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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is a pleasure to submit this report to the membership in my first year of office. It is a great privilege to be President for such a dynamic, passionate and committed group of people, and to represent our organisation to the numerous stakeholders both nationally and internationally who have an interest in Genitourinary Medicine.

2024 has been a year of significant change for us, for the work we do and for the nation at large. Our biggest internal change has been the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer for the first time. This is the biggest symbol of commitment to change within BASHH. Our models of working must change, and are changing, in response to the environment in which we operate. BASHH has always been led by a number of trustees who are all working in Genitourinary Medicine, who are Fellows prepared and able to give their time for free. Our current board is the most diverse it has been in terms of professional roles and we have an SAS doctor holding an officer role as well as a nurse. Working only through volunteers is not enough in the 21st Century for such a key stakeholder and contributor to the good sexual health of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The environment has changed significantly. We have the highest rates of Gonorrhoea since records began and our syphilis rates are as high as they were in 1948 (in England). Inequities in HIV diagnoses are becoming more visible, with some groups seeing increasing acquisition rates. Mpox continues in Clade 2b transmission whilst we stand prepared to work if Clade 1b becomes important in UK sexual networks. Bexsero, Doxy PEP, mpox vaccination and ever more prevention tools are at the disposal of GU Physicians. BASHH must rise to meet the challenge of continuing to provide expert advice on how best to address these needs of the people we serve. It is clear that the strategies which have been engaged to address the sexual health needs of the people in the UK have not done so, and it is clearly BASHH's role to champion the needs of patients.

Through the strong and steadfast leadership of Dr Sarah Schoeman and Dr Andy Williams on the Specialist Advisory Committee (SAC), STASHH and #LoveGUM there has been some very encouraging news regarding recruitment into GUM training numbers, with an increase in 2024 compared to previous years. BASHH continues to work hand in glove with the SAC to champion the work of GU Physicians, and in that way ensure there are the right specialists at the right place to serve the needs of people. I cannot emphasise enough to all of our members that this should be done robustly and unfailingly at every opportunity. It has become very apparent to me that many of the people with whom we work find our work undescribed and opaque- we must work together to change this.

In England, commissioning of sexual health services by Local Authorities remains a mechanism that the majority of our members feels need improvement. I'm delighted that through co-working we will be hosting a series of roundtables with the Local Government Association, The Association of Directors of Public Health and the English Sexual Health and HIV Commissioners Group to begin to work on these improvements. It is clear to all that without improved working, the HIV Action Plan that the Government has committed to is in peril- it is predicated on an infrastructure of local experts who can address the needs of their populations- an infrastructure that is increasingly at risk of being dismantled.

An exciting development this year has been a closer working relationship with the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS). There has been a roundtable looking at how we can co-work to address concerns about testing through private platforms, a concern for people having tests that would not normally be recommended by an expert in GU Medicine.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Clinical Effectiveness Group (CEG) who have been working tirelessly to get guidance up to date. This has been happening thick and fast this year at a pace I have found hard to keep up with in my clinical job. It is work like this that allows BASHH to rightly claim its seat as the expert body that drives ever higher quality in Genitourinary Medicine.

Internationally, BASHH has now moved into a place of ensuring we have a team of colleagues present at conferences to report back to the membership following the success of ISSTD 2023. In 2024 a team attended IUSTI Europe and reported back, this model allows us to support a number of individuals from the range of professionals that makes up our specialty both in getting to international conferences and also in sharing conference findings. We are looking at the sustainability of this model and hope to do the same in 2025.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT Continued ...

Finally, at the heart of BASHH is the membership- which includes me! So that is us. With the appointment of a Chief Executive, we have been able to begin to get to the root of improving the experience and benefits of being a member of BASHH and we will be working hard over the next twelve months to make these even better.

Professor Matt Phillips
BASHH President

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Review

This year, BASHH has seen a significant increase in financial activity which has been both planned and accounted for. There has been a continued shift in focus in delivering activities across the organisation, including: the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer, ongoing national guidelines development, an upgraded website, and the LoveGUM recruitment campaign. All these activities serve to further the objectives and have been delivered at a significant cost which has required mobilisation of reserves. The investment portfolio has performed strongly, in addition to increased income from events and the STI Foundation. These gains have offset a significant proportion of the increased expenditure. BASHH will have a deficit in 2024, and it is predicted that this will continue into the forthcoming financial year.

