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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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Prizes and programmes

BASHH Undergraduate Prize Winners

**Undergraduate Clinical Prize**

Mickey Chong won this prize for HIV Testing in a Medical School Curriculum

**Undergraduate Research Prize**

Rebecca Marlor won this prize for “Highly sensitive C--‐reactive protein and CD4/CD8 ratio are independently associated with reduced bone mineral density in people living with HIV--‐1 infection”

**Honorary Life Fellowship Lecture**

None

**Cathy Harman**

Dr Claudia Estcourt won this prize for “TheChlamydia Online Clinical Care Pathway:Development, implementation and evaluation of an online remote clinical management service within an eSexual Health Clinic”

**Honorary Life Fellow**

Dr John Green

**Outstanding Achievement Award**

Dr Keith Radcliffe

Scientific programme

**October 2014 – Afternoon Scientific Meeting (OGM): Male Sexual Dysfunction**

* Sexual function problems among men and women in the British population: Evidence from the latest National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles NATSAL3
* Cardiovascular disease and sexual dysfunction
* The use of hormones in sexual dysfunction
* Premature Ejaculation. A Case Presentation - Sexual Health Perspective
* IPM Perspective
* A Psychology Perspective
* A Urology Perspective
* A Physiotherapy Perspective
* Panel Discussion & Questions

**October 2014 - Evening Scientific Meeting (OGM): HIV inpatient care provision and implications for training**

* HIV inpatient care provision and implications for training
* A 'pre-HAART' London consultant
* A 'pre-HAART' non-London consultant
* A 'post-HAART' London consultant
* A 'post-HAART' non-London consultant
* SpR speaker
* Patient representative

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**January 2015 – Afternoon Scientific Meeting (OGM): 4 Nations**

* Setting the Scenery
* Differences in STI epidemiology across UK
* Dr Gwenda Hughes, PHE
* National updates: England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland
* Discussion
* Whose Strategy is it anyway
* Integration, integration, integration
* Doing it together: SRH/GUM co-production
* The impact of CASH/GUM integration on MSM
* Health and Social Care Integration
* Discussion
* Data in, Data out

**January 2015 – Evening Scientific Meeting (OGM): 4 Nations**

* Annual General Meeting
* Community and prevention
* Engaging with faith organisations:
* The Belfast experience
* Reducing teenage pregnancy:
* The Dundee experience
* Lessons learned from the Pan London HIV Prevention Programme:
* The London experience
* Discussion

**March 2015 – Afternoon Scientific Meeting (OGM): ‘Outstanding’ conundrums in sexual health**

* What’s New in NGU?
* CTNG Test of Cure: The evidence so far (Clinical Scientist – Public Health England Sexually Transmitted Bacteria Reference Unit)
* Genital Candida infection
* The way we use azithromycin in the treatment of STIs is good -
* Chlamydia Screening Programme) will debate in favour of the motion
* BASHH General Meeting – Special resolution to the Articles

**March 2015 – Evening Scientific Meeting (OGM): ‘Outstanding’ conundrums in sexual health**

* Results from the PROUD study
* Producing a tool to assess impact and cost-effectiveness of point-ofcare testing for chlamydia.
* What can chlamydia serology tell us about chlamydia and control efforts in England?
* BASHH/PHE Fellowship: creating a novel syphilis PCR
* PLWHIV - findings from Positive Voices.

**June 2015 – Part 1 Scientific Meeting (OGM) Organised by the BASHH HPV Special Interest Group**

* Current status of HPV vaccination for MSM
* Update on the recommendation
* Potential impact and cost-effectiveness of selective HPV vaccination of men who have sex with men via genitourinary medicine clinics
* Monitoring coverage and impact of a targeted HPV vaccination programme in MSM
* Recent developments in cervical screening - impact and influence of immunisation

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**June 2015 – Part 2 Scientific Meeting (OGM) Organised by the BASHH Genital Dermatology Special Interest Group:**

* Case presentation: Perianal psoriasis, dermatitis or ‘psoriasiform’ dermatitis
* Genital skin disease as differential diagnosis of STIs
* Update on Behcet’s disease

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Overview

President’s report

We are pleased to submit the BASHH annual report for the year ended July 2015. The Association’s activities and achievements continue within a well-developed organisational framework.

BASHH has been functioning in a highly politicised external healthcare environment this year, with a UK wide general election, a devolution vote in Scotland and a strategic review of sexual health services in Wales. This second year of implementation of the Health and Social Care Act in England has resulted in changes in commissioning for sexual health, reproductive health and HIV services in England with threats to service delivery and quality evident during early implementation of novel service specifications in some areas. BASHH has intervened to alert central government and local government representative groups such as the Local Government Association when patient experience or audit data indicated risk to safe and effective care. BASHH continues to survey lead clinicians and senior officers had a very busy engagement programme with ministers, shadow ministers and influential parliamentarians to represent concerns about current and future service needs and quality standards.

BASHH has developed cordial working relations with national representative bodies in public health and local government and we hope to take forward joint educational events to improve our understanding of this new working environment. We have enhanced our collaborative work with the Royal College of Physicians in areas of mutual interest, with joint representation to parliamentarians at Party conferences in autumn 2014. We have modernised and expanded our media group with enhanced social media and website activity.

An appendix to the BASHH/MEDFASH Standards for the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections to promote practice standards for outreach services is under development from our Clinical Standards Unit with launch date expected in March 2016.

We have had continuing input into a number of important documents and consultations this year, especially around HPV vaccine for boys and MSM, the accountability mechanisms available to sexual health service commissioners and on the future of medical training. A feasibility study of a national HIV-STI audit programme as part of the Health Quality Improvement Programme led by BASHH in conjunction with BHIVA and MEDFASH was commenced this year. We were invited to contribute to the Chief Medical Officer’s campaign on Antibiotic guardianship and raised awareness of the need to regulate antibiotic prescribing for gonorrhoea via online pharmacies.

Guidance on confidentiality in sexual health, in the new commissioning environment has yet to be formally defined in the Code of Practice for health care records. BASHH, working with sister professional organisations and patient advocacy groups persuaded the Department of Health to issue interim guidance pending a binding legal framework.

Our training modules continue to expand and develop. We had a very successful Spring meeting in Glasgow in June 2015 along with many other high quality educational events across the UK and throughout the year.

We have developed a liaison group of senior officers of BASHH and FRSH to discuss matters of common concern, especially in regard to training requirements for integrated sexual health services.

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In summary, BASHH is continuing to deliver excellent educational and scientific meetings, striving to influence decision makers in local and national government to promote excellence in public health and service standards and contributing to expert groups in Sexual Health and HIV. This spectrum of activity could not be delivered without the energetic and passionate involvement of our members, Officers and Trustees, to whom our thanks are again due.

**Plans for the Future**

During the next year BASHH will continue its normal business but will focus on the following areas:

* BASHH will continue to support members across all the United Kingdom, offering assistance with representation for all four nations to their national governments and key policy makers.
* BASHH will work closely with the Royal College of Physicians, the Association for Directors of Directors of Public Health, Public Health England and other key stakeholders to monitor and evaluate changes in clinical practice, service delivery, workforce training and recruitment consequent to the major funding challenges following transition to local authority commissioning in England.
* BASHH will continue to press for gender neutrality in HPV vaccination, and supporting opportunistic HPV vaccination for young MSM.
* BASHH will develop and expand its STIF portfolio, including new educational material and developing modules for integrated care and health advisers. We will continue to improve access to our educational meetings through rotating some of our national meetings to venues outside London, support regional meetings and work with European colleagues to enhance STI training.
* BASHH, with BHIVA, will complete the feasibility project for a national STI/HIV audit programme for the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership.
* BASHH will continue to work with sister charities and patient advocacy groups to press for legal requirement for confidentiality of healthcare and records of care in sexual health services to be included in the Code of Practice for healthcare providers.

**Dr Jan Clarke**

**President**

Treasurer’s report

**Financial review**

BASHH had a stable financial year and our investment portfolio contributed to an overall positive financial balance. The association increased its investment in administrative support for the delivery of its educational courses and conferences to ensure that these remain of high quality and attractive to attendees. A VAT review was commissioned examining income received from sponsorship which resulted in a small payment to HMRC.

**Principle funding sources**

Income for the charity comes from three principle sources – membership subscriptions, educational meetings and investment income. In view of the charity’s stable financial position, the annual membership fee was not increased in 2015. Our annual scientific conference was held in Glasgow and was financially successful. Other educational meetings were run throughout the year led by the association’s special interest groups and these were generally cost neutral or generated a surplus.

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**Reserves policy**

The Trustees reviewed the reserves policy and renewed its intention to maintain the level of reserves at an amount sufficient for the Association to function for at least two years in the event that it does not receive any further income. This will mitigate the financial risk associated with running large conferences and ensure that BASHH’s existing contractual obligations can be met. The Association also wishes to have sufficient reserves available to respond rapidly when required to commission new sexual health guidelines or standards documents, or respond to external consultations.

**Investment policy**

The investment policy was reviewed by the Trustees with agreement that sufficient funds to allow the association to function for at least one year will be retained in accounts which permit access within a maximum of three months. The balance of reserves is invested after taking professional financial advice and adopting a low to medium risk approach. Investments are currently held in funds split equally between Saracens Investment Managers and St. James Management.

**Plans for future periods**

BASHH plans to continue providing a lead for those delivering sexual health and HIV services, and to promote high quality education and training in this area. During a time of rapid change in sexual health commissioning and the proposed use of different service models, the association has sufficient funds to develop independent high quality guidelines on the management of sexually transmitted infections and the delivery of appropriate clinical services. The annual scientific conference in 2016 will be held in Oxford and planning for this meeting is ongoing.

**Professor Jonathan Ross**

**Treasurer**

**Clinical Governance Committee Review**

**Membership**

Alan Tang Chair

Sophie Brady Secretary

Branch Chairs

Nurse, Health Adviser, SAS and Doctors in Training representatives

Clinical Effectiveness Group

Clinical Standards Unit

National Audit Group Chairs

**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
* Co-ordinate a peer review system as required or in response to a member's request

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**Significant activities**

* During the year, four meetings were held and issues from the Board discussed.
* Spotlight discussions were held during committee meetings focussing on development of services under the new commissioning arrangements. One discussion attempted to address the issue of realignment of clinical relationships after winning or losing competitive tenders.
* The Patient Safety issue with solubility of benzathine penicillin was reported to the MHRA and practical guidance disseminated to all CGC members and on to medical and nursing leads in local services.
* The Vice President gave a presentation on *Six Steps to Successful Tendering* to members of the CGC at the March 2015 meeting.
* Regional reports contributed to intelligence on the outcomes of services post-tendering and innovative approaches to funding services such as integration of health and social care budgets.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* Branch Chairs pledged support for the Halve It Coalition to reduce undiagnosed HIV infection and late presentations by disseminating information for local services on how to collaborate with testing initiatives and representations at local councils to pass motions on increasing availability of HIV testing.
* In response to the BASHH Members’ Survey and at the suggestion of the Education Committee, a Scientific Meeting outside of London was mooted, and it was agreed that the June 2016 meeting would be organised by the Northern Branch and held in Manchester.

**Future plans**

* Integrate the survey functions of the dissolved Clinical Development Group into the work of the CGC and Branches by ensuring that survey design expertise, dissemination and analysis are maintained.
* Accrue intelligence on the impact of the Public Health Grant cut on quality and effectiveness of STI services.
* Action planning from results of the Lead Clinician Survey 2015.

**Dr Alan Tang**

**Chair, Clinical Governance Committee**

**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, taking into account the changing context of healthcare and educational developments, and specifically the demands related to provision of high quality integrated sexual health care across a wide geographical area and range of healthcare settings.

