

GUM SAS Group Meeting

(Executive Committee)

Wednesday 27th January 2010 from 1pm - 3pm

Victoria Boardroom, 56 Dean Street, London W1D 6AQ

Present

Helen Bailey	(HB)
Melissa Bracken	(MB)
Karl Hollows	(KH)
Lamont Law	(LL)
Neil Lazaro	(NL)
John Lee	(JL)
Mervyn Lee	(ML)
Vendela McNamara	(VM)
Helen Mullan	(HM)
Carlos Oroz	(CO)
Sue Pinsent	(SP)
Jane Richards	(JR)
Nick Theobald	(NT)
Nicky Waddell	(NW)

Apologies

Apologies were received from Caroline Cooper, Margaret Hatwell, M Itty Samuel, and PN Sashidharan

Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted and approved

Matters arising

Mentoring: HM is attending her first meeting of the Mentoring Group as SAS representative on February 12th.

Workforce planning: It was agreed at BASHH Board that a mailshot to all Clinical Leads would be facilitated via the Clinical Governance Group in an attempt to gather accurate data on the number of SAS doctors working in the specialty. However it appears that no specific request has been made of the Clinical Governance Lead as yet. **JL to action**

SAS Conference: After the last SAS committee meeting, JL wrote to Dr Immy Ahmed as President of BASHH explaining that we had discussed the possibility of opening the Annual SAS Conference to nurses and health advisers, but that the committee felt that devising a suitable programme for a group as diverse as the SAS doctors was already quite a difficult task and to include other groups would render it almost impossible. Both the President and Dr Karen Rogstad as Education Committee Chair were supportive of that decision

SAS (NCCG) GUM Group Constitution and Terms of Reference

This document was approved by the membership at the Annual conference and also by the BASHH Trustees. The name of the group has been changed officially from NCCG to SAS within the BASHH constitution and this should be the only title used now

Conference 2009

The 12th SAS Annual Conference held at the University of Nottingham in September was extremely successful in both educational and financial terms. One hundred and eighty six delegates attended and the majority of lectures and workshops were rated as good or excellent by 80-90% of attendees. As a venue, Nottingham worked quite well this year and the SAS Group was able to return a healthy profit to BASHH.

Conference 2010

This will be held at Keele College from 10th to 11th September 2010. The Conference Committee this year includes KH, ML, VM, CO and JR with HB as Chair and NT managing finances. The programme has been agreed, although it may be subject to change, depending on availability of speakers

Conference 2011

Venues are being discussed for this conference, but nothing has been booked so far.

Survey 2008

The data from this survey has not yet been analysed. **HB, NT, MB and HM to action**

This survey looked at specialty based further education within the group

Survey 2009

This survey asked about people's experience of the new SAS contract and JR is currently correlating the data. Approximately 114 responses were received. The point was made that whereas these surveys are probably only completed by those SAS doctors attending the conference, the actual response rate is always extremely low in analysis because the mailshot goes to everyone on the database – currently over 500.

It was agreed that, in future, surveys should only be distributed to delegates and the best way to do this is probably to have it included in the response letter sent by Cathy when delegates book for the conference.

Survey 2010

It was agreed that this year people would be asked about what things they had done that would make them suitable to pass through the second threshold of specialty doctor e.g. management courses, leadership training, contribution to wider NHS etc. NW volunteered to take the lead on this. **NW to action**

PID Audit

This audit has now been completed. 1160 audit forms were completed. The data has been correlated and some basic statistics compiled. CO will draft the initial report. **CO to action**

There was considerable discussion as to possible topics for the next audit. Suggestions include syphilis, gonorrhoea, and epididymo-orchitis. HB will discuss at the next National Audit Group meeting. **HB to action**

Succession planning

Caroline Cooper and Lamont Law have both resigned from the committee, due to other pressures of work. The committee would like to thank them for their contribution to the group - Caroline for her successful

Family Planning workshops at conference (which she is willing to repeat, if required) and Lamont for his work on updating the SAS Induction pack and his terms as SAS representative with the Clinical Governance Group.

HM and NT have held the posts of Secretary and Finance Officer on the SAS Committee respectively for three years and the committee members were asked whether anyone wished to stand for election to either of these posts. As there were no other candidates at this time, HM and NT were re-elected for a further three-year term.

DIP GUM

At the last meeting it was agreed that, as a group, we would try to compile a list of questions from Dip GUM using feedback from recent candidates. Any such information should be sent to HM, who will compile a list. No information has been received to date.

Deanery money for SAS development

There is great variability in the distribution of this money throughout the country. The London Deanery has run a number of very successful courses, and the money is gradually becoming available in some other areas. However a number of representatives described their inability to access it locally despite every effort. No money has been made available in Wales.

Financial Report

NT reported that financially the group is doing well. As last year's conference made a significant profit for BASHH we are more than covering our expenses for travel and doing audit.

BASHH Newsletter

It was agreed at the last meeting that the group should contribute an 'SAS Section' to the BASHH newsletter on a regular basis. The Chair and the Secretary for the group will submit this. Suggestions from committee members as to what they this should be included would be gratefully received

Feedback:

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

BASHH Clinical Governance: Revalidation under discussion. The CG representative directed members to an interesting document from the DoH on 'The NHS as the preferred provider of GU services' (http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_107126)

BASHH Education Committee: The decision to reduce the number of OGMs per year has been reversed.

STIF Steering Group: The STIF course is being redesigned to comprise a STIF Foundation course, which will be available online and a day of workshops to supplement e-learning. The delegate will be expected to have completed the online learning before attending the day of workshops. This new design is being piloted now and should be ready to run by August.

FSRH: The new family planning training programme is now up and running. It consists of 20 hours of e-learning, followed by a Day of 5, where 5 major topics will be covered. Trainees will also have to attend 4 practical sessions, although not all of these require the presence of an Instructing Doctor in Family Planning.

The Faculty has also had their specialty status approved.

Sexual dysfunction SIG: Nothing to report

BASHH Web Team: Nothing to report

Regional Representatives: Nothing to report

AOB

NL brought the following points to the attention of the committee:

Each Trust should now have a Trust Lead for SAS doctors

A number of leadership and management courses are being developed with SAS doctors in mind. They do vary quite significantly in quality. It was suggested that the committee members might like to pool their information on such courses

Those who regularly teach medical students or other doctors may be interested in information available on the Academy of Medical Educators website. (<http://www.medicaleducators.org/>) Attention is also drawn to a useful document 'Standards for the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections'. (<http://www.medfash.org.uk/activities/activities.html#BASHH>)

Next meeting:

Wednesday 9th June 2010, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Venue: Victoria Boardroom, 56 Dean Street, London W1D 6AQ

(The Conference Committee will meet from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the same venue)