The unaudited figures are:

Income	£795,895.57	(£701,232.53 2023)
Expenditure	£1,108,591.63	(£682,756.19 2023)
Net gains/losses	-£312,696.06	

BASHH is in the process of transition as the Chief Executive Officer settles into post. There has been a review of the budget and a new proposed annual budgeting cycle which will allow targets to be aligned and performance against budget to be tracked in the short, medium and long-term. These practical changes will improve the Board's ability to scrutinise performance and assess the feasibility of proposed expenditure

Dr Anne Oliver
Treasurer

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CLINICAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW

Membership

Dr Rona MacDonald *Chair*
Dr Rona MacDonald *Chair*
Mr Hu Clarke *Secretary*
Dr Noel Connolly *Cheshire and Merseyside BC*
Dr Serish Basavaraj *East Anglia BC*
Vacant Northern BC
Dr Say Quah *N Ireland BC*
Dr John Sweeney *NW BC*
Dr Angela Bailey *Oxford BC*
Dr Bridie Howe *Scotland BC*
Dr Fiona Fergie *SW BC*
Dr Rita Browne *Thames NE BC*
Dr Dawn Friday *Thames NW BC*
Dr Aseel Hegazi *Thames SE BC*
Dr Malika Mohabeer *Thames SW BC*
Dr Hayley Wood *Trent BC*
Dr Darren Cousins *Wales BC*
Dr Sangeetha Sundaram *Wessex BC*
Dr Lisa Goodall *W Midlands BC*
Dr Emma Street *Yorkshire BC*
David Brown *DIT Rep*
Mr Hu Clarke *HA rep*
Nathan Burley *Pharmacist rep*
Mr Alan Haskell *Nurse rep*
Dr Fahad Naser *SAS rep*

Ex-officio members

Matt Phillips *President*
David Philips *Vice President*
Anne Oliver *Treasurer*
Cara Saxon *General Secretary*
Chris Ward *Conferences and Communication*
Matthew Grundy Bowers *Education Committee*
Margaret Kingston *CEG*
Vanessa Apea *NAG*
Jack Shaw *Information group*
Emily Clarke *Clinical Standards Unit*

Objectives

This committee consists of regional representatives from all of the branches in England, and a representative from the UK devolved nations: Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In addition, there are professional group representatives from Nurses, Health Advisers, Pharmacists, Staff & Associate Specialists, and Doctors in Training. Other Groups within BASHH feed into this committee: The Clinical Effectiveness Group, the Clinical Standards Unit (CSU), the National Audit Group (NAG), and the BASHH/FSRH Integrated Information Group.

To implement strategies and policies of BASHH as approved by the Governing Board

To oversee, set and monitor standards and specifications relating to BASHH

To identify areas of best clinical practice and promote their adoption whilst recognising local variation in capacity, infrastructure and policy

To identify regional and individual clinic difficulties and support such services to explore solutions to issues, mobilise support and suggest action plans.

Significant activities / Outputs 2023-2024

- 3 virtual meetings and 1 face to face meeting during Spring Conference
- Supported BASHH Mpox response
- Ongoing input to National PGD

Future plans

- To support BASHH in assessing workforce numbers
- Support BASHH with promoting GU training and recruitment
- To support BASHH to lead on the development of coherent holistic sexual health strategies for all four nations in the UK

Dr Rona MacDonald
Chair Clinical Governance
Committee

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE REVIEW

Membership

Professor Mathew Grundy *Chair*
Dr Kanch Seneviratne *Secretary*
Ms Ceri Evans *Health Advisor Representative*
Dr Elizabeth Okecha *HIV/BBV SIG Chair*
Dr Georgina Morris *Dermatology SIG Chair*
Dr Toni Masters *Doctors In Training Representative*
Dr John McSorley *Public Health SIG Co-Chair*
Dr Chris Ward *BASHH Communication and Conference secretary*
Dr Laura Waters & Dr Claire Dewsnap *BASHH STI/HIV Course Director*
Dr John Evans-Jones *eHIV-STI Clinical Lead*
Dr Rebecca Thomson Glover *Adolescent SIG Chair*
Dr Catherine Chima-Okereke *BHIVA/BASHH Mentoring Group Chairs*
Prof Anna Maria Geretti *Journal Editor (STI)*
Dr Jake Bayley *HPV SIG Chair*
Dr Shalini Andrews *Sexual Dysfunction SIG Chair*
Dr Sarah Edwards and Jodie Crossman *STI Foundation Committee Co-Chairs*
Dr John Saunders and Dr Suneeta Soni *Bacterial SIG Co-Chairs*
Dr Lewis Lau *SAS Group Representative* Dr David Phillips *BASHH Vice President* Dr Sally Jewsbury *GSM SIG*
Dr Emily Clarke *HSV SIG Co-Chair*
Dr Anne Oliver *BASHH Treasurer*
Dr David Phillips *BASHH General Secretary*
Ms Belinda Loftus *SHAN SIG Chair*
Dr Deb Wardle *Sexual Violence SIG Chair*
Dr Mike Rayment *Journal Editor (Int Journal of STD & AIDS)*
Professor Matt Philips *BASHH President*