**The Special interest groups (SIGs)**

The SIGsareresponsible for leading on development of educational materials, meetings and training needs analyses within their specialist areas. In the last year the SIGs have provided a range of courses including the microscopy course, genital dermatology course, surgical techniques in GUM course, ABC of Sexual Dysfunction course, the Diplomas in GUM and HIV revision courses and a number of regional STI Foundation courses. An e-knowledge assessment linked to the course has been developed as was piloted in year. The number of GUM nurses and Health Advisors undertaking STIF Competencies are increasing and an integrated course with additional contraceptive competencies is currently being piloted for GUM nurses working in integrated sexual health services.

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Additionally the SIGs contribute to education and training by generating publications and research and reviewing and responding to documents on behalf of BASHH, and developing guidelines and recommendations in collaboration with other BASHH groups and external organisations. These achievements are detailed in individual reports available on the BASHH website.

**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 lectures. Six SIGs (HPV, dermatology, Bacterial, Public Health, HIV, Sexual dysfunction) put together meetings in 2014-15 and the fourth meeting covered sexual health issues in the Four Nations of the UK. These were well attended with excellent evaluation. Recent innovations include the electronic collection of evaluation, and once feedback is submitted online and then the attendance certificate can be downloaded / printed. Podcasts/webcasts of the OGM lectures has continued to facilitate access for those unable to attend in person.

**Other meetings**

The EC oversees Annual Spring Conference and the 2015 in Glasgow attracting 402 delegates, and excellent evaluation. BASHH co-hosted a meeting with IUSTI Europe in Malta in September 2014 which had 60+ BASHH delegates and included BASHH delivering a STIF course to 40 Maltese clinicians.

The annualJoint BASHH /FSRH meeting in January and HIV Masterclass held in Manchester in March were again very successful. Other meetings include the Doctors in training meeting, and the SAS Conference.

**STI & HIV course**

This has now been running for the last 2 years with Modules 1 & 2 in the Spring and modules 3&4 in the Autumn. This appears to be successful with increased delegate numbers and good feedback. At present the reduction in frequency of running the modules does not appear to disadvantaging delegates wishing to sit the DipGUM but this will be kept under review.

**Further EC plans**

The role, membership and terms of reference of the EC has been reviewed to ensure it remains fit for purpose with the strategic aims of coordinating the delivery of education within BASHH and supporting clinicians in maintaining knowledge and expertise to deliver high quality services.

Barcoded membership badges are being introduced in late 2015, which will enable easier logging of attendance at events for CPD purposes. Next year’s BASHH spring meeting will be held in Oxford and preparations are well underway.

The resources committed to the October 2015 scientific meeting have been redirected to support BASHH members attending the joint BASHH / IUSTI Europe meeting in September 2015, reducing the registration fee by €100 for BASHH members. A pilot of running a scientific meeting out of London will take place in Manchester in 2016. The will be a new director of the STI and HIV course from 2016 who will undertake a review of all aspects of the course including structure and content.

**Dr Jackie Sherrard**

**Education Secretary**

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Named groups

**BASHH/Faculty Integrated Information Group**

**Membership**

(*Observers from IT companies in blue)*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Asha Kasliwal (Co-chair) | Faculty |
| Danielle Mercey (Co-chair) | BASHH |
| Paul O’ Brien | Faculty |
| Alyson Elliman | Faculty |
| Lynne Gilbert | Faculty |
| Nathan Acladious | Faculty |
| David Phillips | BASHH |
| Andy Winter | BASHH |
| Anatole Menon-Johansson | BASHH |
| Huw Price | BASHH |
| Andrea Duncan | DH |
| Hamish Mohammed | PHE |
| Lynsey Emmett | PHE/DH |
| Jennifer Thorpe | PHE |
| Natasha Ratna | PHE (SHRAD) |
| Emma Hollis | PHE (CTAD) |
| Nicky Connor | PHE (CTAD) |
| Gwenda Hughes | PHE |
| Stephen Duffell | PHE |
| Alison Brown | PHE (HARS) |
| Cuong Chau | PHE (HARS) |
| Valerie Delpech | PHE |
| Mandy Yung | PHE |
| Iain Galloway | IDCapture |
| Alison Wooderson | CSE |
| Patti Green | Blithe |
| Ed Hulse | Mill System |
| Rebecca Dawes | AXSYS |
| Linda Lewis | Caradata |
| Thiyagarajan Jayaraman | IMS |
| Judith Ellison | HSCIC |
| Lily Bond | HSCIC |
| Catherine Faley | HSCIC |
| Sarah Freeman | HSCIC |
| Susanna Hall | Faculty |

**Objectives:**

* To recommend strategies for IT implementation, data collection and reporting for Sexual Health Services.
* To advise on the type of information to be collected from SH services for the purposes of national audit and public health monitoring
* To respond to relevant consultations affecting service provision and data collection in Sexual Health.
* To liaise between HPA, DH, PHE and other interested parties over information issues to achieve best patient outcomes.

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* To maintain overview of issues pertaining to Information Governance in Sexual Health.
* To receive and respond to queries and concerns from members relating to IT and IG.
* To anticipate problems relating to IT and IG from new legislation or other changes which affect Sexual Health.
* To work towards IT solutions for integration of all Sexual Health Services.
* To disseminate important information to BASHH/Faculty members via organisational websites/newsletters

**Significant activities**

* The Group met on 3 occasions during 2014/15.
* The group has considered matters of relevance to GUM Clinics, SRH clinics and Integrated Services in particular in relation to statutory reporting through SRHAD and SHHAPT coding.
* Members of the group have taken part in meetings with the DoH to produce a guide on confidentiality in Open Access Sexual Health Services, now published.
* We have taken part in discussion regarding the new FGM reporting requirements and secured an assurance that GU services will not have to take part.
* We have helped PHE to map the SHHAPT codes to READ coding.
* We have liaised with PHE re the GUMCAD3 pilots.
* We have advised PHE on proposed changes to CTAD

**Future plans**

To continue to work closely with members of the Faculty, PHE, DH, HSCIC, software providers and others to ensure that we meet our objectives.

**Danielle Mercey**

**Co-chair**

**Clinical Effectiveness Group**

**Membership**

Keith Radcliffe Chair

Darren Cousins

Helen Fifer PHE

Mark FitzGerald

Deepa Grover

Sarah Hardman FSRH representative

Steve Higgins

Margaret Kingston

Michael Rayment

Ann Sullivan

**Objectives**

* To update or produce new national evidence-based guidelines in accordance with a methodology accredited by NICE.
* To produce information for patients based on these guidelines.

**Significant activities**

* In the year 2014/15 the Clinical Effectiveness Group met three times at the Royal Society of Medicine in London: in October 2014, and in February and June 2015.

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**Performance/Outputs**

* STI testing summary document updated and placed on website.
* PHE guidance on detection of gonorrhoea posted on website.
* Updated trichomonas guideline published (Sherrarad J et al. *IJSA* 2014; **25:**541-9*.)*
* Sexual history guideline published (Brooke G et al. *IJSA* 2014; **25:**391-404***.****)*
* Guideline on vulval conditions updatedand published on the BASHH website.
* Guideline on molluscum contagiosum updated and published on the website.
* Having discussed the issue of updating guideline on pelvic pain the decision was made to weblink from the guidelines page to an excellent document produced by Prostate Cancer UK.
* Guideline on NGU updated and published on website (*IJSA* 2014; **25:** 979-983*.)*
* Guideline on management of genital herpes in pregnancy produced in conjunction with the RCOG and published on the RCOG website.
* The methodology framework for guideline production by the CEG was re-written.
* G4S national standard of clarity of information for the public (i.e patients) was obtained for the first time for the patient information produced by the CEG.
* An application was supported by BASHH to provide £30,000 per annum to fund support by professional researchers to writing groups producing or updating complex guidelines.
* The updated guideline on NGU was published online in the *IJSA* (22 May 2015).
* The CEG continues to regularly liaise with the following groups:
  + BNF
  + BASHH Audit Group
  + BHIVA Audit Group
  + NICE
  + FSRH Clinical Effectiveness Unit
  + RCP Clinical Effectiveness Forum

**Future plans**

* To complete development of an app for mobile platforms allowing access to key information in the national guidelines.
* To work more closely with the BASHH Public Panel in order to obtain greater public/patient involvement in production of guidelines in accordance with guidance from NICE.
* To successfully obtain re-accreditation by NICE for our national guidelines.
* To develop a system of effective management of professional researchers to support production of complex guidelines.
* To complete the production of a completely new guideline on the sexual health of MSM.
* To complete updating of the following guidelines:
  + PEPSE
  + Genital warts
  + Chlamydia
  + Pediculosis pubis
  + Balanitis
  + Scabies
  + Genital herpes
  + Hepatitis
  + SARA
  + Candida
  + Gonorrhoea
  + Syphilis

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* + STI in young people
  + Donovanosis
  + Pelvic infection
  + Epididymo-orchitis
* To produce, in collaboration with BHIVA, a new guideline on pre-exposure prophylaxis against HIV.
* To continue to produce patient information linked to all updated/newly produced guidelines.

**Dr Keith Radcliffe**

**Chair**

**Clinical Standards Unit (CSU)**

**Membership:**

The CSU is chaired by a senior clinician appointed by the BASHH President. Members include Fellows appointed by the Board and representatives from health advisers, nurses, clinical effectiveness group, national audit group, faculty of sexual and reproductive health, national Chlamydia screening programme, education committee, clinical governance committee, doctors in training and Scotland. The Chair nominates a Secretary from within the group. The CSU reports to the Clinical Governance Committee as well as the Board.

**Objectives:**

1. Firm up the Quality Measures and Quality Standards by providing more evidence to underpin each measure, and not solely base them on expert opinion.
2. Align these measures with individual clinician’s performance indicators for Revalidation.
3. Align these measures with the National Audit Group programme.
4. Include PROMs and PREMs as measures of quality and patient satisfaction.
5. Collaborate with the national Health Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) programme.
6. Monitor consistency with developments in BASHH clinical guidelines being revised by the Clinical Effectiveness Group (CEG).

**Significant activities**

* The Standards for STI Outreach Services Project working group was convened and work to draft these standards commenced in December 2014.
* A professional medical writer was appointed as project support and met with the whole project group on 18 September 2015.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* Recruitment of potential Chair progressed slowly through the year with dialogue and information sharing.
* Appointment of Dr Orla McQuillan as Project Lead for the STI Outreach Standards working group.

**Future plans**

* Consultation phase of the Standards for STI Outreach Services in January 2016.
* Completion of final version of the Standards for STI Outreach Services for publication in March 2016.
* Confirmation of members of the CSU to begin on a third revision of the Standards.

**Alan Tang**

**Interim Chair**

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**Media Group**

**Membership**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Peter Greenhouse - Chair  Mark Lawton - Chair-elect  Mags Portman - Secretary-elect  Simon Barton  Elizabeth Carlin  Jan Clarke  Claudia Estcourt  Stuart Flanagan  Colm O'Mahony  Rak Nandwani | Mark Pakianathan  Keith Radcliffe  Angela Robinson  Karen Rogstad  Liat Sarner  Verity Sullivan  Steve Taylor  Helen Ward  Olwen Williams  Janet Wilson |

**Objectives:**

* To provide suitable information to the public and healthcare professionals in an appropriate and engaging way.
* To establish BASHH as the ‘go-to’ organisation for media requests relating to sexual health.
* To keep sexual health on the agenda by engaging with traditional and social media, responding to relevant publications and policies, and providing articles and interviews where appropriate.

**Significant activities**

* Ongoing media work regarding topical sexual health issues, sexual health promotion, public health budgets, and other media opportunities.
* Continued media output relating to HPV vaccination for boys and MSM, including an article in The Guardian.
* Media output in response to PROUD study results and supporting PrEP.
* Coverage regarding concerns about online pharmacy treatment of STIs including 30 minute segment on BBC Radio 5 Live’s ‘5 Live Investigates’ programme.
* There has been a particular focus on strengthening the twitter activity from BASHH and we now have 3000 followers.
* BASHH media group training was held in March 2015, facilitated by Jeremy Laurance, former health editor at The Independent.

