

Membership

Tristan Barber	Chair
Elizabeth Okecha	Secretary (Trainee rep HIV)*
Emma Page	Hepatitis Lead
Christopher Ward	Treasurer
Monique Andersson	
Fiona Burns	
Susan Cole	Community Rep
Noel Connelly	
Gail Crowe	
Stuart Flanagan	
Emma Hathorn	SAS Rep
Charlotte Hopkins	
Cary James	Community Rep
Babu Kulasegaram	
Nicky Mackie	
Kaveh Manavi	
Bronagh McBrien	HIV PA Rep
Justine Mellor	Nurse Rep
Mark Nelson	
Adrian Palfreeman	
Mary Poulton	
Huw Price	
Kyle Ring	Trainee Rep BBV
Killian Quin	
Nicola Steedman	
Laura Waters	

*Kiersten Simmons for 12 months mat leave cover from 1/1/2019

Objectives

- Promote best clinical practice within the area of HIV and blood born viruses (hepatitis B and C)
- Review evidence based guidelines in the area of HIV and BBV
- Providing education in the form of the following three main events:
 - HIV Masterclass (annual)
 - Dip HIV revision course (led by us annually; course is biannual and supported by BHIVA annually also)
 - OGM (in conjunction with the GSM SIG)
- Fundraising for the SIG
- Comment on external consultations related to HIV and BBV on behalf of BASHH

Significant Activities

- Represented BASHH at consultation meetings for new BHIVA Standards on HIV care in both Manchester and London
- Supported NAT in responding to the 'Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Bill'
- Submitted feedback to BHIVA/BASHH/FSRH Guidelines on sexual and reproductive health
- Responded to consultation on the London Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy - HIV commitments

- Wrote piece on SIG activities to be published in IJSA following kind invitation from Daniel Richardson
- Submitted feedback on consultation regarding 'NHS overseas visitors charging regulations' culminating in joint statement issued by BASHH and BHIVA

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- Represented BASHH at the signing of London becoming an HIV Fast Track City, 10th January 2018
- Consulted on new BHIVA Standards of Care (comments due 20 February to be submitted to help BASHH Board decide on endorsement of this document)
- Hosted January OGM meeting with the GSM SIG; focus on sexual health of WSW and HIV Issues relating to women
- Held Dip HIV Revision course
- Took part in a meeting at the Home Office to discuss concerns regarding the 'Assaults on Emergency workers (Offences) Bill with the Hepatitis C Trust, NAT and THT
- Met with PHE and Chris Bryant MP regarding 'Assaults on Emergency workers (Offences) Bill with the Hepatitis C Trust, NAT and THT; Bill amended
- Held HIV Masterclass in Manchester with great feedback; introducing small charge for 2019 and planning move to Sheffield in 2020 as cheaper venue identified
- Supported BASHH endorsement of new BHIVA Standards for HIV Care
- Supported review of Migrant Charging SDH review with support from Simon at M&F Health Comms
- Further input into MSD 'Whole Person Declaration'
- Supported ideas for RCP invitation to BASHH to suggest new topics for NCEPOD
- Elected new BBV SIG Hep Lead: Dr Emma Page

Future Plans

- Planning January Scientific Meeting with HPV SIG
 - Chair is Dr Fiona Burns
- DHIV revision course is booked for 28-Jan-19 in Manchester
- HIV SIG Session at BASHH 2019, Birmingham
- HIV Masterclass 2019:
 - Dates confirmed as 14-15th March, in Manchester
 - Registration open
 - Programme in draft and speakers approached

**Tristan Barber
Chair**

Herpes simplex virus (HSV) Group

Membership

Dr Raj Patel	Consultant in genitourinary medicine and co-chair
Dr John Green	Clinical psychologist and co-chair
Dr Emily Clarke	Consultant in genitourinary medicine
Ms Ceri Evans	Senior health advisor
Ms Marian Nicholson	Patient representative
Dr Nigel O'Farrell	Consultant in genitourinary medicine
Dr Simon Barton	Consultant in genitourinary medicine

Objectives

- To provide expert input into HSV management guidelines, education programs and educational materials

Significant activities

- The SIG meets infrequently and completes its tasks principally through Teleconferences.
- During the last year the SIG contributed on BASHH's behalf to a national consultation on the evidence for screening all pregnant women for HSV and the prevention of neonatal HSV
- The SIG arranged an OSM (September 2018)
- Members continue to deliver the BASHH Advanced STI HSV course
- Members have conducted a multisite HSV counselling audit

Future plans

Members will lead and contribute to the development of the UK Herpes in Pregnancy Management guideline in 2019.

Raj Patel & John Green
Co-chairs

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Group

Membership

Richard Gilson	Chair
Gary Whitlock	Secretary and Treasurer until December 2018
Jaime Vera	Secretary and Treasurer from December 2018
Jake Bayley	
Kate Cuschieri	
Cindy Gilmour	Specialist Nurse
Charles Lacey	
Nicola Steedman	
Kate Soldan	
Diarmuid Nugent	Trainee – from September 2017
Matthew Grundy-Bowers	Nurse Consultant – from December 2017

Drs Sylvia Bates and Mayura Nathan have stepped down.

