

BASHH GUM NCCG Group Meeting

(Executive Committee)

Wednesday 28th January 2009 1pm - 3pm

Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE

Present

Helen Bailey	(HB)	Melissa Bracken	(MB)
Wafaa Eltantawy	(WE)	Karl Hollows	(KH)
Lamont Law	(LL)	John Lee	(JL)
Mervyn Lee	(ML)	Vendela McNamara	(VM)
Helen Mullan	(HM)	Carlos Oroz	(CO)
Jane Richards	(JR)	M Itty Samuel	(IS)
PN Sashidharan	(PS)	Nick Theobald	(NT)

Apologies

Apologies were received from Caroline Cooper, Margaret Hatwell, Helen Keane, Neil Lazaro, Sue Pinsent, and Nicky Waddell

Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted and approved

Matters arising

Venue: The RSM will continue to be used for meetings for the present

Survey: The 2007 survey has been published in this month's International Journal of STD & AIDS (January 2009)
MB has volunteered to help NT to analyze the results of the survey done in association with Conference 2008.

SAS Induction pack

There was unanimous agreement that the name of the group should be altered to Staff and Associate Specialist (SAS) GUM Group, as the term NCCG is universally unpopular and outdated. The conference delegates were consulted about this in September and there was a clear majority in favour of the change. LL will update the SAS Induction pack to reflect the name change

Annual Report

There were a number of errors within the NCCG section of the Annual Report. JL explained that these errors did not appear in his original document but occurred while the report itself was being collated. Some corrections have appeared in the BASHH newsletter. Regional representatives were asked to forward all reports on educational activities for SAS doctors in their region to JL or HM for inclusion in the 2009 Annual Report – preferably by September 2009

DIP GUM

JL attended the last DIP GUM examination as an observer. This examination has been revised recently to make it fit for purpose for SpR training and some SAS doctors have performed less well than expected. JL reported that the questions were very varied; some were quite basic and although the HIV questions were limited in number, some were fairly complicated, especially for people who do not have a routine HIV caseload.

It was agreed that NT would put a message on the SAS section of the BASHH website inviting anyone who required further information about the examination to contact JL directly. NT will also post information on the BASHH modular course and the revision course (the latter only open to those attending the BASHH modular course)

Conference 2008

Despite increasing the cost of the conference by 50% in 2008, there was no drop in attendance, with 196 delegates attending. The feedback was excellent with >99% describing the quality of sessions and overall experience as excellent or good. Ninety-three percent felt that the conference represented good value for money. Nottingham worked well as a venue, although there were some issues with the catering and check-in, and the majority of delegates requested that we return to Nottingham again in 2009.

Conference 2009

The planning for Conference 2009 is well advanced. The programme is almost finalized and efforts are being made to prevent some of the problems encountered last year. An advance notice appeared in the BASHH newsletter in January and VM will ensure a notice appears in the Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care. There was some discussion about what survey might be done this year. HB volunteered to review those topics done previously and circulate a summary. A proposal was made for an 'SAS oration' to be included at the conference. This would be an opportunity for SAS doctors with a special interest to talk on their specialist subject. This suggestion was not favoured by the majority.

Conference 2010

The Conference Committee is already considering venues for Conference 2010. Loughborough has been very successful in the past. We may wish to continue at Nottingham for a third year.

Another suggestion was Keele University in Staffordshire and one of the committee is looking into this. Regional representatives are encouraged to explore any possible venues that might be available in their areas and report back. Minimum requirements include lecture theatre and accommodation for up to 220, plus 6 breakout rooms all in close proximity with area available for up to 10 exhibitors stands, on second Fri/Sat in September.

PID Audit

This audit is now almost ready for piloting, thanks to the efforts of CO, KH and JL; a few minor alterations have been suggested. The practicalities of doing the audit were discussed at length. It was felt that to distribute it electronically only would be likely to exclude many of the group. However it is a lengthy document and postage costs are likely to be high. In addition, it is hoped to use some of the budget for electronic collation/analysis of the data. HB and CO volunteered to obtain quotations from two different sources and report back. CO will also check on the number of cases of PID seen annually via the Health protection Agency

Financial Report

NT circulated this to committee members. It has been approved by BASHH

Mentoring

NT drew the attention of the committee to the mentoring service, which BASHH is developing. Initially this service will only be available for consultants. However there may be other groups of doctors whose needs are not being met. It was felt that SAS doctors should be involved in this process from an early stage. JL to write to BASHH to express this view.

SAS (NCCG) GUM Group Constitution and Terms of Reference

Copies of the current draft of this document were distributed. As the delegates at Conference 2008 agreed that the name of the group should change from NCCG to SAS, it was decided that the new name should be adopted from January 2009. The new name will appear on the website and on all conference material. Discussion of the Constitution and Terms of Reference has been deferred until the next committee meeting. The document will also be distributed before the conference in September and delegates' opinions sought.

Workforce planning

JL will write to Jan Clarke and Mark Pakianathan regarding inclusion of SAS doctors as part of the workforce

Feedback:

BASHH Board: A full report was made by the SAS representative on BASHH Board.

BASHH Clinical Governance: There was some discussion about legal issues for GUM doctors.

Chlamydia screening without GC screening is having the effect of increasing GC resistance to azithromycin as the treatment dose for chlamydia is insufficient to treat concomitant GC.

Clinics being put under pressure for failing to meet 48-hour targets should contact the BASHH President directly.

BASHH Education Committee: Please note that the date for the next non-consultant OGM is 12th June 2009. Dr Shamala Chandramani (one of the original members of this group) will give the keynote address. Calls for abstracts for this meeting will be forthcoming and SAS doctors are urged to participate. They will be competing against other non-consultant groups such as SpRs, Health Advisers and nurses.

The next BASHH/ISSTDR will take place in June at the QE2 Centre in London. This replaces the meeting, which is generally held in Spring

There are plans to replace some of the BASHH modular pre DipGUM course with an electronic programme called 'e-learning for health' which is currently being developed

STIF Steering Group: The possibility of a STIF course for pharmacists is being examined.

A STIF refresher course is being developed which will cover specific issues in more depth.

The STIF course material has been modified as of January 2009 and now includes a session on motivational interviewing techniques. The cost has also increased

FSRH: The syllabus for the new Certificate of Specialist Training is expected to be completed within the next year

Sexual Dysfunction Group: KH is the SAS representative on this group. He reported that their recent OGM was extremely well received and the group hopes to run another educational event in October 2009

BASHH website: This is now up and running

AOB

CO announced that a Scottish regional educational event is being planned, to be held in Edinburgh, provisionally on June 19th. It was suggested that perhaps a future annual conference might be held in Scotland

PS announced that a BASHH Colposcopy and Genital SIG has been set up, of which he is Secretary

HB is SAS representative on the National Audit Group

PS requested that the time of future meeting be changed so as to start slightly later. A show of hand indicated that this proposal was not supported so the time of the meeting remains unchanged

Next meeting: Wednesday 17th June 2009 – VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED (1.00pm to 3.00pm)

(Conference Committee – 10.30am to 12.30pm)