**Future plans**

* Provide a resource for BASHH to communicate sexual health messages and information to the public and healthcare community.
* To keep sexual health on the agenda and extend the progress made in becoming the ‘go-to’ organisation for sexual health matters.
* Expand BASHH’s social media activities in conjunction with the Web Team.

A very successful year of media output on behalf of BASHH, with good support from Munro & Forster, during which a framework of key media contacts have been established that will help with onward activity.

Shortly after the 2014-15 year end Peter Greenhouse announced his intention to step down from his position as Chair of the Media Group. We would like to thank Peter for his tireless work for BASHH and recognise his huge contribution to the media group, his many successes and the generous sharing of his invaluable skills.

**Dr Mark Lawton**

**Chair**

**(succeeding Peter Greenhouse)**

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**National Audit Group**

**Membership**

Ann Sullivan Chair

Hugo McClean Vice Chair

Vanessa Apea Honorary secretary

AnatoleMenon-Johansson Director of Development

**NAG Aims:**

* 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
* Provision of Questionnaire proformas for use as audit tools for the common genito-urinary conditions, using the clinical guidelines of the CEG as the standard of care

**Significant activities**

* Annual BASHH audit: 2015 Audit of the management of under 16s attending sexual health services. Clinical level reports have been circulated and results presented at the 2015 BASHH Conference.
* Support of ongoing HQIP feasibility study, including feedback from NAG on topic prioritisation
* Secured financial support from the Board to obtain expert audit support to co-ordinate and enhance the National audit programme, and provide the administrative support for NAG meetings. Currently provided by Hilary Curtis
* Setting BASHH CEG Guidelines’ auditable outcomes
* Collaborative working with NCSP
* Working with Helen Bailey to develop a tool to collect individual level audit data for revalidation
* Collaborating with a number of stakeholders to produce HIV PN standards, and with Mike Rayment to develop an online data tool (funding agreed by Board)

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* Audit presentation by Emma Street at BASHH Conference
* Final drafts of HIV PN outcomes and standards document and HIV PN audit paper

**Future plans**

* Provision of the BASHH 2016 National audit
* Ongoing work with MedFASH, BHIVA, PHE and HQIP to report the feasibility study and develop a new National HQIP audit
* Work led by Hilary Curtis to confirm accurate list and contact details for all level 3 UK services

**Ann Sullivan**

**Chair**

**Prison Subgroup**

**Membership**

Network of BASHH members who provide sexual health and/or HIV services to prisons

**Objectives:**

* Develop national quality standards for STI, HIV and BBV management in prisons in conjunction with Clinical Standards Unit and partners in related organisations.

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* Participate in Sexual Health in Prisons Network established by Dr Eamonn O’Moore, Director of Health and Justice in Public Health England.

**Significant activities**

* Alan Tang attended some meetings of the Health and Justice Clinical Reference Group of NHS England until June 2015, when his term of office ended.
* Alan Tang continued his role within the Blood Borne Virus Opt Out Testing Task and Finish Group to advise on the launch and monitoring of this Public Health England programme to increase HIV and Hepatitis testing among prisoners.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2013/14**

* The penultimate draft of paper on HIV health care survey by Jackie Sherrard, Alan Tang and Mark Pakianathan was handed over to Stephen Kegg for completion and submission.

**Future plans**

* Recruit a new national lead and active members to the Group
* Stay active in the Sexual Health in Prisons Network.
* Submit paper for publication.

**Alan Tang**

**Outgoing National Lead**

**Public Health Group**

**Membership**

Gavin Dabrera Co-chair

Shamela de Silva Co-chair

Jackie Cassell Advisory panel

Gwenda Hughes Advisory panel

Helen Ward Advisory panel

Shamela de Silva Secretary

**Objectives**

* To support BASHH and its members in engaging with the public health agenda, providing leadership, advocacy and advice.
* Works with the Education committee to ensure appropriate delivery of public health training in the specialty, and to make recommendations for the agendas and content of general meetings and conferences.

**Significant activities**

* Developing a Public Health course for senior GU physicians- due to the commissioning changes in the speciality, and to align with BASHH meetings , this has been adapted to become a symposium at the annual BASHH conference in 2016

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* BASHH column (S de Silva, G Dabrera, H Ward: ‘The BASHH Public Health Special Interest Group’ Sex Transm Infect 2014;90:2 doi:10.1136/sextrans-2013-051260)
* BASHH OGM 2014

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**Future plans**

* Helen Ward will be stepping down as Chair due to work commitments and Gavin Dabrera and Shamela de Silva will co-chair the group.
* Suggestions for future educational meetings and activities would be welcome.

**Shamela de Silva**

**Co-chair and Secretary**

**Public Panel**

**Membership**

Jan Clarke Chair

David Crundwell Lay member

Sarah Dawe Lay member

Gautan Kambhampate Lay member

Emily Mason Lay member

Jamie Ross Lay member

Nick Batley Sexpression representative

Pippa James Sexpression representative

Michelle Ross Clinic Q, 56 Dean Street

Colum McGuire NUS representative

Paul Casey fpa representative

Marian Nicholson Herpes Viruses Association

Garry Brough THT representative

Verity Sullivan BASHH Web team/social media rep

Beverley Spencer Health Adviser

James Drysdale Nurse/Health Adviser

Steve Higgins CEG Representative

Martyn Wood Webmaster

**Objectives**

The aim of the Public Panel is to promote a positive and proactive approach to Patient and Public Involvement across BASHH and to ensure that Patient and Public Involvement is a key feature within all BASHH’s activities and incorporated into all BASHH strategies.

**Significant activities**

The key roles and activities of the panel within this year included:

* Reviewing public material produced by BASHH – not only paper leaflets, but all electronic forms of information.
  + Leaflets and guidelines on hepatitis, Chlamydia, NGU, and herpes were discussed.
  + Lay assessment of the updated BASHH document “Standards for the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections for outreach services” was provided.
  + Working with Martyn Wood, BASHH webmaster discussed further developments of the website with improved signposting round the site to leaflets for downloading.
  + The panel discussed the further development of the HQUIP sexual health audit bid
  + Recommendations about supporting and maintaining a common list of sexual health and GUM clinics, either through BASHH or via NHS Choices or other organisations have been passed to the Board. The group also discussed communication with patients of their results, and suggested a common national template for texts.

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* + Members were encouraged to contribute to the APPG SRH Accountability enquiry.
  + Members also received requests for lay members from a variety of research projects and standing committees, including the HQUIP National HIV/STI Clinical Audit Feasibility Study.

Meetings were held in November 2014 and March and June 2015. Future meetings will be planned alongside the workstream of the Clinical effectiveness Group to ensure CEG products are considered in a timely way, and we utilise the valuable time of our lay members most effectively.

This marks the last PPE report I make as Chair. My thanks to all lay members who made the time to attend and contribute so effectively. In August 2015 I hand over to Craig Tipple and wish him and the group well for the future.

**Dr Jan Clarke**

**Chair, Public Panel**

**Revalidation group**

**Membership**

Dr Immy Ahmed-Jushuf

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 2014/15**

* The RCP specialty advisers met on 2 occasions during 2015.
* Proposals for developing specialty specific outcomes framework being developed.
* BASHH Board nominated Dr Janet D Wilson to help support the outcomes development group.

**Future plans**

* It is expected that a limited number of specialty specific outcomes will be developed for validation during 2016.

**Dr Immy Ahmed**

**Revalidation adviser in genitourinary medicine**

Sexual health advisor group

**Objectives**

* To promote and encourage Sexual Health Advisers joining BASHH and to promote their BASHH. To promote and encourage the inclusion of Sexual Health Advisers in SIG, committees, Guideline Working groups etc

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**Significant activities**

* There have been 3 very successful STIF courses run with BASHH Health Adviser involvement in 14/15 (2 in Malta and 1 in Spain)
* BASHH/SSHA STIF Health Adviser competencies are due to start being trialled at a number of GU clinics
* Sexual Health Advisers given reduced delegate fees to encourage attendance. at BASHH national yearly conference
* Eligibility for Sexual Health Advisers to apply for a Conference Scholarship by being the first author of the accepted abstract (either oral or poster presentation)

**Future plans**

* Health Adviser rep to BASHH Board will be Jonathan Roberts from 2016 who will continue our aims.
* SSHA/BASHH will be rolling out national “complex” coding programme in 2016. This is aimed at capturing the complex work of Sexual Health Advisers in GU clinics and will be audited in 2017.

**Ceri Evans**

**Senior Sexual Health Advisor**

Web team

**Membership**

Dr Martyn Wood Chair

Dr Nick Theobald

Dr Kaveh Manavi

Dr Alan Tang

Dr Selina Singh

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.
* Increase the use of Branch website areas to increase engagement with local branch activities.
* Enhance channels of communication with BASHH members using website members area and social media

**Significant activities:**

* STIF website has gone live
* Increased use of On-Line registration and payment for BASHH events
* Social Media policy / declaration developed – New BASHH tweeters signed up

**Future plans**

* Website Re-brand and optimisation for mobile and tablet devices
* Improved members only website area
* Working with public panel to provide high quality information for the public
* Working with Clinical guidelines group to develop a guidelines “app” for smartphones and tablets.

**Dr Martyn Wood**

**Chair**

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Special interest groups (SIGs)

**Adolescent and Sexual Violence groups**

**Membership**

Dr Dawn Wilkinson Chair

Dr Sophie Forsyth Secretary

Dr Kimberley Forbes Co-ordinator for external consultations

Dr Laura Mitchell Treasurer/ Educational events coordinator

Dr Jane Ashby Web co-ordinator

Dr Ellen Dwyer Trainee Representative

Dr Selena Singh Trainee Representative

***Members:***

Dr Karen Rogstad

Dr Katia Prime

Dr Ceri Slater

Dr Rebecca Adlington

Dr Elizabeth Hamlyn

Dr Alan Tang

Dr Angela Robinson

Dr Laura Mitchell

Dr Sarah Edwards

Dr Fiona Fargie

Dr Rita Browne

**Sexual violence Subgroup**:

Dr Rachel Sacks Chair

Dr Daniela Brawley Secretary

Dr Rachel Caswell Trainee Representative

Dr Michelle Carroll FFLM representative

***Members:***

Dr Charlotte Cohen

Dr Katherine Coyne

Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan

Christine Donohue

Dr Carol Emerson

Dr Praveen Jayadeva,

Dr Emma McCarty

Dr Ali Mears

Dr Rimi Shah,

Dr Kate Shardlow

Dr Deborah Wardle

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**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. The Sexual Violence subgroup consists of clinicians working in GUM, HIV, SRH, GP practices and an FFLM representative, with interests in issues related to sexual violence.

We meet quarterly for our separate and joint meetings, 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 and sexual violence.

Over the past year we have continued to focus on addressing the needs of those working in related fields in managing patients disclosing a history of sexual violence (SV) with a particular focus on management of domestic abuse and safeguarding children and young people from child sexual exploitation.