The Education Committee (EC) is responsible for facilitating the delivery of the BASHH's vision, values and service priorities through education, training and development.

The Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Conference chair, STI Foundation, BASHH HIV/STI course, and International Journal of STD & AIDS and the STI journals either report into or have a presence on the committee. The committee oversees the development and maintenance of educational programmes for nurses, doctors and the wider MDT specifically in HIV, the management of STIs and related conditions.

The focus has now been on resetting and refocusing our attention on the needs of our members and the patients they serve. While we have held increasing numbers of in person events, making sure we are sustainable both financially and environmentally, and ensuring accessibility has meant embracing the new ways of working (such as virtual events).

The Special interest groups (SIGs)

The SIGs lead on the development of guidance documents, educational materials and events within their specialist areas. They run a number of well-known study days

including the ABC of sexual function and genital dermatology and genital dermatology PLUS study days. The SIGs also generate publications, and in collaboration with other BASHH groups and external organisations make recommendations and review and respond to various documents on behalf of BASHH. Individual reports detailing specific contributions are available within the BASHH Annual Review.

In addition to this, there has been several educational events including the SAS Doctors conference, HIV masterclass, BASHH HIV/STI course, and the DipGUM revision course.

The STASHH (Student and Trainee Association for Sexual Health & HIV) has continued to offer educational opportunities, taster days and other engagement events to those resident doctors interested in pursuing a career in GUM/HIV. These activities have undoubtedly contributed to improved recruitment of specialty trainees in 2024.

BASHH scientific meetings

The Education Committee is responsible for facilitating the three BASHH scientific meetings (BSM) per year. Two of these are delivered virtually, and the third (spring) is delivered hybrid. These well received scientific events are free for BASHH members attracting large numbers of delegates. Each scientific meeting is delivered by two SIGs in a two-part structure.

The Winter BSM was a virtual event in January of this year was hosted by the Gender and Sexual Minorities SIG and the HIV and Blood Borne Viruses SIG. The first session was on monitoring gender affirming hormones in sexual health, while the second session was on vaginitis in trans masculine population. The second part delivered by BBV and HPV SIG commenced with a presentation on doxy PEP, followed by updates on Hepatitis B treatments, cure, and Hepatitis vaccination.

The Spring BSM was a hybrid event and hosted by the Bacterial STI SIG and the Public Health SIG. The first part of this meeting presented the UKHSA strategic approach to STIs by Dr Caisey Pulford. This was followed by a session on emerging concepts, which included asymptomatic STI testing, DoxyPEP and 4CMenB vaccination for gonorrhoea.

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The second part of the meeting by the public health SIG explored optimising existing public health approaches including partner notification, diagnostic stewardship, and health promotion and condoms. It was an honour to have Dr Parameswaran Sashidharan in person at the meeting to receive his Honorary Life Fellowship. Dr Sashidharan entertained and inspired the audience with his career journey in the field.

The Autumn BSM was again virtual and hosted by the sexual violence and domestic abuse SIG and the HPV SIG. The first part was led by the sexual violence and domestic abuse SIG who presented the acceptability of sexual violence enquiry, and the outcomes of the sexual violence and domestic abuse survey and outcomes of a collaborative pilot. The final sessions of the autumn BSM was devoted to HPV and cervical cytology.

Scholarships, Fellowships and Travel awards

The education committee last year secured funding for a remunerated fellowship this year. Lisa Walton, and Advanced Clinical Practitioner in Derby was appointed to lead a national project mapping the nursing and health advising workforce across the UK.