Gary Whitlock has now stepped down from being Secretary and Treasurer (December 2018). Jaime Vera will take on these roles.

Activities

- The SIG met in September and December 2018
- Provision of advice to the Project Board for the implementation of the HPV vaccine programme in MSM in England
- Contributed to discussions at the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) HPV sub-committee, in its consideration of changes to the national HPV vaccine programme, resulting in the announcement in July 2018 of the extension of the national programme to boys aged between 12 and 13 years (gender-neutral vaccination programme)
- Continued support to research projects in HPV

- The HPV SIG continues to provide a GUM representative on the Board of the British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology - Dr Richard Gilson is now the representative, and attended the full Board meeting in December 2018
- Members of the SIG continue to teach on the BASHH STI/HIV Course.
- Organise a Scientific Meeting in conjunction with the HIV SIG in January 2019.

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Future plans

- Members of the SIG will continue to support the implementation of the programme of vaccination against HPV in MSM attending sexual health services.
- The SIG is planning to run an HRA course in the UK in November 2019, in conjunction with the Homerton Hospital and the International Anal Neoplasia Society. Gary Whitlock will be jointly organising the course with Ms Tamzin Cuming

Dr Richard Gilson
Chair of HPV SIG

Mentoring group

Membership

Emma Fox	BASHH co-chair, Health Education Kent, Sussex, Surrey and South London
Adrian Palfreeman	BHIVA chair, Health Education North East, North West and Yorkshire and the Humber
Humphrey Birley	BASHH, Wales Deanery
Jessica Daniel	BHIVA, Health Education Thames Valley, Wessex and South West
Jyoti Dhar	BHIVA, Health Education East Midlands, West Midlands and East of England
Imali Fernando	BASHH, Northern Ireland and Scotland
Sophie Flavell	Doctor in training representative
Tracey Masters	FSRH representative
Michael Rayment	BHIVA, New consultant representative
Luciana Rubinstein	BHIVA, Health Education North Central, East and North West London
Lorna Sands	SAS doctors representative

Objectives

- To provide a mentoring service for new consultants to help them transition into their new role
- To provide a mentoring service for SAS doctors at any time during their career
- To provide a mentoring service to support established consultants who feel they would benefit from mentoring at any time in their career

Significant activities

- We have now formally incorporated the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health (FSRH) into our joint BASHH and British HIV Association (BHIVA) scheme to include doctors working in community sexual and reproductive health (SRH)
- We ran our third independent mentoring training skills course in December 2017

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18

- Current pool of 72 mentors across the UK
- Excellent feedback from the Mentoring Skills Course in December 2018

Future plans

- To run an annual training course for new mentors

- To continue to run refresher / supervision sessions for existing mentors

**Dr Emma Fox,
Co-Chair**

MSM Group

No report submitted.

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SAS doctors group

Membership

Helen Mullan	Chair
Karl Hollows	Secretary/Financial Officer/BASHH Board (to Dec 17)/Sexual Dysfunction SIG
Syed Ali Akbar	GSM SIG
Farhad Cooper	
Annette de la Court	Conference Committee
Georgina Forbes	
Lewis Lau	Conference Committee/ Education Committee (June 2018)
Neil Lazaro	
Hannah Leng	
Mervyn Lee	Conference Committee
Vendela McNamara	Conference Committee / National Audit Group
Sri Narayana	Conference Committee
Nicky Morgan	FSRH Lead
Anne Oliver	
Carlos Oroz	Conference Committee
Jane Richards	Chair, Conference Committee /STIF representative
Rachel Sacks	Sexual Violence SIG
Lorna Sands	BASHH/BHIVA Mentoring Group
PN Sashidharan	Education Committee (to December 2017)/ Genital Dermatology SIG/BASHH Board (January 2018)
Helen Sherrey	
Rizwaan Sherriff	
Catherine Shire	
Kajal Verma	Clinical Governance Committee

Objectives:

- To provide educational opportunities for SAS doctors working in sexual health & HIV
- To ensure the group is represented on the various BASHH committees

Significant activities

- The 20th Annual Conference was held at Keele University in September 2017: 121 delegates; 9 hours CPD; rated as excellent or good in terms of educational content, value for money and overall experience by over 94% of delegates. A small profit was made.
- Link maintained between Doctors-in-Training and SAS groups: invitations issued to attend each other's educational events
- Ongoing discussions with Dr Nicky Morgan, FSRH SAS Lead, regarding possibility of joint working in terms of education
- In line with new General Data Protection Regulations which came into force in May 2018, explicit consent to hold their details on the database was sought from all members. Confirmatory responses

were received from about two thirds. Details for the remainder were deleted. A privacy policy was circulated to those remaining, in July 2018.

- It was agreed that the SAS group should develop a profile on social media so a Twitter account is being set up

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Future plans

- The 21st Annual BASHH Conference for SAS Doctors Working in Sexual Health will be held at Keele University in September 2018
- A national audit on the management of NSU will begin in Autumn 2018

**Dr Helen M Mullan
Chair**

Sexual dysfunction group

Sexual excitement – a feast of delight or despair?