**Significant activities**

* Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse, Launched May 2015 [2nd edition] with input from BASHH ASIG members on the STI working group. Includes chapter on STIs as a marker of abuse and section in Good Practice chapter on testing for STIs. Poster submitted to World Conference on HIV and STIs, Brisbane September 2015, with ASIG involvement acknowledged.
* Spotting the Signs outputs:
  + Poster presented at the International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare, April 2015 *Development of a Tool to Detect Child Sexual Exploitation* K Rogstad, G Johnston, S Forsyth, D. Wilkinson, L. Mitchell R Adlington, Z Cameron, A Elliman , C Manchester on behalf of the Spotting the Signs Task Board and Working Group BASHH Adolescent Special Interest Group, Brook, Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare and Royal College of General Practitioners
  + Incorporated into the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AMROC) report *Child Sexual Exploitation: Improving Recognition and Response in Heath Settings September 2014*
  + RCP guidance for physicians on the detection of child sexual exploitation: Karen Rogstad, Dawn Wilkinson and Sophie Forsyth This is a practical resource intended to support physicians to recognise potential cases of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and seek support to protect vulnerable children and young people. <https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/update/new-guidance-physicians-help-tackle-child-sexual-exploitation>
  + Brook e-learning Tool Combating CSE: an online learning tool for health professionals <http://cse.brook.org.uk/story.html> (Karen Rogstad on Advisory Board)
  + Highly Commended Poster at the RCGP Annual Conference 2015 Glasgow conference October 2015. Spotting the Signs: Authors Rogstad KE, Wilkinson D, Adlington R, Forsyth S, Cameron Z, Manchester C, Elliman A, Johnston G.
  + Article for Clinical Medicine on Adolescent Health on behalf of the RCP Young Adults and Adolescent Health (Sophie Forsyth / Karen Rogstad)
* BASHH Spring Conference, Glasgow invited speaker on Domestic Abuse Dr Rachel Sacks [June 2015]

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* Chapter written for the ABC of Domestic and Sexual Violence [2014]; Dr Mears
* Response to consultation on impact and cost-effectiveness of a targeted programme of vaccinating MSM, in GU and HIV clinics (ASIG and SV groups) [Nov 14]
* BASHH ASIG Response to Home Office consultation on FGM mandatory reporting duty; coordinated by Kimberley Forbes [Jan 2015]

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* ASIG input on BASHH NAG 2015 National re-audit of the management of under 16s (13 – 15 year olds) attending sexual health services [May 2015]
* BASHH / HPE fellowship study led by Chris Ward on GC, CT and TV as markers of child sexual exploitation. ASIG member network used as resource for clinical data collection. Study presented as oral at BASHH Spring Meeting, Glasgow June 2015 and abstract submitted to World Conference on HIV and STIs, Brisbane September 2015
* E-learning Module for RCPCH Healthy Child e-learning programme on behalf of YAASG Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections AH\_09\_004 (Karen Rogstad) <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/HCP0-18> http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/system/files/protected/education/HCP-0-18-curriculum.pdf
* SV Group response to NICE domestic violence quality standard consultation [July 2015]
* Invited speaker on Domestic Abuse at the following centres: Mortimer Market Clinic, Croydon University Hospitals, CNWL Trust; Dr Rachel Sacks [Aug 2015]
* BASHH ASIG stakeholder response August 2015 - NICE Call for evidence on Harmful sexual behaviour among children and young people [coordinated by Kimberley Forbes] <http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/GID-PHG66/consultation/harmful-sexual-behaviour-among-children-and-young-people-call-for-evidence-2>
* SV group response to BASHH CEG Sexual Assault Patient information leaflet

**Attendance at Events**

* Barnardo’s, NatCen and UCL Seminar on Boys, young men and sexual exploitation November 2014 (Dr Karen Rogstad). professional workshop discussion to take forward ways of working with boys and young men: research and policy implications [www.barnardos.org.uk/what\_we\_do/our\_work/sexual\_exploitation/sexual\_exploitation\_of\_boys\_and\_young\_men.htm](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/what_we_do/our_work/sexual_exploitation/sexual_exploitation_of_boys_and_young_men.htm)
* PROTECT stakeholder workshop, [February 2015]: PROTECT team have conducted research to inform the NHS response to human trafficking. Workshop used the expertise of frontline health professionals and other key stakeholders to inform the future development of training materials for the NHS [Dr Karen Rogstad]
* DoH Launch: Brook e-learning Tool Combating CSE: an online learning tool for health professionals <http://cse.brook.org.uk/story.html> March 2015 [Dr Dawn Wilkinson]
* RCPCH launch of Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse, May 2015 [Dr Karen Rogstad]
* Attendance at launch of the young people’s Petal FGM Web app <http://petals.coventry.ac.uk/>; Dr Ellen Dywer [July 2015]
* Attendance at Forced Marriage Event UCL, Dr Rachel Sacks [July 2015]
* Facilitated workshop at the ASM of the British Association for Community Child Health on ‘The role of STI investigations in child protection’, Leeds. Dr Michelle Carroll [Sept 2015]
* Women's Aid and Public Health England roundtable on ‘Supporting survivors of domestic abuse within sexual and reproductive health services’ – Dr Rachel Sacks [Oct 2015]

**Future plans**

* SV subgroup - Writing up the national survey of facilities for complainants of Sexual Assault for IJSA in final draft by Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan
* ASIG - Updating the BASHH guidance on the Management of STIs in children and young people 2010 – supported by BASHH CEG
* SV subgroup - Writing national document on how to implement Domestic Abuse enquiry in GU services in final draft stage
* Child Sexual Exploitation: A primary care perspective” for Clinical Focus [ in progress] [Dr Jane Ashby]
* SV Subgroup – Dr Rachel Sacks commissioned to write an STI journal editorial on Domestic abuse

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* ASIG/SV group Collaborative project on FGM – in planning stages
* ASIG group working towards their OGM (joint with HSV SIG) [June 2016]
* SV group working towards their OGM (joint with Sexual Function SIG) [Oct 2016]
* ASIG group working towards half day refresher on safeguarding procedures with a focus on CSE [Oct 2016]
* SV group to update the BASHH Sexual Assault document

**Dr Dawn Wilkinson and Dr Rachel Sacks**

**Chair of ASIG and SV Groups**

**Bacterial group**

**Core Group**

Cathy Ison London, Chair

Frances Keane Truro, Secretary

S. Uthayakumar London, Microscopy course coordinator

Sarah Alexander London, Joint webmaster

Suneeta Soni Brighton, Joint webmaster

Michael Perry Cardiff, OGM organiser

Treasurer post is vacant

**General Membership**

Elizabeth Claydon Barnstaple

Rachel Drayton Cardiff

Kirstine Eastick Edinburgh

Helen Fifer London

Justin Gaffney London

Phil Hay London

Paddy Horner Bristol

Bavithra Nathan London

Achyuta Nori London

Nigel O’ Farrell London

Sheel Patel London

Tariq Sadiq London

Amanda Samarawickrama London

John Saunders London

**Resignations**

Catherine Lowndes 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**

* The BSIG organised its annual OGM on Friday 13th March 2015 which was held at the King’s Fund.
* The BSIG organised two microscopy courses on 11th October 2014 and 16th May 2015.
* Development of an APP to replace the DVD on Microscopy of STIs is being progressed
* Sales of the DVD on Microscopy of STIs continued.
* Collection of specimens and testing for the feasibility study to determine the time taken for NAATs tests to become negative following treatment for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in men and women was completed.
* The BSIG website was updated.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* The BSIG organised the March OGM led and chaired by Michael Perry on the theme ‘Outstanding conundrums in Sexual Health’ which was very well attended and received excellent feedback. There were three talks given by
  + Dr Jørgen Jensen, Statens Serum Institut, Copenhagen, Denmark: What’s New in NGU?
  + Dr Sarah Alexander, Public Health England, London: CTNG Test of Cure: The evidence so far.
  + Dr Elizabeth Johnson, Public Health England, Cardiff: Genital *Candida* infection.
  + There was also a debate on ‘The way we use azithromycin in the treatment of STIs is good’ where Dr John Saunders (Public Health England, London) spoke for the motion and Dr Paddy Horner (University of Bristol) spoke against.
* Two Microscopy courses were held during 2014-15 led by Dr S. Uthayakumar and Dr Elizabeth Claydon and continue to be oversubscribed and well received. The content of the course continues to be updated in response to feedback.
* A request for provision of services to develop a mobile APP to replace the DVD on Microscopy of STIs was prepared by Dr Frances Keane and Prof Cathy Ison and circulated to three companies. Following a short listing process two of the companies presented their proposals to a full meeting of the BSIG in March 2015. After independent scoring and further consideration a business plan has been prepared and sent for approval to the board.
* Data from the Research project has been collated in preparation for publication.

**Future plans**

* Plans for programme for the March 2016 OGM are is being led by Michael Perry.
* The Microscopy course is planned for October 2015 and May 2016.
* It is planned to produce a mobile APP on Microscopy of STIs, depending on approval by the BASHH board.
* Dr Tariq Sadiq and Dr Helen Fifer will take the lead on revision of the Management guidelines for gonorrhoea.
* Completion of manuscript to be submitted for publication on Time to test of cure.
* Further development of the website will be undertaken by Dr Suneeta Soni

**Professor Cathy Ison**

**BSIG Chair**

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**Clinical Development Group**

**(Previously known as British Collaborative Clinical Group)**

**Membership**

Dr Phil Kell Chair

Dr Uday Joshi Secretary

The Members are from various regions all across the UK including Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. They liaise with clinical leads in their respective regions through elected members of the regional branches of BASHH CCG.

**Objectives:**

To investigate areas of current interest in clinical practice. This is done by questionnaires which are distributed through a network of regional representatives (see list above). The results of these questionnaires are then published.

**Significant activities:**

One meeting was held during the year. This coincided with the Spring OGM. These meetings were less well attended than in previous years the reason being given pressure of the clinical services.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* *How and Why do we do Testicular Ultrasounds?: A National Clinical Development Group Survey of Genitourinary Medicine Clinics*

Phillips M, Joshi U, Kell P, Goorney B On Behalf of the Clinical Development Group

**Poster Presentation BASHH Spring Meeting 2014**

* *A national survey of nurse led and delivered services within sexual Health across United Kingdom*

H Wiggins1, P Kell2, U Joshi3, S Rajamanoharan1 and British Collaborative Clinical Group. International Journal of STD & AIDS 0(0) 1–4

**Future plans**

The group has been subsumed with Clinical effectiveness Group.

**Dr Uday Joshi**

**Secretary**

**Doctors in Training**

**Membership**

Anna Hartley Doctors in Training representative to the BASHH Board

Emily Clarke Doctors in Training representative to the Education committee

Helen Wiggins Chair of BASHH T-CARQ

**Objectives**

* To represent GUM junior doctors within BASHH, with representatives to the Board, Education Committee and other special interest groups
* To deliver additional education and training resources to GUM trainees
* To facilitate communication of training issues to GUM trainees around the UK

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**Significant activities**

* *Doctors in Training Workshop*
  + This one day workshop was held in Glasgow prior to the BASHH spring conference and was attended by 30 GUM specialist registrars and 3 speciality doctors
  + There was a variety of talks delivered by experts in the fields of HIV and GUM as well as a training update, with a networking dinner held in the evening
  + The day received excellent feedback from trainees
* *BASHH Trainees’ Collaborative for Audit, Research & Quality Improvement (T-CARQ)*
  + The idea for this collaborative was proposed to the BASHH Doctors in Training Group by Helen Wiggins, East of England trainee, and has since been launched as a subgroup of the Doctors in Training Group. The aim is to provide a portal where GUM trainees can work together to design, lead and complete multi-centre research, audit and quality improvement projects.
  + The first project, a study of how the tendering of sexual health services has affected GUM trainees, is in process.
* *Shape of Training*
  + The Doctors in Training Group coordinated feedback from GUM trainees regarding the proposed changes to the internal medicine curriculum. This helped guide the BASHH and GUM Specialist Advisory Committee’s response to the JRCPTB.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/2015**

* Doctors in Training workshop 31st May 2015
* Launch of BASHH T-CARQ

**Future plans**

* To organise a Doctors in Training workshop in July 2016, prior to the BASHH spring conference
* To improve the communication between the Doctors in Training Group and trainees, via social media and the BASHH website
* To further develop BASHH T-CARQ, completing and presenting the tendering study and delivering further projects
* To improve the awareness of GUM as an excellent training option for junior doctors via various means eg. Royal College of Physicians careers day, increased use of social media
* To ensure trainees and training issues continue to be well-represented within BASHH