The undergraduate prize winners were Lucy Rabuszko (Brighton and Sussex Medical School) - won for her essay 'Factors and presenting symptoms associated with intestinal spirochaetosis in men who have sex with men: a systematic review' and Ama Appiah (University of Oxford) - won for her entry 'Reproductive Justice and Contraception: An Intersectional Approach to Black British Women'. We are excited about 2025 and the education events that will inform and inspire

Professor Matthew Grundy-Bowers
Education Committee Chair

PRIZE AND PROGRAMMES

BASHH UNDERGRADUATE PRIZE WINNERS

Clinical prize

Lucy Rabuszko (*Brighton and Sussex Medical School*) - won for her essay 'Factors and presenting symptoms associated with intestinal spirochaetosis in men who have sex with men: a systematic review'

Research prize

Ama Appiah (*University of Oxford*) - won for her entry 'Reproductive Justice and Contraception: An Intersectional Approach to Black British Women'

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Friday 26th January 2024 GSM SIG & HIV BBV SIG

Session 1 – GSM SIG – 13:00 - 14:30

Dr Jo Smith - Monitoring gender affirming hormones in a sexual health clinic setting

Dr Kate Nambier - Vaginitis in trans masculine population

Dr Manik Kohli - Doxy PEP

Session 2 - 14.45 - 16.15 HIV BBV SIG

Dr Ahmed Elsharkawy - Update on Hepatitis B Treatments and Cures

Prof Anna Maria Geretti - Update on Hep Vaccination

Friday 22nd March 2024 BSIG & PH SIG

1pm Start and Introduction Chaired by Dr Suneeta Soni (BSIG)

1.10-1.25 UKHSA Strategic approach to STIs (SAS)

Dr Caisey Pulford, Principal Scientist, UKHSA

1.25-2.10 Emerging concepts (3x15m talks):

- Asymptomatic testing for STIs
- Doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis for STIs
- 4CMenB (Bexsero) vaccination for gonorrhoea

Dr Katy Sinka, Head of STI Section, UKHSA

Dr Hamish Mohammed, Consultant

Scientist, UKHSA

2.10-2.40 Panel discussion/ Q&A

All speakersChair

Chaired by Dr John McSorley (PH SIG)

3.10-3.55 Optimising existing approaches (3x15m talks):

- Partner Notification
- Diagnostic stewardship
- Health promotion and condoms

Professor Claudia Estcourt, GCU

Dr Emma Harding-Esch, Associate Professor, LSHTM

3.55-4.25 Panel discussion/ Q&A

All speakers

Friday 11th October 2024

Sexual violence and domestic abuse SIG & HPV SIG

Session 1 – Sexual Violence SIG

13.00 – 13.05 Welcome & Introduction

Deborah Wardle

13.05 – 13:20

Acceptability of sexual violence enquiry

Rachel Caswell

13.20 – 13.40

Survey Outcomes -sexual violence &

domestic abuse

Amy Bennett

13.40 – 14.10

Outcomes of a collaborative pilot

Charlotte Chappell & Ali Mears

14.10 – 14.20

Q&A

14.20 – 14.30

Next Steps

Deborah Wardle

Session 2 – HPV SIG – Jake Bayley

14.45 – 15:05

Role of HPV methylation in cancer progression/screening

Belinda Nedjai (QMUL)

15:05 - 15:20

Factors associated with treatment response for anogenital warts in randomised controlled trial of topical treatment and quadrivalent HPV vaccine

Diarmuid Nugent (CNWL)

15.20 – 15:35

Current service provision of HRA services in UK (from BASHH survey) Jake Bayley (Barts)

15:35 – 15:50

HPV vaccine uptake and declines among GBMSM attending specialist sexual health services

Lucy Slater (UKHSA)

15:50 – 16:10

Experiences of self-sampling for cervical cancer screening in Sweden Sara Arroyo (International HPV Research Centre)