BASHH OGM 7 June 2019

- 1 Persistent genital arousal disorder.
Caroline Pukall (Kingston Canada) and Farai Nyatsanza (Cambridge UK)
- 2 Condoms and pleasure
Cindy Graham (Southampton)
- 3 Premature orgasm in women
Kirsten Mitchell (Glasgow)
- 4 Erectile dysfunction secondary to porn
Angela Gregory (Nottingham)
- 5 Panel Discussion

ABC in sexual dysfunction

Autumn 2019

Exact date to be confirmed

Sexual violence group

Membership

Dr Deborah Wardle	Chair
Dr Rachel Caswell	Secretary
Dr Michelle Carroll	FFLM Representative
Dr Fionnuala Finnerty	Trainee representative
Lisa Walton	Nursing representative
Dr Charlotte Cohen	
Dr Katherine Coyne	
Dr Ali Mears	
Dr Emma McCarty	

Objectives

The Sexual Violence (SV) group, recognizing that sexual violence is part of sexual health, will consider all aspects of female and male sexual violence, including sexual assault, domestic violence, sexual trafficking, all forms of sexual exploitation, sex work and female genital mutilation.

The aims of the group are

- To review services, training and standards within genitourinary medicine clinics, with reference to the associated aims, and in liaison with other agencies and institutions

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- To promote and improve education and training of healthcare professionals in all areas related to sexual violence
- To raise the profile of sexual violence by carrying out research, submitting work for publication and organising training
- To raise public awareness and improve the care of patients disclosing sexual violence with an interest in issues related to the sexual health of young people.

Significant activities

- Work ongoing to update guidelines in sexual assault management in sexual health setting
- This will include a statement on information sharing with police following disclosure and the potential forensic significance of positive STI results

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18

- April 2018 Update on STF learning materials and facilitator handbook on sexual violence and domestic abuse
- Cohen CE, Caswell RJ on behalf of the BASHH Sexual Violence Special Interest Group. Patient confidentiality and autonomy: how do we account for coercive control? Sex Transm Infect 2017;93:232-33 <http://sti.bmj.com/content/93/4/232.info>
- Input to STI for publication in Autumn an overview and update on the work of the sexual violence special interest group.

Future plans

- Submission for input into IUST Estonia 2019 on trafficking and migration
- Development of patient information leaflet for UK wide use in sexual health setting.

**Deb Wardle
Chair**

Sexual Health Adviser & Nurse group

Membership

Jodie Scrivener	Chair
Jodie Walker-Haywood	Secretary
Louise Kerr	Treasurer
Peter Davis	
Kelly Walsh	
Matthew Grundy-Bowers	
Claire Langrish	
Holly Royston-Ward	

Felicity Young
Michelle Jenkins
Belinda Loftus
Paul Teale
Laura Ellis
Sarah Smith
Zac Dolan
Suzanne Williams

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Tristan Griffiths
Helen Jackson
Alessandra Morelli
Jules Davies
Gary Seaton
Ruth Bailey

Objectives

The SHAN SIG was formed in March 2018 and seeks to be an active group of the organisation. Our role is:

1. To represent the professional interests of Health Advisers and Nurses working in integrated sexual health (GUM & Contraception) and/or HIV services, including those in Research and community charitable sexual health focus organisations.
2. To promote Health Advisers and Nurses to join BASHH and engage at all level within the organisation.
3. To advise on, and offer support and advice on BASHH approved training and education to members.
4. To influence the Sexual Healthcare agenda as a whole and the agenda of BASHH.
5. To be a body for Health Advisers and Nurses on other BASHH committees to report to and seek support from.

Significant activities

- Creation of first Sexual Health Adviser & Nurse SIG within BASHH
- Formulation and ratification of SHAN SIG Terms of Reference
- Creation of BASHH SHAN SIG microsite page
- Organisation of membership and arrangement of meetings

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18

- Members have been/will be involved in the following:
 - RCN Sexual and Reproductive Health Project
 - NICE Consultation for 'Quality standard' on Sexual Health.
 - Journal article entitled "The New BASHH Sexual Health Advisers and Nurses Special Interest Group." for publication in Sexually Transmitted Infections.
 - Revision of the BASHH sexual history guidelines
 - BASHH CSU writing group - revise the Standards for the Management of STI.
 - BASHH HIV PEP Guideline review
 - BASHH LGV writing group

Future plans

- Creation of SHA & Nurse Conference Scholarship awards.
- Organisation of SHA & Nurse Conference Symposium (BASHH Spring Conference 2019).
- Amendment and improvement of BASHH SHA & Nurse website section.

- Promotion of BASHH membership to SHA & Nurses across the UK.
- Creation of 'Role standards' for Bands 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 in Sexual Health

The SHAN SIG wishes all members of BASHH to encourage their Sexual Health Adviser and Nurse colleagues to join and help shape the future of the organisation.

Mr Jodie Walker-Haywood
BASHH SHAN SIG Secretary
Nurse Rep to the BASHH Board

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STIF Foundation & competency group

Membership

Matthew Grundy-Bowers	Co-chair
Luciana Rubinstein	Co-chair
Nick Theobald	STIF Executive
Marie Fuller	
Jonathan Roberts	
Naomi Goodhand	
Emma Collins	
Rona McDonald	
Michelle Croston	Co-opted, NHIVNA
Sue Bird	

Objectives:

- To design, implement and review both the theory and competency components of the STIF product range in HIV and Sexual Health for a multidisciplinary clinical audience.