**Anna Hartley**

**Doctors in Training Representative**

**Genital dermatology group**

**Membership:**

Dr P N Sashidharan Chair

Dr Christine Bates Secretary

Dr Serish Basvaraj Treasurer

Dr Imali Fernando Web representative

Dr Sarah Edwards

Dr Gill Pritchard

Dr Deepa Bansal

Dr Anna Hartley Trainee Representative

Dr Martina Toby New member

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**Activities in current year**

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| **Educational event** | **Date** | **Target audience** | **Evaluation / feedback** |
| BASHH Scientific Meeting  **NB:** Programme attached  No of sponsors: 2  …………………………………………  5th Genital Dermatology Course  NB: Programme & Feedback attached  No of sponsors: 6 | 12 June 2015, RSM, London  ………………………  16 October 2015  RCN, London | Consultants, specialty trainees, SAS doctors and clinical nurse’s specialists in Genitourinary Medicine, Sexual Health & Sexual & Reproductive Health  ……………………..  Consultants, specialty trainees, SAS doctors and clinical nurse’s specialists in Genitourinary Medicine /Sexual & Reproductive Health, Dermatology & Gynaecology and GP’s | Excellent  Structure: 3.8/5  Speakers:  Dr P N Sashidharan: 3.35/5  Dr Atef Markos: 2.81/5  Prof. Farida Fortune: 3.26/5  ………………………..  Excellent feedback received: Overall score from feedback received from **108 delegates**= **4.08/5**  10 % discount was offered to trainees and nurses  **NB:** Course income-  Approx: **£ 9,000** (TBC) |

**Other activities in current year**

* **Guidelines on Molluscum** Published -Authors: Dr Imali Fernando, Dr Jill PritchardDr Sarah Edwards
* **Guidelines on Scabies** submitted – Authors: Dr P N Sashidharan, Dr Serish Basavaraj; Dr.Christine Bates
* (UK national guideline for the management of Genital Molluscum in adults, 2014
* Clinical Effectiveness Group, BASHH-Imali Fernando1, Jill Pritchard2, Sarah K Edwards3 and
* Deepa Grover. J STD AIDS OnlineFirst, published on October 19, 2014 as doi:10.1177/0956462414554435
* Dr Imali Fernando to update the SIG web page
* **A trainee survey** (Dr Anna Hartley, Dr PN Sashidharan, Dr Christine Bates) was conducted to determine whether the current training in Genital dermatology is adequate and if not, how it could be suitably modified.
  + The findings were published as a **Poster** at the BASHH spring Meeting, Glasgow, 1-3 June 2015 (Survey of genital dermatology training amongst genitourinary medicine specialist registrars. Anna Hartley, Christine Bates, & PN Sashidharan)
  + As on line **article Article in IJSTD** (Survey of genitourinary medicine specialist registrars in the United Kingdom regarding genital dermatology training. A Hartley A Hartley,Christine M Bates , P N Sashidharan P N Sashidharan. International Journal of STD & AIDS 2015 September 21.; DOI: 10.1177/0956462415604548)

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* **Annual General Body Meeting** was held on 20 11 15 in Edith Cavell Room at the Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London. 8 out of 10 SIG Members attended. It was decided to have teleconferencing at the next Meeting in 2016

**Future plans**

* To continue to deliver the Primary Genital Dermatology Course
* Decided to have the 6th Genital Dermatology Course in Oct 2016
* To organise a Genital Dermatology **PLUS** course in June 2016, for those who have attended the Genital Dermatology Primary Course-to cover topics in Genital Dermatology that could not be included in the Primary Course.
* To conduct a survey on genital dermatology service delivery and training in the current commissioning climate
* Guidelines on Pediculosis Pubis
* Guidelines on Balanitis
* To publish an article depicting the advantages of having a Genital dermatology service in Sexual & Reproductive Health clinics
* To submit a proposal to BASHH Finance Committee regarding use of some of the surplus money from the course for the benefit of the SIG-e.g buying a laptop.

**Dr P N Sashidharan**

**Chair**

**HIV & Blood Borne Virus Group**

**Chair** Laura Waters, Central & North West London NHS Foundation Trust

**Treasurer** Fiona Burns, Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust

**Secretary** Simon Edwards, Central & North West London NHS Foundation Trust

**Members** As per website

**Objectives**

* Provision of CPD related to HIV and other blood borne viruses to BASHH members
* To provide comment on pertinent national guidelines
* To provide representation at meetings reviewing guidelines & drugs relevant to BBV of interest to the BASHH membership

**Significant activities**

***Meetings***

* Joint BHIVA/BASHH One-day Revision Course for the Diploma in HIV Medicine, September 2014 and February 2015
* BASHH OGM January 2015 on the future of HIV inpatient care
* BASHH HIV Masterclass, Manchester, March 2015

***BASHH response to consultation documents***

* Several hepatitis C drug consultations
* BHIVA malignancy guidelines
* BHIVA OI guidelines
* NHSE cobicistat guidelines

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***BASHH representation at meetings/committees***

* BHIVA conferences sub-committee
* BASHH education committee
* HIV CRG

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* Updated HIV window period guidance
* Contribution to numerous national consultation documents
* Joint work with BHIVA to comment on new HCV drugs
* Excellent feedback from Masterclass and significant profit 2014
* Article in STI on the SIGs activity including a plea for ideas (yielding one response)

**Future plans**

* IUSTI OGM September 2015
* To continue the successful Masterclass meetings and continue to make these free for BASHH members to attend
* To work with BHIVA to increase CPD focused on general medical issues of interest to the BASHH
* To lead the update to the 2007 BASHH/BHIVA/FSRH guidelines for the sexual & reproductive health care of people living with HIV
* To expand hepatitis CPD and to attract ongoing sponsorship from HCV companies in the era of declining funding from HIV pharma teams
* To review membership in 2016 in line with BASHH terms of reference

**Laura Waters**

**Chair**

**Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Group**

**Membership:**

Mayura Nathan (Chair until June 2015),

Richard Gilson (Secretary until June 2015; Chair since June 2015),

Zana Ladipo (Trainee member; now consultant),

Gary Whitlock (Secretary and Treasurer since June 2015),

Sylvia Bates

Kate Cushieri

Paul Fox

Cindy Gilmour (Nursing member)

Peter Goon

Charles Lacey

Colm O’Mahony

Chris Sonnex

Kate Soldan (until February 2015)

Nicola Steedman

**Objectives:**

* To define standards of care for patients with genital warts and to produce management guidelines,
* To devise and coordinate studies related to HPV infection including randomised controlled trials of therapies for genital warts,
* To provide a forum for education on HPV related issues for all members of BASHH

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**Report of activities**

* HPV SIG met 4 times with over half of members attending each meeting in person or by teleconference
* Surgical techniques course held in September 2014
* First European HRA (High-resolution anoscopy) course held in November 2014
* HPV SIG – Scientific Meeting held June 2015
* Further revision of the national guidelines for the management of anogenital warts completed
* Continued support to research projects in HPV

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* BASHH Scientific Meeting June 2015 with four speakers covering HPV vaccination of MSM, and primary screening for HPV in the cervical screening programme.
* HPV SIG worked with the MSM & HIV SIG to provide advice to the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation on HPV vaccination of MSM

**Future plans**

* Develop competencies for HRA training in consultation with the International Anal Neoplasia Society
* Revise the Surgical Techniques Workshop following results of a survey of services to identify training needs
* Contribute to planning the introduction of HPV immunisation in MSM if approved by DH.

**Dr Richard Gilson**

**Chair of HPV SIG**

**Mentoring group**

**Membership**

Emma Fox Chair

Adrian Palfreeman BHIVA co-chair

Michael Rayment New consultant representative

Hellen Mullan SAS representative

Luciana Rubenstein BASHH, North Thames

Carol Emerson BHIVA

Imali Fernando BASHH, Northern Ireland and Scotland

Jessica Daniel BASHH, Wessex and South West

Jyoti Dhar BASHH, North West Yorkshire and Trent

Graz Luzzi BHIVA

Sris Allen BASHH West Midlands, Cheshire and Mersey, Wales and East Anglia

**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 mentoring support to established consultants who request it

**Significant activities**

* This is now a joint BASHH/BHIVA Mentoring programme
* Recruited new mentors to better represent doctors working in HIV and expanded the committee to include BHIVA representation.
* Set up and ran new supervision sessions for mentors
* Running a one day workshop ‘Mentoring skills training for Sexual Health Consultants and SAS doctors’ in November 2015
* Ongoing survey of mentor / mentee pairs to quality assure / improve the scheme

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**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* Current pool of 106 mentors and 42 current mentees.
* Excellent feedback from the Mentoring Skills Course in June 2014
* ‘Musings on Mentoring’ published in RCP’s Commentary Journal December 2014

**Future plans**

* Development of a mentoring module for the GUM curriculum
* Liaison with FSRHC to consider expansion of the mentoring scheme to include consultants in Community SRH
* Assessment of mentoring supervision sessions
* Annual training course for new mentors
* Biannual refresher course for existing mentors

**Dr Emma Fox**

**Chair**

**MSM Group**

**Membership**

Dan Clutterbuck Chair

Andy Williams Secretary

Tristan Barber Treasurer

Achyuta Nori

Stuart Gibson

Sarah Allstaff

Gwenda Hughes

Jonathan Elford

David Asboe

Emma Devitt

Valerie Delpech

Carol Emerson

Orla McQuillan

Ann Sullivan

David Asboe

Jodie Walker-Haywood resigned March 2015

Lisa McDaid from March 2015

Gary Barker

Martin Fisher

John White

The BASHH MSM SIG is a special interest group of the British Association of Sexual Health and HIV concerned with all aspects of the sexual health of men-who-have-sex-with-men. Men-who have sex-with-men (MSM) includes all gay, bisexual and all other males who have sex with other males and both cis and trans men.

**Objectives:**

* To addresses multiple aspects of the sexual healthcare of MSM and broader issues relating to the health of MSM with the aim of supporting clinicians and commissioners in providing effective services.
* To provide advice and education to BASHH members and others on issues relating to the care of MSM including emerging clinical issues and responses to national clinical and strategic documents.
* To improve the holistic clinical care of MSM through input to and generation of clinical guidelines, standards and strategic documents and through educational activities.

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**Significant activities**

* HPV vaccination: the group received feedback on JCVI discussions on HPV vaccination in MSM and subsequent implementation discussion. Members contributed to BASHH statement on HPV vaccination and have continued to link in with implementation discussion in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
* Shigella outbreak . Regular updates on increases in Shigella 2a and sonnei strains and evidence of macrolide resistance were received from PHE. The group provided clinical feedback on a number of specific questions posed by PHE, and supported PHE in training health protection staff in history taking when interviewing over the phone.
* Chlamydia Screening Programme. The group discussed inclusion of MSM in CSP activities. Dr John Saunders attended the group for discussion and provided data on attendances by MSM. PHE provided data on MSM attendances at Level 2 services.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* Reviewed feedback on the ‘Sex Drugs and MSM’ conference in Nov 2013. The results informed preparations for the BASHH MSM SIG 2nd Biennial Conference – ‘Sex, Life and MSM’ planned for Oct 2015. A Programme was developed and speakers and sponsors approached.
* Reviewed membership and recruited new members to represent the holistic nature of the groups remit, including clinical psychology and health, social sciences and psychology research
* Sought and received approval from the BASHH CEG for the development of a UK National Guideline on the Sexual Healthcare of MSM. A writing group was recruited and an outline structure for the guideline agreed. The group reviewed elements of the draft guideline over the year.
* Proposal for a BASHH MSM SIG Clinic Survey made in September 2014. A draft was developed and reviewed by the group for distribution via Surveymonkey in October 2015
* A BASHH Column ‘The BASHH MSM SIG’ was drafted and reviewed by the group, submitted March 2015.
* Feedback was collated and provided on:
  + NICE Guideline scope Drug misuse prevention: targeted interventions (April 2014).
  + NICE Guideline scope: Sexually transmitted infections: condom distribution schemes (June 2015)

**Future plans**

* The MSM SIG agreed to pursue patient representation on the group with the aim of recruiting two representatives in 2015-16
* The BASHH MSM SIG 2nd Biennial Conference – ‘Sex, Life and MSM’ will take place on 30th October 2015.
* The MSM SIG will approach the BASHH HIV SIG to propose a joint BASHH Scientific Meeting in January 2016 on issues relating to PrEP and TaSP.
* The BASHH MSM SIG Clinic Survey results will be collated and submitted as an abstract to the BASHH annual meeting 2016
* The group will continue to engage with BASHH members, commissioners and others to support clinicians in providing advice on PrEP provision, through the NHS and/or the purchase of generic medication.