NAMED GROUPS

BASHH/FSRH INTEGRATED INFORMATION GROUP

Membership

Dr Jack Shaw, *Co-chair BASHH*
Dr Evelyn Kerr, *Co-chair FSRH*
Dr David Phillips, *BASHH Rep.*
Dr Darren Cousins, *BASHH Rep. Wales*
Mr Howard Gees, *BASHH Rep.*
Dr Rona MacDonald, *BASHH Rep. Scotland*
Dr Anatole Menon-Johansson, *BASHH Rep.*
Dr Achyuta Nori, *BASHH Rep.*
Dr Michael Rayment, *BASHH Rep.*
Dr Nathan Acladious, *FSRH Rep.*
Dr Zara Haider, *FSRH Rep.*
Dr Asha Kasliwal, *FSRH Rep.*
Dr Usha Kumar, *FSRH Rep.*
Mr Cuong Chau, *UKHSA HARS*
Dr Hamish Mohammed, *UKHSA GUMCAD*
Mr Stephen Duffell, *UKHSA GUMCAD*
Mr Alireza Talebi, *UKHSA*
Ms Mandy Yung, *UKHSA*
Mr Anand Srinivasan, *DHSC / SRHAD*
Ms Olivia De Achaval, *OHID*
Ms Kate Rogers, *Brook*
Mr Charles Hewitt, *Pathway Analytics*

Observers from software companies

Ms Shafeda Mohammed, *RIOMED*
Mr Thiagarajan Jayaraman, *IMS*
Mr Iain Galloway, *IDCapture*
Mr Andrew Denman, *Inform Health*
Mr Vinay Neogi, *IDOX*
Mr Colin Kowlessar, *RIOMED*
Ms Liz Lovell, *IMS*
Mr Ian Stuart, *IMS*
Mr Paul McCulloch, *Excelicare*
Mr Stuart Lawrie, *Excelicare*
Ms Jackie Henderson, *Excelicare*

Objectives

- To recommend strategies for IT implementation, data collection and reporting for the spectrum of Integrated Sexual Health (ISH) services (ranging from non-integrated services to fully integrated services).
- To liaise between DHSC, HSCIC, UKHSA and other agencies regarding information issues to achieve best outcomes for both patients, the public and public health.
- To advise on the type, quality and format of information to be collected from ISH services for the purposes of national audit, public health monitoring and monitoring of service performance.
- To respond to relevant consultations affecting service provision, data collection and information governance in ISH

- To receive and respond to queries and concerns from members relating to IT and information governance, including data protection and confidentiality rules.
- To anticipate issues relating to IT and information governance from new legislation, commissioning or other changes that affect ISH.
- To work towards optimising effective IT solutions for ISH services.
- To provide oversight of the FSRH/BASHH Integrated Sexual Health EPR Working Group
- To disseminate important information to BASHH/FSRH members via organisational websites/newsletters.

Significant Activities / Outputs 2022-2023

- The group met 3 times during this period
- The EPR working group met four times during this period
- The group, and the EPR Working Group, continued to provide support to services affected by the sudden closure of Mill Systems
- The group responded to numerous questions posed by BASHH members regarding data management, information governance and statutory reporting for sexual health services.
- The group advised UKHSA on matters arising including GUMCAD and HARS
- The group supported a pilot of a solution in an ISH EPR to identify and match patients who were given new patient IDs following a change in EPR provider; this information was shared with UKHSA to ensure contiguous reporting for required cohorts
- The group re-established a working relationship with the SRHAD team at DHSC
- The group provided input in to the BASHH response to the consultation on an update to the STI Notifications recommendations
- The group's terms of reference were redrafted to reflect changes in practice since their previous iteration in 2013, and with consideration to expanding membership to include more formal representation from BHIVA
- The group has commenced a review of membership, including levels of meeting engagement and engagement in the circulation list / feedback on minutes / actions.
- The EPR working group delivered a plenary session at the BASHH conference 2024
- The EPR working group began work on two projects: a re-drafting of the previously delivered national EHR usability survey, and an agreed EPR output specification for patients transferring HIV care between services

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BASHH/FSRH INTEGRATED INFORMATION GROUP Continued ...

- The EPR working group successfully engaged the leading UK ISH EHR providers in attendance at working group meetings, encouraging current and future collaboration
 - The EPR working group established a collaborative relationship with the leading ISH EPR providers in the UK to explore the delivery of a novel evidence-based visualisation tool for sexual health: STIQI
 - The EPR working group shared experiences and learning following a number of significant cyber-security incidents experienced at trust and lab providers linked to ISH services in England
- Future plans**
- Continue to work closely with members of the FSRH, National Institute for Health Protection, UKHSA, DHSC, NHS Digital, software providers and others to ensure that we meet our objectives.
 - Continue to respond to requests for expertise on relevant subjects to the group
- Continue relationship-building with the BHIVA board to agree formal prospective BHIVA representation to the group
 - Ensure the objectives and benefits of this group incorporate relevant issues for all devolved nations of the UK.
 - Continue development of the relationship with the SRHAD team – consideration to be given to an update in / modernisation of SRHAD coding guidance
 - Establish contact for representing services in Northern Ireland
 - Finalise the review of current group membership and terms of reference
 - Deliver EPR working group projects of a re-drafted national EHR usability survey and a standardised HIV transfer of care extract specification
- Continue to foster collaboration with the ISH EPR industry