Significant activities

- The former competency group and theory group have combined to become the STIF committee. There are 2 sub-groups to the committee (theory and competencies)
- Following a successful pilot we launched NHIVNA *Core* (Spring 2018) and NHIVNA *Advanced* (Summer) competencies
- Completed a joint project with the Faculty of Sexual & reproductive health and the National HIV nurses association to develop a national curriculum for Advanced Clinical Practitioners in Integrated Sexual health & HIV. The curriculum was signed off by FSRH and will be signed off by BASHH and NHIVNA in September.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18 (1/8/17-31/7/18)

- Continued to review and update STIF theory and competency portfolio of products
- The development of an educational fellowship to evaluate the STIF Competency programme
- Updated the STI *Intermediate* competencies to ensure they remain current.
- Updated the STIF *Advanced* competencies
- Delivered two Train the Trainer events (November 2017 and March 2018)
- Worked with the FSRH to enable those who have completed STIF *integrated* to be able to undertake letter of competence in Sub Dermal Implants.

Future plans

- Train the trainer events: October 2018 (Birmingham) and March 2018 (London)
- To publish the ACP curriculum in autumn and work with the key stakeholders to create a process for credentialing ACPs who are able to demonstrate that they meet the requirements of the curriculum. This work is supported by Health Education England.

- To pilot with a HEI an 'open shell' module for ACPs with an existing masters award who need to demonstrate that they meet the requirements of the multi-professional framework for advanced clinical practice. This work is supported by HEE.
- To revise the STIF *Advanced* competencies to ensure that it effectively reflects the training in the ACP curriculum. It is envisaged that this would include new mini-CEX's such as dermatology, gynaecological presentations in GUM etc.
- Evaluation of the STIF competency programme

Dr Matthew Grundy-Bowers
Co-chair
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STI & HIV Course

Objectives

- The BASHH STI & HIV Course consists of 4 modules that run once a year covering:
 - **Module 1:** Epidemiology of STIs and Bacterial Infections
 - **Module 2:** Sexual health and sexuality
 - **Module 3:** Viral Infections other than HIV
 - **Module 4:** HIV infections
- It aims to improve knowledge and management of STIs and HIV to current national standards and to aid those sitting the Diploma in GUM and Diploma in HIV exams. Within the last year, the HIV Module has been opened out to include a wider specialist audience including HIV Clinical Nurse Specialists and Specialist Pharmacists who are non-medical prescribers and have their own cohort of patients.

Significant activities

- **Education Grant.** An increased Education grant of £14,400 was awarded in 2017 to allow funded places for the HIV Module, specifically for other specialists in the MDT e.g. Clinical Nurse Specialists and Specialist Pharmacists with their own patient cohorts. This approach was piloted in 2016 with excellent feedback and an increased education grant was therefore requested for 2017.
- **Feedback.** Despite the decreasing number of registrars, the course has continued to run successfully. Evaluation of the feedback and module programmes has continued throughout this reporting year. Feedback has continued to be excellent.
- **Course Programme.** The course programme and course length has been evaluated. The feedback from specialist registrars was to keep the course the same length; however this will be reviewed again in 2018. New elements to the course have been included following the updated GUM curriculum (for example, psychosexual session organised in liaison with the Sexual Dysfunction SIG)
- **Mapping to DIPGUM examination.** Liaison has now taken place with the DIPGUM leads (Best of 5 Lead and OSCE lead) to ensure alignment with the DIPGUM examinations.
- **E-learning.** Liaison with e-lfh Lead for STI-HIV modules has been completed. The HIV Module has been mapped to the e-lfh e-learning modules. E-learning for this module prior to course attendance is being piloted in the nurse specialist and specialist pharmacists cohort. The aim is to extend the e-learning module mapping to cover the rest of the course and give this information to delegates prior to course attendance
- **Online course material.** This has been approved to allow course material to be transferred onto the BASHH website. This will allow secure access to course delegates.

Performance/Outputs

- Numbers of attendees for the four modules of the course:
 - Module 1: 19
 - Module 2: 17
 - Module 3: 21
 - Module 4: 49

Future plans

- Full mapping of e-learning (e-lfh) STI-HIV modules to course content and to the GUM Curriculum with a plan to request delegates to complete e-learning prior to course attendance.
- Complete transfer of all course material onto online BASHH website to allow discontinuation of the large course ring binders.
- Change the course specification and objectives to include other specialists clinicians of the multidisciplinary team rather than limiting the course to Specialist Registrars taking their exams.
- Advertise the course more widely to include potential European delegates.

Dr Ngozi Dufty
Course Lead
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STI Theory group

Membership

Luciana Rubinstein	Chair
Sue Bird	Secretariat
Nick Theobald	Executive Post
Ushan Andraday	STIF Course Director, Committee member
Jessica Daniel	STIF Course Director, Committee member
Ceri Evans	Health Adviser Representative
Sophie Forsyth	Course Director, Committee member
Jenny Heathcote	FSRH representative]
Richard Ma	GP representative
Emile Morgan	Course Director, Committee Member
Mauro Presepio	Nurse Representative
Jane Richards	Associate Specialist, Committee member
Johnny Boylan	Trainee Representative
Hayley Berry	Pharmacy Representative
Rita Browne	Committee member

Objectives

The STIF theory courses are well established educational material which provides the theory basis for sexual health education aimed at non-specialists. The STIF theory group work to ensure the educational material is reviewed on a regular basis and its content remains relevant and up to date, following the most recent data, evidence-based practice and expert advice and in accordance to course directors and participants feedback.

