MEMBERSHIP PACK

BASHH

“Promoting sexual health and high quality HIV/STI care through professional and public education”
What is BASHH?

The British Association for Sexual Health and HIV – BASHH – was formed through the merger in 2003 of the Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases (MSSVD, established 1922) and the Association for Genito Urinary Medicine (AGUM, established 1992). The object of BASHH is:

- To promote, encourage and improved the study and practice of the art and science of diagnosing and treating sexually transmitted diseases including all sexually transmitted infections, HIV and other sexual health problems.
- To advance public health so far as it is affected by sexually transmitted diseases and to promote and encourage the study of the public aspects of sexually transmitted diseases including all sexually transmitted infections, HIV and other sexual health problems.
- To advance the education of the public in all matters concerning the medical specialty of Genitourinary Medicine (hereinafter referred to as 'the Specialty'), to include the management of HIV infections and the broader aspects of sexual health.
- To promote a high standard in the medical specialty of Genitourinary Medicine to include the management of HIV infections and the broader aspects of sexual health

The Association membership includes medical practitioners, scientists in the field of medicine and other healthcare workers who have shown a commitment to the specialty, who have been duly elected Fellows, Members (including Affiliate Members) and Honorary Fellows. Criteria for commitment to the specialty are that the applicant should be currently working in or have contributed to the specialty or an allied field. Honorary Life Fellowship may be conferred on persons, including those not medically qualified, who have given distinguished service to the Association.

BASHH has 4 national meetings per annum, which are held on Friday afternoons. These meetings include the reading of scientific papers by eminent speakers, discussion and the presentation of cases and are held at the Royal Society of Medicine in London. The Annual General Meeting is held in January of each year. In addition, there is an annual Spring Meeting, as well as clinical meetings organised by the Special Interest Groups. A study weekend for doctors in training is held annually, and training for nurses and health advisers are being developed. Educational activities for doctors and other health care professionals working in Sexual Health are also organised at regional level through the Regional Branches. BASHH has a continuing education strategy and is developing additional educational activities and resources.

There are currently over 1,000 members of BASHH, over 80 of whom are overseas members, making it the largest such organizations in the world. Members receive mailings which include information about BASHH and other meetings, courses and a regular Newsletter.

Journals

The annual membership fee for BASHH depending upon membership category includes subscription to one or both of the two affiliated journals; Sexually Transmitted Infections and the International Journal of STD and AIDS.

Sexually Transmitted Infections

Sexually Transmitted Infections is the world’s longest running international journal on sexual health. It aims to keep practitioners, trainees and researchers up to date in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of all STIs and HIV. The journal publishes original research, evidence-based reviews and comment on the clinical, epidemiological, sociological and laboratory aspects of sexual health from around the world. It also publishes educational articles, letters and other material of interest to readers, along with blog posts and podcasts. Special issues and supplements on topical themes are occasionally produced. The current Impact Factor is 3.078

The International Journal of STD & AIDS

This peer-reviewed journal provides a clinically oriented forum for the investigation and treatment of sexually transmissible infections, HIV and AIDS. The contributors, from around the world, promote activities aimed at the research, prevention and control of these infections. The journal contains in-depth editorial reviews, original articles and research, short papers, case reports, audit reports, selected abstracts from leading journals and CPD papers. There is also a lively correspondence column, a book review section, and news from the genitourinary medicine associations. Occasional supplements are also published and are supplied free to subscribers. Subscribers to the International Journal of STD & AIDS can access the journal online at no extra cost. The current Impact Factor is 1.037.
Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a list of the most commonly asked questions regarding membership of BASHH.

Please read these thoroughly before submitting your application or contacting BASHH with a query relating to your application. If you have a question which is not dealt with below, then please do get in touch with the BASHH Secretariat. You may also find useful information on the BASHH website – www.bashh.org. The constitution of BASHH can be found here.

What are the benefits of joining BASHH?
BASHH is the largest and oldest association in the field of STI and HIV. For medical and paramedical workers in the field of GU medicine in the UK it is the national specialist society and by joining and supporting it you will help in the promotion of this field. As a fellow/member you will be able to stand for official positions within the association and to vote in elections. Members can register for BASHH meetings at a reduced rate and membership also includes subscription to one or two journals. Members also have access to information contained in the private members area of the website.

How do I join?
Complete the forms contained in this application pack and return them to the BASHH Secretariat. The application needs to be supported and signed by two BASHH members, one of whom should be a Fellow, with personal knowledge of the candidate. The application will then be decided at the next BASHH Board meeting. The proposer and seconder of the candidate may be requested to provide further information if deemed necessary by the Board.

Is my membership automatic?
No. Once you have submitted your application forms it will be processed as described above. You will be notified by the BASHH Secretariat if your application has been successful. Please note that your application will need to be considered by the BASHH Board and so there may be a delay, depending on when the next meeting is due to be held.

Do I have to set up a Direct Debit?
Yes – if you are a member based in the UK. With over 1,000 members BASHH does not have the resources to process this number of individual cheques/credit card payments. By collecting membership subscriptions by Direct Debit we dramatically reduce the amount of administration involved.

The exception to this is for our overseas members who do not have a UK bank account. For these members only we will accept a bank draft made payable to ‘BASHH’ in pounds sterling, drawn on a UK bank or payment by credit card. For those members who have their subscriptions paid for them by an organisation or company, we would ask that you help us by setting up a personal Direct Debit and then claiming the money back. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the Honorary Treasurer.

