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In response to the Independent Advisory Group for Sexual Health and HIV's annual report, Dr Simon Barton, President, **British Association For Sexual Health & HIV (BASHH)** commented:

"We fully support the recommendations put forward in this report. We would further stress that it remains of paramount importance that the recent progress in increasing the capacity of genitourinary medicine (GUM) services and in improving access is sustained when the priority 48 hour access target comes to an end in April.

"In addition we would highlight that the inconsistent delivery of Choosing Health money to frontline services continues to frustrate clinicians as they strive to meet targets – it is essential that Payment by results and tariffs properly fund GUM clinics. These clinics often serve as the first port of call for many people with concerns, symptoms or signs of STIs and HIV and we need to make sure people can get seen in the service of their choice."

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