**Dan Clutterbuck**

**Chair**

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**Nurse group**

**Objectives:**

To represent the interests of Nurses working in Sexual Health and HIV

**Significant activities**

I have attended all Board meetings this year and the BASHH Spring meeting in Glasgow. I assisted at the BASHH recruitment desk in Glasgow and have written pieces for the newsletters to encourage Nurse members to contact me.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

The Nurse survey has been completed and will be discussed at the December Board meeting.

There will be a Nurse Education slot at the 2016 Spring meeting, the topics and speakers are being discussed.

Nurses who have contacted me during the year are anxious about the implications of Service tendering with possible job losses and transfer of contracts to the private sector. Models of integrated care and the training/education required to manage contraception and GUM client numbers is also a major concern.

**Future plans**

I aim to clarify how many BASHH Nurse members there are, to communicate with them regularly in order to give Sexual Health Nurses a voice at Board level, especially to promote BASHH Nurse education and training, so nurses are confident in delivering appropriate services to clients.

**Kate Day**

**Nurse Representative**

**SAS group**

The aim of the group is to give educational support to SAS doctors working in genitourinary medicine and to ensure that SAS doctors’ views are heard.

**Executive Committee Membership**

John Lee *(Yorkshire)* Chair, BASHH SAS Group

BASHH Board representative 2012 - 2015

Helen Mullan *(NW Thames)* Secretary, BASHH SAS Group

BASHH Mentoring Committee representative

Karl Hollows *(West Midlands)*  Conference Committee Chair

Finance Officer

Deputy Chair BASHH Sexual Dysfunction SIG

Helen Bailey *(Wales)*

Pinky Mukherjee *(NE Thames)*

PN Sashidharan *(NE Thames)* Chair, BASHH Dermatology SIG

Rachel Sacks *(NW Thames)* Chair, BASHH Sexual Violence Group

Kajal Verma *(SW Thames)* Clinical Governance Committee representative

Jennifer Dobbie *(SE Thames)*

Kate Thomas *(Anglia)*

Jane Richards *(Northern)* Conference Committee

Neil Lazaro *(Northwest & Merseyside)*

Lorna Sands *(Oxford)*

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Carlos Oroz *(Scotland)*  Conference Committee

Education Committee representative

Syed Ali Akbar *(Scotland)* MSM SIG Representative

Vendela McNamara *(Trent & FSRH)* Conference Committee

Lewis Lau *(Co-opted)* Conference Committee

Mervyn Lee *(Co-opted)*     Conference Committee

Gill Wildman *(Co-opted)* BASHH National Audit Group

Achievements during 2014-2015 include:-

**Annual Conference**

The 17th Annual BASHH conference for SAS doctors was held at the University of Keele and attracted over 150 delegates from around the UK and Ireland.  Once again this educational conference was evaluated extremely highly. The conference was successful financially and the representatives of the 10 exhibition stands also rated the conference highly.

**Survey**

The Group has just completed a survey of SAS doctors’ experience of education and training; the results are being collated and will be submitted for publication as a paper or letter.

**Audit**

A national survey by SAS doctors of the management of Gonorrhoea is nearing completion; the data will be analysed and the national data submitted for publication. Participants will be provided with their own local data to compare with national data for local audit purposes.

**Meetings**  
Three committee meetings were held during the year, including the AGM, which was held at the Annual Conference at Keele University

**Publication**

SAS Doctors’ Career progression Survey. Oroz C, Sands LR & Lee JD; *Int J STD & AIDS* 2015 Mar 31

**Planned Activity for 2015 - 2016**

* Annual Conference at the University of Warwick 04-05 September 2015

**John Lee**

**Chair SAS Doctors’ Committee**

**Helen Mullan**

**Secretary SAS Doctors’ Committee**

**Sexual dysfunction group**

**Membership**

David Goldmeier Chair

Karl Hollows Vice Chair

Emma McCarty

Wallace Dinsmore

Alan Tang

Pippa Green

John Green

Uday Joshi

Ali Mears

John Ewan

Jane Ashby

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Shalini Andrews

Nadia Ahmed SpR Representative

Agnes Mosobela Nurse Representative

**Objectives**

* To improve the quality of care given to patients presenting to Genitourinary Medicine and HIV Clinics with Sexual Dysfunction.
* To provide a forum for education, training and research in the area of sexual dysfunction for all.

**Significant activities**

* BASHH OGM 17 October2014. High grade qualitative and quantitative feedback from both Monkey survey and RCP.
* Poster at 2015 Spring meeting looking at whether trainees need to be better educated in sexual medicine, whether they want to do so (yes!) and suggestions for e learning in SpRs training via RCP. To be further discussed at our steering meeting in November 2015.
* SIG leading and heavily involved in national outcomes questionnaire for sexual dysfunction (NSOG) with multiple UK stakeholders.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* ABC in sexual dysfunction to be held at Manchester conference centre October 2015

**Future plans**

* Steering meeting of SIG to be held in Manchester November 2015.
* OGM in SIG October 2016

**David Goldmeier**

**Chair**

**STIF Foundation**

**Membership**

Luciana Rubinstein Chair - GU Physician (London)

Nick Theobald STIF Executive

Sue Bird Secretariat

Ushan Andrady GU Physician (Wales)

Naomi Sutton Doctors in Training Rep

Emile Morgan GU Physician (Manchester)

Peter Greenhouse GU Physician (Bristol)

Jessica Daniels GU Physicians (Swindon)

Jenny Heathcote Faculty of Family Planning and Reproductive Health

Jane Hutchinson Co-opted: STIF Competency Project

Jane Richards GU Physician (Newcastle)

Usha Kuchimanchi GU Physician (Hull)

Adam Black Nurse Representative

Matthew Grundy -Bowers Nurse Representative

Jonathan Roberts SSHA representative

Richard Ma RCGP representative

Nicola Fearnley GU Physician (Bradford)

Rachel Sacks GU Physician (London)

Sophie Forsythe GU Physician (Swindon)

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**Objectives**

* The STIF steering group is responsible for the development of the STIF theory courses and quality assurance.

**Significant activities**

* All course material has been reviewed following course participant and directors feedback.
* Simpler, new dedicated STIF Web site was launched in March 2015
* Web based knowledge assessment introduced to all course participants after completion of course e-learning material and course attendance

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15  - ending July 2015:
* 49 STIF Courses with 1387 attending STIF Core. MoD STIF Core courses held in Catterick, Plymouth, Germany and Cyprus, with STIF Level1 Competency assessments.
* STIF courses have also been run in Belize, Eire (Dublin 2).

**Future plans**

* On-line registration option to be piloted for STIF courses
* STIF CORE programme is being revised to cater also for the training needs of Fundamental participants who deliver level1 services only.

**Dr Luciana Rubinstein**

Chair

**STIF Competency working party**

**Membership:**

Dr Ashini Fox (Chair)

Dr Jane Hutchinson

Dr Penny Goold

Dr Nick Theobald

Mr Jonathan Roberts

Ms Miranda King

Dr Cordelia Chapman

Dr Rona McDonald

Mr Colin Roberts

Mr Adam Black

Ms Sue Bird

**Objectives:**

To design and implement a modular competency-based training and assessment programme in Sexual Health for a multidisciplinary clinical audience.

**Significant activities**

* Review and update STIF Level 1 Competency Assessments and STIF Intermediate Competency Module.
* Launch STIF Advanced Module
* Design and pilot STIF Integrated and STIF-SHA (Health Advising) Modules
* Provide training for trainers and quality assure these training modules.

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**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* Train the Trainers Event: March 2015
* Launch of STIF Advanced Competency – the third and most advanced training and assessment module: October 2014
* Development of two new modules STIF Integrated and STIF-SHA – pilots commenced March 2015
* Launch of stand-alone STIF website

**Future plans**

* + Train the Trainers Event: Nov 2015 (Out of London) and March 2016 (London)
  + Review, update and roll out existing and new modules.

**Dr Ashini Fox**

**Chairperson**

**STI & HIV Course**

**Objectives**

* The STI & HIV Course remains popular and well-evaluated.
* We continue to re-evaluate and improve the course content.
* The course will runs once a year to ensure the course continues to be financially viable.
* The one day Diploma in GUM and Diploma in HIV (co-organised with BHIVA) revision courses continued to be successful and have received good feedback. Each course is run twice a year. The Diploma in GUM course is held in Manchester and Southampton and the Diploma in HIV course is held in Manchester and London.

**Significant activities**

* The STI & HIV Course, the Diploma in GUM and the Diploma in HIV revision courses have all run successfully over the year.
* Numerous cost efficiency measures have been made.
* Delegate numbers for 2015:

Module 1 = 37

Module 2 = 33

Module 3 = 29

Module 4 = 35

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2013/14**

* Successful courses have been held as detailed above.
* Surplus generated for 2015

**£6,590.00**

**Future plans**

* Annual course
* Modules 1 and 2 in Spring
* Modules 3 and 4 in Autumn

**Dr Candice McDonald Dr Laura Waters Dr Vincent Lee**

**Lead Lead Lead**

**STI & HIV Course Diploma in Diploma in**

**HIV revision Course GUM Revision**

**Course**

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Regions

**Ireland branch**

**Membership**

Dr Carol Emerson Chair

Dr Say Quah BASHH Audit lead

**Significant activities**

* Annual regional education and audit meeting held November 2014
* This was well attended with good discussion around management of mycoplasma, changes to our regional protocol and review of performance in regional and national audit

**Future plans**

* Regional BASHH meeting planned for February 2016

**Dr Carol Emerson**

**Branch Chair**

**Northern Branch**

**Objectives**

* To identify areas of excellent clinical practice within clinics in the Region and promote them within Region whilst recognising local differences relating to populations and levels of workforce.
* To form a regional clinical network to aid the HIV commissioning process
* To provide peer support
* To feedback from national CGC meetings
* Continuing medical education and audit

**Significant activities**

* Quarterly education and business meetings
* HIV clinical network group set up with GUM, Infectious Diseases Units and Public health England

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* Educational topics HIV and obesity, mental health and HIV.
* Audits on obesity and HIV, and antiretroviral use.
* Feedbacks from National conferences.
* Debate on extragenital swabs in asymptomatic heterosexuals
* Educational content of quarterly meetings has increased.

**Future plans**

* Preparation and planning of the educational component of future meetings will be shared across sites in the region.

**Dr Alison Wardropper**

**Chair**

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**Oxford branch**

**Membership**

Dr Graz Luzzi, Wycombe and Aylesbury (Bucks) Chair

Dr Amy Bennett, Churchill Hospital, Oxford Treasurer

**Objectives**

* To organise two educational branch events per year;
* To provide a two-way channel for information between the branch and BASHH.