Significant activities

- Yearly review of the STIF course material
- Establishment of the first STIF evaluation project looking at the effectiveness of the STIF courses as a tool for Sexual Health education in primary care
- Letter submitted and accepted for publication on STI highlighting the developments of the STIF group over the last years.
- STIF material is now only available electronically. Manuals will not be printed and sent to participants, which should reduce the STIF group costs
- Number of meetings has been reduced to one a year and the inclusion of a conference call once a year. This will also reduce travel expenses.
- The STIF theory group and the STIF competency group now have 2 co-chairs who attend one joint meeting a year together to ensure the material of the two groups are well aligned.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18

- The STIF course has ended the year with a surplus of £15,534.00

Future plans

- Establishment of an International Foundation for Sexual Health Education which aims to work in collaboration with low and middle income countries on building sustainable sexual health education, using BASHH materials.
- There are plans for International STIF Courses in South Africa and Australia

Luciana Rubinstein
Co-Chair of the STI Foundation

Regions

Cheshire and Mersey branch

Membership

Dr Martyn Wood	Chair and Treasurer
Dr Elizabeth Anderson	Audit lead
Vacant	Secretary
Vacant	Education lead

Significant activities

- 3 successful regional educational meetings held in Liverpool over the year

Future plans

- Annual joint meeting with the North West branch

Dr Martyn Wood
Chair

Ireland branch

No report submitted.

Northern Branch

No report submitted.

Oxford branch

No report submitted.

Scotland branch

No report submitted.

South West branch

No report submitted.

Thames (NW) Region

No report submitted.

Thames (SE) branch

No report submitted.

Thames (SW) branch

No report submitted.

Trent Branch

Membership

Dr Manjula Pammi	Branch chair
Dr Chit Saing	Regional audit chair
Dr Shereen Munatsi	Doctors in training representative

Objectives

- To share information from BASHH and the CGC
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC
- To hold at least one educational and audit meeting per year

Significant activities

- Trent region held a successful second annual regional meeting, held on 21 September 2018 with excellent educational value and 4 CPD credits (Code 121295). The topics included Documenting the reflections, BASHH HIV partner notification audit and interactive quality improvement session, difficult cases of vaginal discharge, hepatitis C session and case presentations by trainees.
- Regional training day was held on 6 September for trainees with interesting topics including transgender endocrinology, transitional care and erectile dysfunction.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/18

- Participation in National Audits

Future plans

- Conduct another regional and audit group meeting next year as well as Trainees educational meeting.

Dr Manjula Pammi
Trent BASHH Chair

Wales Branch

Name

Rachel Drayton	Branch chair
Laura Cunningham	Audit lead
Lucy Jones	Secretary

Objectives:

- Roll out PrEP delivery across Wales
- Participate in the Wales Sexual Health Review and help shape the response to its recommendations
- Work with Public Health Wales to update the Sexual Health Surveillance system

Significant activities

- Participation in the PrEP steering group
- Participation in the Sexual Health Programme Board
- Joint annual scientific meeting with the FSRH in July 2018
- Audit and branch meetings held in October 2018 and March 2019
- Formation of the All Wales HIV Prescribing group
- Changes to the Sexual Health Surveillance system underway

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/2018

- Delivery of PrEP to over 500 patients in Wales
- Ministerial acceptance of the Sexual Health Review and its recommendations

- Agreement on the All Wales HIV prescribing guidelines

Future plans

- Agreement on the Welsh sexual health service specification and audit tool
- Collaborative working with Public Health Wales to roll out self-testing of gonorrhoea and chlamydia in Wales
- Participation in the development of an All Wales case management system
- Involvement in the review of the VD act in Wales
- Involvement in the development of an All Wales diagnostics strategy
- Working alongside colleagues in SRH to roll out contraception provision into community pharmacies
- Plan to develop all Wales PGDs for sexual health related prescriptions

Rachel Drayton
Branch chair

Wessex branch

No report submitted.

West Midlands branch

No report submitted.

Yorkshire branch

Membership

Dr Amy Mammen-Tobin	Chair
Dr Harriet Wallace	Audit Lead

Objectives

- To promote high standards in sexual health and HIV
- To identify and promote areas of good clinical practice
- To share major initiatives and challenges experienced by different units and provide a forum to discuss key regional and national issues
- To input into and feedback from BASHH CGC meetings
- To co-ordinate regional participation in national audits
- To provide training/education opportunities on topics of sexual health to a multidisciplinary audience

Significant activities

- **PrEP trial** for high risk groups is only partially available within the region and is confined to York (including Harrogate) and Leeds .There are five other clinics (Bradford, Huddersfield, Dewsbury, Wakefield and Hull) within the region, run by community enterprise partnerships, who are unable to provide this service. This highlights the disparity in care for patients within the region. This issue has been raised at regional and national level through BASHH repeatedly.

