



- Feedback from CEG.  
MF reported that there are currently several guidelines being updated and these can be found on the CEG website. MF described the recent Guidelines Conference that he had attended and how guidelines were being used to monitor the performance of services.
- Revalidation Measures.  
MF will forward further information on revalidation measures by e mail.

**Action MF**

He reported that a matrix of measures for revalidation is being developed and that suggestions on how to measure the performance of individual consultants are being sought.

GR described the e-learning module that has been developed as Part of the Dip.GUM for which the DOH has given £1m.

- Quality Measures for GUM  
Appendix 2, Quality Measures for GUM, was discussed. These have been derived from the Darzi report.  
MF emphasized that in future hospital funding will be linked to quality of performance so it is vital that all GU departments collect data on the **quality** of services e.g. the efficacy of contact tracing for STIs. MF agreed to collate the ideas from BASHH SW members on measuring quality of service in GUM for the next meeting.

**Action All + MF**

### **GC Screening Tests**

MF reported that he is on a working group set up by Cathy Ison to look at The use of NAATS screening tests for GC in low prevalence areas. It was reiterated that screening for GC using NAATS testing is **not** currently recommended in low prevalence populations, that positive results will need confirming with a second NAATS method, and that the CT screening programme is **not** set up to manage GC.

It was also noted that direct plating for GC is becoming a preferred option and that cephalosporin resistance in GC is increasing.

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### **BASHH SW Regional Items**

- BASHH SW Website.  
AL agreed to liaise with the BASHH central office and to co-ordinate the BASHH SW website and keep it up to date. It was suggested that details of future meetings, approved minutes and summaries of audit results could also be on the website.
- Competency Frameworks for Providing GU/Sexual Health Service (Appendix 304)  
These frameworks and their application to local services was considered. LH reported that in Cornwall there are 5 Locally Enhanced Services (LES), 3 run by GPs, 1 by Family Planning and 1 by GU Medicine. There has been no clear monitoring of training and quality.

RC reported that no LES have yet been set up in Plymouth in spite of

the service specification being developed.

There is one LES in Devon located in Exmouth. The governance of this service remains an area of concern.

It was agreed that PH would take a proposal to the Regional Sexual Health Task Force that there be a standardised service specification for all LES in the region to include measures of quality, monitoring and training.

**Action PH**

- New Guidance for Post-Exposure Prophylaxis  
The new guidance on PEP was discussed. All SW Clinics have adopted the new guidance, with the option of dispensing Combivir if necessary. The newer regime is acknowledged to be more expensive. It was noted that blister packed Truvada can be obtained from Cardiff.

The group discussed near patient testing for HIV in the context of PEP. No clinics in the south west are currently using it, but it was suggested that it may be useful and that if MLSO's undertake the tests it would address some of the quality control issues.

It was confirmed that 48 hour/7day per week access to GU services is to remain in the SHA strategic intentions. Several clinics in the south west are starting Saturday am clinics to help to address this requirement. It was agreed to approach Isobel Oliver to discuss resources for these developments.

**Action EC**

### **Future BASHH SW Meetings**

The group discussed BASHH SW meetings for 2009. It was agreed that combined SW meetings should continue to be held twice annually, with Day 1 being allocated to the Clinical Network/Service Improvement and Audit meeting, combined with the Regional Training Committee and RITAs, with Day 2 being an Educational Meeting.

**The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday/Friday 23/24<sup>th</sup> April 09.**

2 additional half day optional meetings for the north/south group were suggested. Thursday was the preferred day.

**Action AF/EC**

### **08/27 Nurse/Health Adviser Issues**

The applicants for posts of nurse/HA representatives on the BASHH SW Committee were considered.

Applications from Mary Anne Bailey (Bath) and Berni Snart (Swindon) were successful.

It was agreed to approach the existing HA representatives regarding continuing as committee members.

**Action EC**

## 08/28 **Feedback from Individual Clinics**

**Bristol:** GUM has now relocated to a newly built clinic and is working to integrate with CASH.

Saturday morning clinics are planned from April 09.

PH is developing further GUM research with University of Bristol over next two years and contributing to a new Sexual Health Clinical Research Centre.

**Bath:** Negotiations proceeding re merging GUM with Contraceptive Services. Walk-In Clinics now in operation.

**Taunton:** New consultant appointment (Dr Abdullah). Walk-In Clinics in Yeovil. Saturday morning clinics once a month in Taunton. The service is being asked to set up 'locality clinics' in areas such as Chard/Minehad/Glastonbury and Bridgewater. Concerns were expressed about the cost/efficiency of such services as no additional resources were being made available.

**Exeter:** No consultant appointed. RA appointed to acting consultant post. Exeter not successful in prisons bid.

**Torbay:** New consultant appointment – Dr Philip Kell. Service partially relocated to town centre site with Contraceptive Service. Paperless Lillie system adopted.

**Plymouth:** New consultant appointment – Dr Zoe Warwick. Daily Walk-In Clinics have proved very successful. Saturday morning clinics due to start in 2009.

**Cheltenham & Gloucester:** Gloucester GUM has relocated to a new clinic with Contraceptive Services and a SARC. Saturday morning clinics are planned from April 09. Cheltenham GUM is due to relocate to new premises in two to three years.

**Swindon:** New consultant appointment – Dr Sophie Forsyth. Department has taken over running the GU Service for Chippenham.

**Truro:** Nicky Saulsbury has been appointed Sub-Dean of the Medical School and has dropped to six sessions/week for next three years. The new build for GUM/HIV is now planned to proceed. Will be co-located with Contraceptive Services. A new level 3 service has opened in St Austell. FK is Sexual Health Lead for Cornwall. EPR is planned for February 09.

**North Devon:** GU Services due to relocate to Barnstaple Health Centre where co-located with Contraceptive Services. Working as network with Exeter and Torbay.

## 08/29 **Training & Education Update**

KH reported that the use of assessment tools by SpRs will be compulsory. Next RITAs will be due in April 09.

08/31 **National & Regional Audit**

Regional audit presentations scheduled for Educational Meeting on 7/11/08.

08/32 **Any Other Business**

- GR reported that mentoring will be offered to newly appointed consultants from 2009.
- HIV Funding is being reviewed by Jonathan Ross as there is considerable variation in how HIV is funded across the country.

The meeting ended at approximately 7.00 pm and was followed by a presentation on Etravine (TMC 125) by AdBT.