When are subs collected?
Please send your completed application form with a cheque for the 1st membership year. BASHH’s membership year runs from 1 August to 31 July. Subsequent year’s subscriptions will be collected by Direct Debit at the beginning of August. You will be notified prior to the Direct Debit run.

What happens if I join part the way through the membership year?
The membership fee is reduced to reflect which part of the year you join- see the table and we ask you to forward a cheque to cover this part year subscription. The direct debit is taken on 31st July.

I would like to join, but don’t know two members of BASHH who could support my application. What should I do?
Please contact the BASHH Secretariat who will be able to help you e.g. by providing you with the names of BASHH members within your hospital/locality who you could approach to support your application.

IMPORTANT: Please help us process your application quickly and efficiently by ensuring that you have filled in all forms clearly and completely. There are four forms that you need to complete and return:

1. Membership Data Form
2. Categories Form
3. BASHH Proposer/seconder form
4. Direct Debit Mandate & a cheque for the 1st year (or for overseas members only, the Credit Card Payment Form)

Please return the original of the form by POST. Many banks will not accept a faxed version of a Direct Debit mandate.
1. **MEMBERSHIP DATA FORM**

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION** (Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Title: ____________ Forename: ___________________________ Surname: ___________________________

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) ___/___/______

Mailing address: ________________________________________________________________

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Town: __________________________ County: __________________________ Postcode/zip: __________

Country: __________________________ Tel: __________________________ Fax: __________

E-mail: ________________________________________________________________________

Present appointment: _______________________________________________________________

Present place of work: ________________________________________________________________________________________

**POSITION HELD** (please tick ONE box only)

**MEDICAL**

NHS Consultant ☐ Senior Lecturer/Professor ☐ Lecturer ☐

Specialist Registrar ☐ Associate Specialist ☐ General Practitioner ☐

Staff Grade ☐ Clinical assistant/Hospital practitioner ☐ Retired ☐

Other ☐

**CLINICAL/NON-MEDICAL**

Nurse Consultant ☐ Nurse ☐ Health Adviser ☐

Other ☐

**NON-CLINICAL**

Scientist ☐ Other ☐

**SPECIALTY** (Doctors only)

GU Medicine ☐ Reproductive/Sexual Health ☐ Gynaecology ☐

ID ☐ Microbiology/Virology ☐ Other ☐

**REGION OF MAIN EMPLOYMENT**

East Anglia ☐ Ireland ☐ Mersey ☐ North West ☐ Northern ☐

Oxford ☐ South West ☐ Scotland ☐ Thames NE ☐ Thames NW ☐

Thames SE ☐ Thames SW ☐ Trent ☐ Wales ☐ Wessex ☐

West Midlands ☐ Yorkshire ☐ Outside UK ☐

Please return this form by **POST** to: BASHH Secretariat, Chester House, 68 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 6DY
### 2. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES FORM

Please **CIRCLE TWO boxes**: *Quarter* when form is submitted & the *GRADE* column. Quarterly rates apply during the 1*st* membership year **ONLY**

Note: The two journals are *Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)* and *International Journal of STD and AIDS (Int J STD AIDS)*

Please return this form & **CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO ‘BASHH’** by **POST** to:

BASHH Secretariat, Chester House, 68 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 6DY

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*General Practitioners with a special interest in sexual health may, if they wish, apply to be considered for election to Fellowship. This is done by sending a brief letter to the Secretariat outlining the individual’s past and current contributions to the field of sexual health*
3. BASHH PROPOSER/SECONDER

This application form must be signed by TWO current members of BASHH, one of whom must be a Fellow of BASHH (i.e. a medical or nurse consultant member)

PROPOSER

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS)  ___________________________________________________________

SIGNED  ___________________________ DATE  ____________________________

SECONDER

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS)  ___________________________________________________________

SIGNED  ___________________________ DATE  ____________________________

APPLICANT

I CONFIRM THAT THE DETAILS ON THIS FORM ARE CORRECT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION OF BASHH AND BY SUCH RULES AND POLICIES DRAWN UP BY THE GOVERNING BOARD.

SIGNED  ___________________________ DATE  ____________________________

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS)  ___________________________________________________________
4. DIRECT DEBIT MANDATE

British Association for Sexual Health and HIV

Instruction to your bank or building society to pay by Direct Debit (UK only)

Please fill in the whole form including official use box using a ball point pen and send it to:

BASHH,
Chester House
68 Chestergate
Macclesfield, Cheshire,
SK11 6DY

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

Bank/Building Society account number

Branch Sort Code

Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society

To: The Manager

Address

Postcode

Signature(s)

Date

Reference (Membership Number, if known)

This guarantee should be detached and retained by the Payer.

The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit BASHH will notify you five (5) working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request BASHH to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by BASHH or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society
  - If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when BASHH asks you to
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building Society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.
OVERSEAS MEMBER PAYMENT FORM

DO NOT USE THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE A UK BANK ACCOUNT. To be used by Overseas Members ONLY

If you do not have a UK bank account either send a cheque drawn on any UK bank, in POUNDS STERLING, made payable to “BASHH” or complete the following:

VISA / MASTERCARD / AMEX (delete as applicable)

Card No: ________________ ________________ ________________ ________________

Expiry date: ________________

Card security code: ________________

The last three (4 for Amex) digits of the CW Security code in the signature area of your credit card

“I authorise the sum of £________________________ To be charged to my credit card.”

Cardholder’s name: ________________________________________________________________

Cardholder’s signature: ____________________________________________________________

Name of BASHH member if different from above: ______________________________________

Cardholder’s address: ________________________________________________________________

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