- **Funding for PEPSE** –funding for PEPSE is provided by NHSE. Non-NHS sexual health clinics have been forced to provide PEPSE from within their pre-existing budgets for the past two years. A local solution has been agreed whereby medication will be provided by local HIV provider.
- Joint BASHH/HIV Network meeting June 2018- good attendance with focus on rising syphilis within region including case of congenital syphilis with perspective from Public Health England
- Dissemination of advice on a range of CG issues
- High level of participation in BASHH and BHIVA national audits

Performance Outputs

- Joint BASHH/HIV Network meeting June 2019 – successful meeting with national and local expert speakers and regional syphilis epidemiology update, excellent feedback received.
- Regional STIF course

Future Plans

- Full day Educational is planned for November 2018 – with a focus on Integrated Sexual Health
- Future meetings for 2019 include- Joint BASHH/HIV Meeting June 2019 and Regional Educational day November 2019

Dr Amy Mammen-Tobin
Chair

Committees with BASHH representation

Joint Specialty Committee for Genitourinary Medicine

Membership

Dr Elizabeth Carlin	<i>Chair of the Committee and BASHH Representative</i>
Dr Mamatha Pocock	BASHH - Trainees Representative
Dr Janet Wilson	BASHH Representative
Professor Jackie Cassell	Faculty of Public Health Representative
Ms Deborah Gaunt	<i>Patient and Carer Network</i>
Mr John Oldham	<i>Patient and Carer Network</i>
Dr Johnny Boylan	RCP Clinical Advisor & Communications Representative
Dr Huw Price	RCP - New Consultants Representative
Dr Gulshan (Cindy) Sethi	RCP Representative
Dr Olwen Williams	RCP Representative and BASHH President (<i>Honorary Secretary of the Committee until January 2018</i>)
Dr Angela Robinson	RCP - Workforce Representative (<i>until January 2018</i>)
Dr Jackie Sherrard	RCP - Workforce Representative (<i>from January 2018</i>)
Dr Margaret Kingston	SAC GUM Co-Chair
Dr Katia Prime	SAC GUM Co-Chair
Dr Nicola Steedman	Scottish Colleges Representative
Professor Jane Dacre	RCP President (<i>ex officio</i>)
Dr Andrew Goddard	RCP Registrar (<i>ex officio</i>)

Objectives

The Joint Specialty Committee (JSC) for Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) acts as an advisory body to the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) on matters concerning sexual health and HIV. It meets twice a year and has a membership drawn from both the RCP and BASHH, including representation from the RCP Patient and Carer Network.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2017/2018

- The Committee met as planned in November 2017 and May 2018 and has ensured that the RCP is fully advised about the issues affecting the specialty, such as workforce planning and training, hepatitis A and B vaccine supply issues, roll-out of human papilloma virus vaccine to men who have sex with men, the HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Impact Trial, and commissioning and tendering of HIV and sexual health services.
- BASHH and the RCP have contributed to successful efforts to stop the inappropriate sharing of identifiable NHS patient information of migrants and thus halt unintended health consequences.
- A second round of recommendations for the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges 'Choosing Wisely' initiative was undertaken during the year, with contributions from the Committee.
- The Committee has also responded to numerous national consultations.

Future Plans

The Committee will continue ensure that issues of importance to the speciality are raised with the RCP, will make constructive contributions to the Health and Social Care Committee's inquiry into sexual health and will provide input to the RCP London 500 year celebrations.

Dr Elizabeth Carlin
Chair of JSC for GUM

Specialist Advisory Committee

Membership

Dr Margaret Kingston	SAC co-Chair and TPD HEE North West
Dr Katia Prime	SAC co-Chair and TPD South London
Dr Andy Williams	SAC Vice-chair and TPD NEC London
Professor Sheona MacLeod	COP Med and Lead Dean for GUM
Dr Ann Boyle	Deputy Lead Dean for GUM
Mr David Crundwell	Lay Representative

Training Programme Directors

Dr Sarah Edwards	Health Education East of England
Dr Sarah Barrett	Health Education West Midlands
Dr Sarah Duncan	Health Education North East
Dr Andrew De-Burgh Thomas	Severn Deanery
Dr Noreen Desmond	Oxford Deanery
Dr Imali Fernando	NHE Education Scotland
Dr Ashini Fox	Health Education East Midlands
Dr Lisa Haddon	Peninsula Deanery
Dr Deborah Kirkham	Trainee representative (England & Wales)
Dr Sheel Patel	Health Education North West London, Dip GUM External assessor & e portfolio lead
Dr Helen Pollit	Trainee Representative (Scotland)
Dr Say Quah	Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency
Dr Sarah Schoeman	Yorkshire & Humber Deanery, CESR & certification lead
Dr Jackie Sherrard	BASHH Representative, Workforce Lead
Dr Shanmuga Sundaram	Wessex Deanery
Dr Debbie Williams	KSS Deanery
Dr Kathir Yoganathan	Wales Deanery