**Significant activities**

* Branch meetings were held in Oxford on 14th Nov 2014 (Guest speaker Dr Richard Turner, on male genital skin conditions) and 15th May 2015 (Guest speaker Dr Liz Vincent, on LARC developments).

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2013/14**

* Clinics in the constituent counties (Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire) contributed to the BASHH register of tenders for sexual health services and their current status.

**Future plans**

* Branch meeting planned for 6 November 2015 (Guest speaker Dr Emily Lord, topic ‘The Advent of TV NAATs’).

**Dr Graz Luzzi**

**Branch Chair**

**Scotland branch**

**Membership:**

Daniela Brawley Chair (co-opted)

Deborah Wardle Secretary

Gordon McKenna Treasurer

Ciara Cunningham Audit Officer

Vickie Stewart Nurse rep

Sarah Cowper SHA rep

Syed AliAkbar SAS rep

**Objectives:**

* To hold 2 business and educational meeting each year

**Significant activities**

* Business and educational meeting in May 2015 in NHS Grampian, content as follows for educational meeting,
  + HPV vaccination in MSM: Dr Kate Cuschieri
  + HIV PrEP debate: Dr Daniela Brawley and Dr Steve Baguely
  + CSE Proforma: Dr Fiona Fargie
  + Termination care in community integrated sexual health: Dr Gillian Flett
  + Patient feedback: Steve Baguely
* Further business and educational meeting planned for November 2015 in NHS GGC, content as for educational meeting,

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* + Safer Lives Routine Enquiry Questionnaire: Ruth Henry
  + Police Scotland Domestic: DCI Sam McCluskey, Abuse Task Force – Information sharing via thirdparty reporting
  + Concerning disclosures and appropriate information sharing: If/When, Who & How? DCI Sam McCluskey, GMC Scotland/Anja Guttinger/Catriona Dalrymple/Head of Policy COPFS/Panel Member TBC
  + Case presentations and panel discussion: panel members: GMC/COPFS/Police Scotland/Ethics (TBC)

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* HIV testing audit in progress

**Future plans**

* Completion of audit and continuation of bi-annual meetings

**Daniela Brawley**

**Chair (co-opted)**

**South West branch**

**Membership**

Indrajith Karunaratne Chair

Elizabeth Claydon Acting secretary

**Objectives:**

* To act as a focus group for BASHH members in the South West to facilitate communication in the region and to organise educational events for BASHH members and their multidisciplinary teams.

**Significant activities**

* The regional South West Clinical Network/Service Improvement and Audit meeting was held on Thursday 19 March 2015 followed by an educational meeting on Friday 20 March 2015 in Exeter. These meetings were well attended and received good feedback from attendees from all disciplines. The autumn meeting will take place in Bristol on 13 & 14 October 2015.
* The South West continues to have a regional office for Sexual Health. This is a South West Directors of Public Health-led Network. The workings of the office are facilitated and disseminated by a regional board. Several BASHH members participate on this board and are involved in current work aiming to achieve reductions in; sexually transmitted infections, unintended/teenage pregnancies, stigma and discrimination, health and/or social care complications associated with the above. The board provides regular information and updates for the members of BASHH South West.
* As in the preceding three years the South West BASHH branch ran a patient satisfaction survey throughout the region using the PSQ validated for use in sexual health clinics. All the clinics in the South West participated and were able to look at their comparative performance both from year to year and between clinics. Funding has been secured by Dr Rachel Challenor from Mark Piertroni the chair of the south west sexual health office.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

As above

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**Future plans**

The South West branch plans to hold two South West regional clinical audit/service improvement and audit meetings followed by academic meetings in 2016; one in the spring of 2016, the second in the autumn of 2016.

The South West branch plans to continue regional audit activity, and further patient satisfaction survey in 2016.

**Dr Indrajith Karunaratne**

**Branch Chair**

**Thames (NW) Region**

**Membership** Sara Day

**Objectives:**

* To share information about National BASHH activities
* Provide the Clinical governance committee with regional governance activity or concerns
* Provide regional sexual health service providers with support around clinical governance or tendering concerns, and where needed seeking guidance from BASHH CGC committee and escalation to BASHH board as required
* Approve new Consultant and AS grade posts in the region for the RCP.
* Coordinate regional participation of regional/national audits and lead clinician surveys
* Hold educational joint meeting with NE Thames

**Significant regional activities:**

* Regular regional meetings eg London Providers forum March.
* Multiple Transformation project workshops held in June and July 2015 to help devise future clinical model for sexual health service specification in London.
* Supported units anticipating tendering or facing problems after transition to new provider.
* Intelligence gathering exercise on tenders arising in region to inform BASHH guidance for service providers anticipating their own services to go out to tender
* Dissemination of advice on range CG issues eg global benzathine penicillin shortage.
* Tenders awarded to NW Thames sexual health providers – Sutton, Hertfordshire. Safe transition of latter.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15:**

* Collective sexual health provider response provided to Prior Information Notice issued by London Commissioners April
* Regional participation of BHIVA audit (HIV PN) and BASHH (Under 16s) audit
* Coordinated multiple surveys for completion by regional leads

**Thames (SE) branch**

**Membership**

Dr Kazeem Aderogba Chair

**Objectives:** Unfortunately the objective of holding an annual meeting was not met this year due to overwhelming sexual health tendering activity that meant effective planning by the branch Chair was hindered.

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**Future plans**

To hold a regional educational meeting in 2015/16

**Dr Kazeem Aderogba**

**Chair**

**Thames (SW) branch**

**Membership**

Dr Usha Natarajan- Virgin care Chair

Guildford GUM

Leatherhead GUM

St Peters, Chertsey, GUM

Frimley Park GUM

Crawley GUM

Worthing GUM

Chichester GUM

St .Heliers and St Georges, London, GUM

**Objectives**

To represent the region in the CGC and to feedback to the region important discussions from the BASHH Clinical Governance Meetings.

**Significant Activities**

* Dr Steven Estreich – agreed to be the Audit lead for the Region
* Contributed to the STIF course by the Eastbourne GUM earlier this year.
* Fed back in the Surrey Network Meetings and local clinical governance meetings in Virgin care from the BASHH clinical governance.

**Future Plans**

* To arrange for another educational meeting in 2016.
* To recruite a Sussex Representative, which will ease communication with Sussex team

**Dr Usha Natarajan**

**Virgin care**

**Trent Branch**

Dr Tana Green Chair

Dr Olufunso Olarinde Branch Support Officer

Dr Manjula Pammi Audit lead

**Objectives:**

* Provide 2 educational / audit meetings per year

**Significant activities**

* Trent Autumn meeting October 2014

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* As above

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**Future plans**

No capacity to plan / organise or run a Spring meeting, but hopefully in a position to organise an Autumn session in September / October. Future of doctors-in-training and East-meets-West nurses meetings are uncertain due to widespread service changes and lack of staff time to dedicate to the organisation of these events

**Dr Tana Green**

**Chair, Trent Branch**

**Wales Branch**

**Membership**

Dr Carys Knapper Chair

Dr Meena Sethupathi Audit Chair

Dr Lucy Jones Secretary

**Objectives:**

* Continue to engage with Welsh members of BASHH and provide a forum to discuss key regional issues
* To raise awareness of the differences between NHS Wales and NHS England and the impact this has on sexual health services in Wales

**Significant activities**

* A high number attended scientific meeting held in Cardiff in July, including external speakers who discussed GC NAAT testing, HIV and drug interactions, STIF course delivery, hormone use in sexual dysfunction
* Spring and autumn regional audit and business meetings held, where results of national audits discussed, along with presentation of recent local audits including a new CSE assessment tool CSERQ, disclosure of HIV to GPs by patients, Pneumococcal vaccination in HIV patients,

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2015**

We have liaised with key stakeholders including Public Health Wales and Welsh Government with support from Munro and Forster. We have agreement that a new Sexual Health Plan for Wales is needed. We are working towards input into the draft of the new plan with the aim that it is to be presented to Ministers for approval.

**Future plans**

* Continue to try and secure and deliver a new Sexual Health Action plan for Wales highlighting the importance of adequate funding for sexual health services in Wales by engagement programme with key stakeholders with support from Munro and Forster.
* BASHH All Wales Scientific meeting July 2016 Cardiff
* Spring and Autumn 2016 regional audit and branch meetings

**Dr Carys Knapper**

**Branch Chair**

**Wessex branch**

**Membership**

Dr Alison Blume; Consultant at Portsmouth Chair

Dr Olivia Drew; Locum consultant at Bournemouth Secretary

Dr Seema Malik; Specialty trainee at Bournemouth Treasurer

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**Objectives:**

* To hold 3 regional education events per year, at least one to be aimed at a multidisciplinary audience
* To coordinate an active regional audit programme
* To hold 3 Branch Clinical Governance Meetings per year
* To produce an annual branch business report

**Significant activities**

* 3 successful educational days held with a wide range of local and national speakers.
* 1 regional audit completed - Audit against MedFASH STIMs targets
* 1 regional audit ongoing – Management of lymphoma in HIV patients.
  + - An audit of HIV PEPSE
* Regional participation in national audits:
  + Under 16s audit.
  + HIV monitoring audit.
* Regional HIV mortality meeting
* 3 Branch Clinical Governance meetings held
* 2 STIF courses annually (Dorset and Hampshire)

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

* Audit against MedFASH STIMs targets
* High level of participation in BASHH and BHIVA national audits.
* Successful regional educational events with both national and local expert speakers. Good turnout and excellent feedback.
* Review of all HIV deaths in the region, with learning points disseminated to all HIV clinicians.

**Future plans**

* Two planned regional audits.
  + - One STI, one HIV related. Topics TBC.
* Three regional educational events. One targeted at multidisciplinary audience.
* HIV mortality meeting – 16 January 2016.
* Three regional clinical governance meetings.

**Dr Alison Blume**

**Wessex BASHH Chair**

**West Midlands branch**

**Membership**

Dr Kaveh Manavi, University Hospitals Birmingham Chair

Dr Lisa Goodall, Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust Secretary

Dr Carolyn Murray, Burton Hospital Foundation Trust Treasurer

**Objectives**

* Quarterly Branch Business meetings to discuss: Chair’s feedback from BASHH’s clinical governance group, business raised by the BASHH fellows and members in the region, update on regional STI and HIV epidemiology data, feedback from audit committee, feedback from higher training committee, feedback from HIV network, feedback from HIV CRG, and feedback from nurses’ committee.
* Participation of regional members in BASHH national audit projects
* Design and coordination of annual regional audit project
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* Coordination and review of clinical outcomes for members of West Midlands HIV Network annually.
* Review and update of trainee doctors’ progress in the regional GUM high training program
* Coordinate response to local and national policies on sexual health and HIV services

**Significant activities**

* Completion of the third annual report on regional HIV clinical network.
* Completion of the first regional survey on HIV patients’ reported outcomes
* Complete update of the region’s webpage in BASHH website.
* Start of a new regional monthly updates in GUM/ HIV mainly for the benefit of trainee doctors
* Start of a monthly regional virtual HIV viral load clinic where clinicians from the region present complex cases and agree on a plan proposed by clinician colleagues form other HIV centres in the region.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2013/14**

* Well attended regional monthly training half day events hosted in rotation in any of the five regional centres for higher GUM training
* Well attended quarterly West Midlands’ BASHH meetings

**Future plans**

Survey of West Midlands BASHH members on their views on continuing with the “End of Year BASHH Meetings” when the new half day training events will be held in every December as well.

To include a regional HIV mortality report session in the half day training event every December.

