

**GUM SAS Group Meeting**  
**(Executive Committee)**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010 from 1pm - 3pm**  
**Victoria Boardroom, 56 Dean Street, London W1D 6AQ**

**Present**

Helen Bailey	(HB)	Helen Mullan	(HM)
Margaret Hatwell	(MH)	Carlos Oroz	(CO)
Karl Hollows	(KH)	Sue Pinsent	(SP)
John Lee	(JL)	Jane Richards	(JR)
Mervyn Lee	(ML)	PN Sashidharan	(PS)
Vendela McNamara	(VM)	Nick Theobald	(NT)
Catharine Morgan	(CM)		

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Melissa Bracken, Wafaa Eltantawy, Neil Lazaro, M Itty Samuel, Nicky Waddell

**Minutes of the last meeting**

These were accepted and approved

**Matters arising**

**Mentoring:** Despite the apparent interest, both in mentoring and being mentored, expressed at Conference 2009, there has been little response from the SAS doctors to date. A notice appeared in the BASHH newsletter and an e-mail was sent to all SAS doctors currently on the database. The lack of interest may be due in part to some of the group not being members of BASHH and the fact that the database requires updating

**Workforce planning:** BASHH have established a new workforce group, chaired by Angela Robinson, to pilot a census of all doctors working within the specialty, via the Clinical Leads. JL is part of this group. It is hoped that the project will be under way by July. This will allow for an accurate updating of the SAS database.

**Conferences**

**2010:** The mail shot for this year's conference is due within the next week. The documents will also be on the BASHH website. Regional representatives were asked to ensure that all their members were aware of the conference. Sponsorship remains difficult to obtain, but the cost of the conference remains the same as last year.

**2011:** Various venues are being considered for Conference 2011 but no definite decision has been reached as yet. HB is stepping down as Chair in September and will be replaced by KH.

## **Succession planning**

JL's three-year term as Chair of the SAS group comes to an end in September 2010. The Group's Constitution allows him to hold this position for a further term and there was unanimous support for this proposal. JL will therefore continue as Chair of the group until September 2013

Other changes to the Committee are as follows:

Catharine Morgan has filled the vacancy in Oxford and that in N Thames East has been filled by Pinky Mukherjee. Sylvia Rafter has joined CO as the second representative for Scotland.

Since our last meeting we have had resignations from Helen Keane (Northern Ireland) and M Itty Samuel (S. Thames), so both of these positions are vacant as well as E. Anglia, previously represented by Caroline Cooper.

These vacancies will be highlighted during the AGM in September

## **Survey 2008**

The data from this survey has not yet been analysed for a variety of reasons. **HB, NT, and HM** agreed to review the data to decide whether it might lend itself to publication. This survey looked at specialty based further education within the group

## **Survey 2009**

JR has completed correlation of this data and will disseminate it to the other members of the working party shortly. (JR, MH, HB, VM, HM)

## **Survey 2010**

There was some discussion as to whether this survey, planning to look at what was being required of Specialty doctors in order to pass through the second threshold, might be premature, as many people had only moved to the new contract in the past year. It was agreed to postpone this survey until Conference 2011. (NW, CO, CM, HM, JR)

## **PID Audit**

CO is currently drafting the audit report for submission to the International Journal of STD & AIDS. It will focus mainly on treatment and partner notification. (CO, JL, HM, HB, NT, KH)

## **Future audit**

The finance for the next audit was agreed in the SAS Business Plan, with the proviso that any audits done must be in line with the steer given to the National Audit Group (NAG) by the Board last year, in that they should be short, high impact audits, of a high standard and suitable for revalidation. High impact audit templates are being developed by the NAG for a variety of topics. In order to be suitable for revalidation, future audits will have to be accompanied by an ability to feed back the results to those submitting the data, so that they can make any necessary changes to their practice and re-audit the topic locally again within a 5 year period. It was felt that this should be possible electronically but further information is necessary as to how it might be done and at what cost. HB to lead on this. The next topic to be audited will be the management of gonorrhoea. (HB, PS, VM, CM, ML)

## **Venue**

Consideration had been given to moving out of London for some of the Committee meetings as a cost saving exercise. However, on further examination of the figures, it seems unlikely that any saving would be made so meetings will continue to be held in London for now. NT urged that people should seek travelling expenses in the first instance from their Trusts, only applying to BASHH if their Trusts decline to support them.

## **Financial Report**

The Business Plan has been approved for the next year. The majority of the group's financial planning concerns the annual conference. Taking into account the sponsorship achieved already, we will require a minimum of 180 delegates to attend in order to cover our expenses.

## **SAS Deanery money**

The distribution and use of this money is still patchy and local solutions vary. It is possible that, with the recent change in Government, this funding may not continue. In most cases it cannot be carried over from one financial year to the next. People are advised to access and use it within the financial year if at all possible.

## **Video-conferencing**

Unfortunately this facility is not yet available for use at Dean Street. However, teleconferencing may be possible

## **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:** The recently published Standards Document is being used for clinical governance. Workforce planning is going ahead as detailed earlier.

**BASHH Education Committee:** The number of Ordinary General Meetings per year will continue but the timing will alter so that they begin and finish half-an-hour earlier.

**STIF Steering Group:** The new STI Foundation course is still in development. The educational component for Level 1 consists of eLearning followed by one contact day, which will include some of the workshops featured on the original STIF course. There will also be an option of a further contact day, STIF Plus, to deal with topics specifically requested in the past. A pilot of this has been run in Plymouth, with a second to follow shortly in Bradford. Both have been oversubscribed and the one run in Plymouth received excellent feedback. The competencies for Level One are currently in development, as are those for Level 2. The Intermediate Level Competency programme

is now ready to go. This is aimed at those wishing to develop skills and competence in diagnosing and managing uncomplicated STIs and is suitable for those wishing to deliver a more specialized service in primary care or those working within a Level 2 service with supervision. It will be clinic based. Full details are available on the BASHH website.

**FSRH:** Nothing to report

**Sexual dysfunction SIG:** Nothing to report

**BASHH Web Team:** Feedback regarding the website to NT

**Regional Representatives:** Nothing to report

**Next meeting:**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 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)**