

Student and Trainee Association of Sexual Health and HIV (STASHH) Annual Conference 2026

Conference date: 24/06/2026

Conference Abstract Submission Guidelines

The STASHH Conference provides a platform for students and trainees to present work that is educational, improves clinical practice, and promotes equality in sexual health and HIV care. Abstracts should:

- Be relevant to sexual health, HIV, or related disciplines
- Demonstrate clear learning points and relevance to practice, policy, or education
- Reflect ethical, inclusive, and evidence-based approaches

Timeline:

Abstracts Open: 1st February 2026

Abstract Submission Deadline: 11th March 2026

Abstract Submission Review Meeting: 6th May 2026

Authors to be advised of the outcome: 13th May 2026

Authors to confirm attendance: 31st May

Subject Areas and Topics

Abstracts are invited across the full breadth of sexual health. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- STIs and HIV Care
- Sexual Health in Diverse and Global Contexts
- Safeguarding and Trauma-Informed Care
- Reproductive health and Contraception
- Ethics, Law, and Policy in Sexual Health
- Ethical dilemmas in sexual health practice
- Clinical Audit and Quality Improvement Projects

Abstract Categories

Authors should select one of the following categories at submission:

Abstract Structure

Abstracts should be structured and include the following headings where appropriate:

- **Background:** Brief context and rationale
- **Methods:** Study design, setting, participants, and analysis
- **Results:** Key findings
- **Conclusion:** Interpretation, implications for practice, and learning points

Case reports should describe the clinical scenario, management, and key learning points.

Abstract Formatting and Submission Requirements

- Word limit: 300 words
- Abstracts must be written in clear, concise English
- Standard abbreviations may be used but must be defined at first mention
- STASHH endorses People First Charter (PFC) (<https://peoplefirstcharter.org/>) - Language should adhere to PFC terminology guidance
- References should be avoided unless essential
- Tables, figures, and images are not permitted
- Please do not include author details or information that identifies your unit or hospital in the title or body of the abstract.

Ethics, Governance, and Confidentiality

- Abstracts involving patient data must comply with ethical and governance requirements
- Ethical approval or audit registration should be stated where applicable
- If ethical approval was not required, this should be explicitly stated
- Patient anonymity and confidentiality must be strictly maintained

Authorship and Eligibility

- At least one author must be a student or pre-specialty trainee at the time of submission

- The presenting author should be clearly identified and should be student or pre-speciality trainee.
- Supervisors or senior collaborators may be included as co-authors

Review Process and Assessment Criteria

Abstracts will be anonymised and marked out of 10 with consideration given to

- Relevance to sexual health and HIV
- Scientific or educational quality
- Originality and innovation
- Clarity of writing and structure
- Educational value for students and trainees

Abstracts will be marked down if poorly written or constructed, have low impact or are of low relevance to the conference.

STASHH endorses the People First Charter (PFC) and requests all submitting abstracts to adhere to terminology guidance (<https://peoplefirstcharter.org/>) If the language used in an abstract does not follow PFC you may be asked to amend it. If excessive discriminatory language is used your abstract may be rejected.

Accepted abstracts may be allocated to an oral or poster presentation.

Declarations

All submitting authors must declare:

- Conflicts of interest
- Sources of funding or sponsorship

Presentation and Publication

- Presenting authors must register for the conference
- Accepted abstracts may be published in conference materials or online proceedings

Submission Instructions

- Submissions will be via BASHH website
- Outcome for abstract submissions will be by the 13th May
- We will ask for confirmation of attendance and agreement to present by 31st May

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For any queries, please contact *stashh@bashh.org*