**Kaveh Manavi**

Branch Chair

**Yorkshire branch**

**Membership**

Fabiola Martin Branch chair

**Objectives**

* To hold at least one Branch General Meeting yearly
* To organise a regional educational day once yearly
* To share innovative clinical practice with colleagues within the region
* To share significant changes to service provision amongst delegates and with BASHH

**Significant activities/ Performance/Outputs in the year 2015**

* Regional educational half day together with HIV Networks in York, 9 July 2015 : attended by approximately 40 delegates from a mixture of disciplines. Good range of speakers.
* Regional Annual Educational Day in York 22 October 2015: attended by approximately 25 delegates from a mixture of disciplines. Good range of speakers. Feedback was extremely positive.
* Business meeting held in York, 9 July 2015: Feedback was extremely positive.

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**Future plans**

* Continue to ensure the multidisciplinary team’s educational needs are addressed with the annual educational meeting.
* Continue to review the changing landscape post tender.

**Fabiola Martin**

**Yorkshire Branch Chair**

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Committees with BASHH representation

British Federation against Sexually Transmitted Infections (BFSTI)

**Objectives**

This umbrella group represents a wide range of stakeholders within sexual health with BASHH, the Herpes Viruses Association, the Church of England General Synod, Medical Defence Services (formally the Royal Army Medical Corp), Brook, Family Planning Association, The Josephine Butler Society, Terence Higgins Trust among its members. It aims to act as a broadly based authoritative voice on issues regarding sexually transmitted infections.

**Significant activities**

The British Federation against Sexually Transmitted Infections has met once in the past twelve months and has now established its website and become an active member of HPV Action.

It has had further discussions regarding the criminalisation of STI transmission, particularly with regard to herpes simplex.

**Future plans**

The BFSTI will continue to develop its role in advocacy for STI prevention and care and will try to take on an organizer to allow more work to happen between meetings and to be more strategic with campaigning.

**Dr Patrick French**

**Secretary of the BFSTI and BASHH**

**Representative on the BFSTI Executive Committee**

**Joint Specialty Committee for Genitourinary Medicine**

**Membership**

Dr Jan Clarke *Chairman*

Dr Elizabeth Foley *Honorary Secretary*

Dr Imtyaz Ahmed

Professor Jackie Cassell

Dr Rak Nandwani

Dr Mamatha Oduru

Dr Angela Robinson

Dr Gordon Scott

Dr Belinda Stanley

Dr Ian Williams

Mr John Oldham *Patient and carer representative*

Professor Jane Dacre *President RCP*

Dr Andrew Goddard *Registrar RCP*

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**Objectives**

The Joint Specialty Committee for Genitourinary medicine 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 patient and carer network representation.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/2015**

The group meet twice a year; this year the committee has been involved in workforce planning and training in the speciality, and in particular commissioning and tendering of HIV and sexual health services. In December 2014 we held a successful update on STIs and HIV joint meeting between the RCP and BASHH organised by Dr Daniel Richardson. The committee has also responded to a number of consultations including new treatments for Hepatitis C; the Health Education England workforce plan 2015/6 and harmful sexual behaviour among children and young people. In April this year Dr Keith Radcliffe delivered the RCP invited history of medicine Fitzpatrick Lecture on the History of HIV.

**Future plans**

The genito-urinary medicine section of the Medical care guide which is a guide to planning and providing medical services for patients is being updated by Dr Alan Tang and Dr Olwen Williams.

**Dr Elizabeth Foley**

**Honorary Secretary, Joint Specialty Committee**

**Specialist Advisory Committee**

**Membership of GUM Specialist Advisory Committee (June 2015):**

Dr Rak Nandwani, SAC Chair and NHS Education Scotland (NES)

Dr Katia Prime, SAC Vice-Chair and Health Education South London

Professor Sheona MacLeod, COPMed and Lead Dean for GUM

Mr David Crundwell (Lay Representative)

**Training Programme Directors**

Dr Sarah Barrett, Health Education West Midlands.

Dr Stephen Bushby, Health Education North East

Dr Andrew De-Burgh Thomas, Severn Deanery

Dr Jyoti Dhar, Health Education East Midlands

Dr Ian Fairly, Yorkshire & Humber Deanery

Dr Lisa Haddon, Peninsula Deanery

Dr Anna Hartley, Trainee representative (England & Wales)

Dr Margaret Kingston, North Western England Deanery

Dr Debashis Mandal, Mersey Deanery

Dr Sheel Patel, Health Education North West London

Dr Katia Prime, London Deaneries

Dr Say Quah, Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency

Dr Sasikala Rajamanoharan, Health Education East of England

Dr Kate Schroeder, Wessex Deanery

Dr Jackie Sherrard, Oxford Deanery & BASHH Representative

Dr Sally Wielding, Trainee representative (Scotland)

Dr Andy Williams, DipGUM External and Health Education North Central & East London

Dr Debbie Williams, KSS Deanery

Dr Kathir Yoganathan, Wales Deanery

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**Co-opted members**

Dr David Asboe, Co-opted (DipHIV Convenor & BHIVA Representative)

Dr Simon Barton, Co-opted (UEMS Representative)

Dr Gillian Dilke-Wing, Co-opted (Recruitment Lead)

Dr Chloe Orkin, Co-opted (DipHIV External)

Dr Angela Robinson, Co-opted (JSC Representative)

Dr Graham Taylor, Co-opted (Academic Lead)

Dr Melinda Tenant-Flowers, Co-opted (DipGUM Convenor)

The GUM Specialist Advisory Committee (SAC) is a sub-committee of the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB). The role of this committee is to contribute to the development of specialist training policy in GUM, and to advise on the delivery of training to standards proposed by the JRCPTB (and approved by the GMC).

Fragmented commissioning of sexual health services by Local Authorities in England, destabilisation of training programmes and uncertainty about future consultant posts has had a negative impact on GUM training and recruitment in the last 12 months. Until recently, GUM had the second highest fill rate for training posts amongst all the medical specialties (dermatology was the first). In 2015, there are a number of vacant substantive and LAT training posts following a sharp decline in doctors who have been put off entering GUM postgraduate specialty training. Only one of 29 vacant GUM training posts was filled in Round 2 recruitment in October 2015. This has major implications for trainees in rotations with unfilled posts as well as on the services themselves. The specialty will not survive if doctors do not wish to enter it.

The SAC gave evidence on the lack of accountability for specialist training to the All Party Parliamentary Group at the House of Lords in November 2014. There appears to be lack of a mechanism to co-ordinate or strategically oversee national delivery of sexual health services in England, let alone training. In May 2015, the SAC was involved in an external review visit after GUM trainees had been withdrawn. This was linked to commissioners awarding a service provider contract which was unable to deliver the required training. BASHH, BHIVA, the RCP and others are working hard to address the issues, but much more than training is currently at stake.

Against this background, BASHH issued a clear position statement on its future vision for GUM, in February 2015. GUM sees itself as a mainstream medical speciality. This formed the basis of the SAC’s response to the proposal for a flexible curriculum in Internal Medicine in August 2015. One of the aims is to ensure that GUM training continues to provide CCT holders with a range of competencies that maintain their competiveness for future posts, including potentially in Internal Medicine as well as the specialty itself. The full response is available on the BASHH website and I would encourage you to read this if you can please:

[www.bashh.org/documents/FINAL%20GUM%20SAC%20response%20to%20IM%20proposal%2027%20Aug%202015.pdf](http://www.bashh.org/documents/FINAL%20GUM%20SAC%20response%20to%20IM%20proposal%2027%20Aug%202015.pdf)

There is now a consensus that dual accreditation leading to a joint CCT in GUM and Internal Medicine is desirable in the future, and that there should be increased experience in allied medical specialties during GUM specialty training. This is likely to include some participation in selected medical take during the programme, but there is a great deal of work being done to decide the detail. It will take at least until 2018 before such a major change is implemented across all the medical specialties. In the interim the SAC has invited Dr David Asboe to chair a working group to update existing HIV competencies in light of recent clinical developments and to shift the emphasis in GUM training away from seeing multiple rare late-stage complications of HIV/AIDS.

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Once again, I am especially grateful for the enthusiasm and expertise of the SAC members (listed above) who make quiet dedicated contributions to ensure the work of the committee continues, often without formal recognition or thanks. I also need to specifically acknowledge the enormous support the BASHH Board and President have provided to support GUM training in these difficult times.

**Dr Rak Nandwani**

**Chair, GUM Specialty Advisory Committee**

[**www.jrcptb.org.uk/specialties/genitourinary-medicine**](http://www.jrcptb.org.uk/specialties/genitourinary-medicine)

UEMS in Dermatovenereology

The Board has a newly elected Treasurer Dr Lawrence Scerri from Malta and a new President-elect Dr Peter Arenberger from Czech Republic.

The most recent meeting was on 09 October 2015 in Copenhagen where a number of notable items were reviewed

The UEMS Venereology subcommittee under chairmanship of Dr Michel Janier from France has worked successfully to ensure the harmonisation of Guidelines in STI management, between UEMS. IUSTI Europe and the EBDV.

The establishment of a European wide MJC on sexual medicine was reported on – the UEMS have two representatives on this and major efforts are being made to ensure that there is clarity about the interface of venereology with urology, gynaecology and Psychosexual medicine in EU.

The European examination in Dermatovenereology was held in Frankfurt in June with 32 doctors sitting the exam, although only 8 from within EU and none from UK or Ireland. It is the stated aim of UEMS to create single specialty examinations and in some subjects these are already very successful and taken by thousands of EU doctors in other specialties. How we proceed in training in Venereology and Dermatology across Europe is the subject of much debate at present.

**Prof Simon Barton**

**UEMS representative of UK in Venereology**

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Journals with BASHH representation

International Journal of Sexually transmitted diseases & AIDS

IJSA has had another steady year, publishing 14 issues and maintaining its Impact Factor. In 2015 alone we handled 419 submissions of which 68% were original research articles. The median time between submission and first decision for original articles is 30 days. We accepted 49% of research manuscripts in 2015 and published in print or online six BASHH/European guidelines, five BASHH papers and 17 separate audits from BASHH members. We were also proud to publish the Book of Abstracts for the 29th European Conference on Sexually Transmitted Infections held in Sitges, Spain in September 2015.

The journal 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.

Dr John White

Sexually Transmitted Infections Journal

*Sexually Transmitted Infections* has gone from strength to strength this year, with an increase in its Impact Factor to 3.401 which confirms our place as the top international STI journal. In 2014-15 we handled 435 submissions of which 62% were original research articles. The median time between submission and first decision for original articles is 34 days. A quarter of research manuscripts are accepted, and where we are able to take a manuscript forward we always offer some feedback with a view to supporting publication elsewhere.

We continue to publish a range of commissioned material of specific interest to BASHH members, including Clinical Roundup (authored by Sophie Herbert and Lewis Haddow), Educational articles (edited by Sarah Edwards), and the BASHH column (commissioned by Daniel Richardson. Even so, we would like to publish more BASHH-focussed material, and have recently updated our Instructions for Authors to reflect this. We are inviting submissions of “Guidelines on a page”, and collaborating with the Cochrane group through Prof Jonathan Ross to publish “Cochrane on a page”. Our Editorial Board has advised that Educational (How to Do It) articles could usefully supplement guidance documents, reflecting on care beyond the scope of evidence based guidelines. We welcome any suggestions for these series.

Social media is an increasingly important platform for the journal. We now have nearly 3000 followers on Twitter @sti\_bmj, where we interact and promote BASHH material as well as providing news and commentary to a wide range of health professionals. Our regular blogs and podcasts have a wide audience, as does our Facebook page. Our social media presence is an important way to support authors and the BASHH community, and we are keen to receive feedback and suggestions on how we can improve this. We were also proud to be appointed as the official journal of the World STI conference in Brisbane.

As Editor, I am very grateful to BASHH, my Deputy Editors Professor David Lewis and Professor Nicola Low, BASHH Senior Editor Dr Keith Radcliffe, and to BMJ Publishing for making another successful year possible.

**Professor Jackie Cassell**

**Editor**