Co-opted Members

Dr Gillian Dilke-Wing	Co-opted (Recruitment Lead, and Deputy Workforce Lead)
Dr Duncan Churchill	Co-opted (Dip HIV Convenor)
Dr Chloe Orkin	Co-opted (Dip HIV External assessor)
Dr Mette Rodgers	Co-opted (Dip GUM Convenor)
Dr Richard Gilson	Co-opted (Academic Lead)
Prof Simon Barton	Co-opted (UEMS Representative)

Curriculum:

Rewriting of GUM curriculum, in line with the new physician training model to meet the GMC's revised standards for curriculum and assessment, continues. The first dually accredited GUM physicians will complete training in 2026. Transition arrangements for existing trainees in programme from 2022 continue to be discussed. The GUM SAC held a curriculum writing meeting after the SAC on 15 June 2018, with input from all GUM TPDs and have represented GUM at the RCP curriculum writing day on 19 December 2017. A second RCP curriculum day is planned on 5 December 2018 to include presentations on how best to meet standards of equality and diversity within curricula.

All specialties will now have to go through a two stage process for their curriculum approval. For stage one, they will now need to gain Strategic Support for their new curriculum from the GMC Curriculum Oversight Group (COG), which is made up of representatives from the four nations; the SAC has written a purpose statement to provide a rationale for its curriculum, which was submitted in August 2018. The COG fed back that it supported the specialty specific outcomes described in the purpose statement, noting the commitments to community care and the broad generalist nature of the proposals as positive aspects. However, they were unable to make an approval decision to any of the September submissions, pending further discussions with JRCPTB around the wider model and the structure of the higher specialty physician training programme as a whole. An outcome is expected by the end of 2018.

Stage two will be the Curriculum Development and approval process. Curriculum approval involves an electronic submission via the secure GMC Connect portal, which will be reviewed for approval by the Curriculum Advisory Group.

GUM recruitment

Specialty recruitment in 2018 has again proved challenging. There was a notable reduction in applicant numbers this year, with just 22 applicants for 37 posts in Round 1, representing a 40% reduction since 2017. Of these applicants, 16 received offers and 13 (81%) accepted these offers, resulting in an overall fill rate of 35%. This is the lowest overall fill rate to date for the specialty for R1, with 24 included NTN's remaining unfilled across England, Scotland and Wales and 7 fewer posts filled compared with 2017. This is the second lowest fill rate of the 24 medical specialties with recruitment co-ordinated by the JRCPTB. The high rate of unique applications (59%) reflects the on-going interest for the specialty amongst those who did apply – only 3 of the 13 Shape of Training Group 1 "unscheduled care" specialties (within which GUM sits) had higher numbers of unique applicants. Similarly, the specialty continues to attract some high-scoring excellent trainees amongst the successful candidates.

Geographically there was a notable decrease in fill rates of the London/KSS vacancies since 2017 (a 49% decrease) compared to a drop of 34% elsewhere. Two LETBs filled all available vacancies and 5 LETBs failed to fill any included post, which includes Scotland and Wales.

For the second round of recruitment there were 21 posts available and just one applicant, who was not a unique applicant. Following discussions between the SAC chairs, the recruitment leads and the recruitment office it was decided that the round should be cancelled, given the associated draw on resources (both interviewer time and financial) associated with running a selection centre, and opportunities for locum work in the specialty for the candidate until the next recruitment round.

The effects of the commissioning changes and resultant trainee career uncertainty on recruitment to GUM have been raised with HEE via the Sexual Health, Reproductive Health and HIV workforce project. Despite these challenges, career opportunities in GUM are good. In 2017, the number of advertised consultant posts exceeded the number of trainees achieving CCT; however this is not widely recognised by other agencies. Avenues for dispelling possible misunderstandings regarding future career opportunities, promoting on-going awareness of the specialty amongst junior doctors, and making training in the specialty more appealing continue to be explored. The possible impact of Shape of Training proposals on GUM recruitment is unclear and remains to be seen.

Dip GUM/Dip HIV:

These diplomas will move to a single diet from 2020 with Dip GUM scheduled to be sat over two consecutive days in December and Dip HIV over two consecutive days in June. For a trainee failing both exams once, the shortest duration between exams would be six months between the Dip GUM re-sit and the Dip HIV. ARCP decision aids will be amended to reflect that Dip GUM can be passed by end of ST5. TPDs will exert local flexibility at ARCP over the time frame for passing these exams in the light of the reduced frequency of diets. Both convenors are currently submitting documents to the GMC to approve the change.

Workforce planning

The co-chairs of the SAC, on behalf of BASHH, attended 5 meetings of the Sexual Health & HIV workforce action planning task & finish group between July 2017 and March 2018, chaired by Professor Selena Gray, Deputy Dean of SW HEE and Lead Dean for cSRH. The 'Improving the delivery of sexual health services: Sexual health, reproductive health and HIV workforce scoping project report' was published in September 2018, by Health Education England, and has been submitted as evidence to Health and Social Care Committee inquiry into sexual health. The following recommendations were made to BASHH & the GUM SAC:

- HEE would support the development of the Advanced Clinical Practitioner (ACP) role in integrated sexual health

The GUM SAC and their specialty workforce leads should:

- Monitor the impact on recruitment in genitourinary medicine and sexual and reproductive healthcare of commissioning decisions by local authorities.
- Map independent training centres to establish the capacity for training in the independent and third sector in this field, e.g. General Medical Council accreditation.
- Review the impact on recruitment and retention of GUM specialty trainees as a result of the introduction of dual GIM/GUM accreditation.
- Consider models for the development and maintenance of specialist HIV inpatient skills in the context of reducing inpatient episodes and consolidation of inpatient services.
- Develop methods to gain and maintain skills in managing HIV as a long-term condition as those currently affected age and the prevalence of multiple co-morbidities increases.
- BASHH should:
 - Review consultant and nursing staff to patient ratio standards in light of changes to service delivery models in sexual health and reproductive health services.
 - Work with the Royal College of General Practitioners and Royal College of Nurses to develop a structured curriculum and skills passport that would support a career pathway for nurses and allied health professionals working in sexual health, reproductive health and HIV, including pathways for those working in primary care, sexual and reproductive health services, abortion care and sexual assault services and associated leadership roles.
 - Explore the development of an e-learning module for healthcare professionals acknowledging the increasing role of peer support and how to use it in the delivery of HIV care.

Other significant activities

The SAC co-chair, Margaret Kingston, gave evidence at an All Party Parliamentary Group on the hugely detrimental impact that the Health & Social Care Act (2012) and subsequent cuts to public health funding have had on sexual health services. She specifically spoke about how these had created such career instability and poor morale that in many areas we are struggling to recruit and retain medical staff. She has also submitted evidence to this effect to the Sexual Health Inquiry; Health & Social Care Committee and is attending a parliamentary briefing for MPs at the House of Commons.

The National GUM taster day, organised by the South London STC, took place at the London Deanery on 23 October 2018. There were 60 attendees of whom the majority were in their FY1, FY2 or CM1 years.

UEMS in Dermatovenereology

Objectives

The future relationship of UK with UEMS post Brexit has been subject of much debate at specialty, BMA and GMC. My aim has been to ensure we enable good communications and collaboration with colleagues in UEMS with regard to training, standards and development of our specialty.

Significant activities

The relationship between venereology and dermatology as well as other specialties such as infectious diseases, urology, andrology and gynaecology has been subject of much interest and debate as the evolution of clinical services evolves in different ways across EU.

Future plans

I will demit my role in 2019 after serving two 4 year terms on UEMS and will handover to a successor at a cathartic time in European politics. I believe absolutely critical we as BASHH continue to influence our specialty across Europe.

Prof Simon Barton

Journals with BASHH representation

International Journal of Sexually transmitted diseases & AIDS

IJSA has continued to expand its published volume in the last year and has increased its Impact Factor. The journal publishes more research papers than any other journal in the STI field and continues to be the major publication for BASHH/European guidelines, BASHH papers as well as case reports and audits from BASHH members. IJSA continues to accept a wide range of papers from all corners of the globe that we hope provide readers with a variety of interesting and clinically useful material. As Editor, I am very grateful to all contributing authors and our esteemed reviewers, as well as to SAGE Publishing for making another successful year possible.

Sexually Transmitted Infections Journal

Sexually Transmitted Infections journal continues to develop as a global journal with distinctive content for its BASHH subscribers. In 2016 there were over 670 submissions, and in the first half of 2017 there were 208 submissions of which 59% were original articles). We now publish online within days of acceptance, and our content is promoted globally and worldwide through our active Twitter and Facebook accounts. Highly accessed articles include a mystery shopper report on access to GU clinics in the UK, an interesting controversy on the relationship between syphilis transmission and HIV antiviral therapies, and many articles from our October 2016 special issue on STI outbreaks. While we enjoy our place at the top of global STI journals impact factors, we continue to prioritise building our clinical and educational content for BASHH members through a dedicated team of UK based clinicians. Sarah Edwards edits and commissions Educational (How To Do It) articles, sometimes adapting research submissions to provide practical lessons and discussions for colleagues. Sophie Herbert has been joined by Emily Chung as authors of our regular "Clinical Roundup" which brings the best of other journals together for our readers. I am constantly grateful for the commitment and dedication of my editorial team, who support our authors to bring their work to the highest standards for publication.

Some of you may have been aware that the post of Editor in Chief was advertised in 2016. BMJ Group publishing was not able at that time to appoint a team able to serve our diverse international and UK based subscribers, from clinicians to policymakers. We made a few changes to our team of editors, some of whom had served for many years, to bring in new blood for the period to the end of 2018. As Editor in Chief I have very much enjoyed staying on to serve the journal in the Centenary Year of the UK's world leading Venereal Disease Regulations which opened the way for the supportive, confidential services. Next year, I will be however standing down in order to meet other obligations. I very much hope that BASHH members with editorial experience will consider applying for this role, alone or with a complementary team. Editing a professional journal is a unique opportunity to serve the wider interests and ambitions of colleagues, and to support colleagues through times of change and uncertainty.

I would like to thank the many BASHH authors who have submitted to the journal, advised on educational material, or acted as reviewers to ensure the relevance of our content to UK readers. I am also grateful for hard work and support from our Deputy Editors (Nicola Low and Gwenda Hughes), and a wider team of Associate Editors who support our authors through peer review and tireless promotion of the research and commentary we publish.