Dr Jack Shaw Co-Chair for the Joint BASHH- FSRH Information Group

CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS GROUP

Membership

Dr Ade Apoola
Dr Johnny Boylan
Dr Amy Evans
Dr Helen Fifer
Dr Sarah Flew
Ms Alison Grant
Dr Deepa Grover
Dr Lewis Haddow
Professor Margaret Kingston, *Chair*
Dr Nick Medland
Dr Michael Rayment
Dr John Saunders
Dr Cara Saxon
Dr Suneeta Soni

Objectives

- To produce the BASHH guidelines for the management of sexually transmitted infections & related conditions
- Production of patient information leaflets to support application of the guidelines.
- Liaison with internal and external key stakeholders including the British HIV Association (BHIVA), the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health (FSRH), The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, the BASHH Audit Group and the BASHH Public panel.
- Reporting to the BASHH Board via the Clinical Governance Committee

Significant activities

- Ongoing review of the current BASHH guidelines and patient information leaflets, production of updates and of new guidelines. This remains a key output for BASHH and sets acceptable professional standards of care, facilitates good patient care and supports healthcare professionals to make appropriate and evidence based decisions choices when managing their patients.
- Liaison with key internal and external stakeholders.
- The CEG continues to meet three times per year with one a blended face to face and two virtual meetings.
- The production of the guidelines is undertaken largely by BASHH members and their colleagues in the interests of the specialty and is unremunerated. We have been working with a professional researcher and medical writers to undertake literature reviews and to support the production of the guidelines.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- Maintenance of the BASHH guideline portfolio including co-produced guidelines with key external stakeholders including BHIVA, FSRH and RCOG
- Ongoing liaison with stakeholders
- Ongoing input into the BASHH annual conference; guidelines session
- Documents updated since last report:
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NAMED GROUPS

CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS GROUP Continued ...

- Guidelines on the management of:
 - Anogenital Herpes
 - Herpes in Pregnancy
 - Syphilis
 - Syphilis in pregnancy & children
 - Anogenital warts
 - Position statement on the use of doxycycline in pregnancy
 - Response to the MHRA statement on quinolone antimicrobials

Future plans

- Ongoing maintenance of the BASHH guideline portfolio including new guidelines and collaborations with stakeholders, updating guidelines in a prompt manner.
- NICE have ceased the accreditation scheme for all guidelines producers, so we are not able to maintain our NICE accreditation.
- Please direct all enquiries offering help with producing the BASHH guidelines or feedback to Margaret.kingston@mft.nhs.uk

Professor Margaret Kingston
CEG Chair

CLINICAL STANDARDS UNIT (CSU)

Membership

Dr Dawn Wilkinson (*New Chair from Sept 2023*)
Dr Rebecca Thomson-Glover
Dr Olwen Williams
Dr Bridie Howe (*BASHH Scotland Chair*)
Dr Karla Blee (Wales representative)
Dr Say Quah (Northern Ireland Representative)
Ms Ceri Evans (Health Advisor Representative)
Mr Martin Murchie (Nursing representative)

Objectives

The Clinical Standards Unit (CSU) consists of representatives from the UK nations and includes professional group representatives from Nursing and Health Advisers. The objectives of the CSU are to develop and promote new and updated evidence-based national standards for UK specialists working within the field of Sexual Health. These standards support commissioners and providers in delivering high-quality sexual health services and set expectations for the public accessing these services. The standards reflect current best practices in sexual health management and are intended for use across all services commissioned by Local Authorities or the NHS and are also strongly recommended for use in independent services, not commissioned by the public sector

Significant activities 2023-24:

- Ongoing work with commissioned medical writing group Veristat to update the Standards for the Management of STIs [2019]; Writing group Chair Dr Claire Dewsnap
- BASHH registered as stakeholder for NICE guidelines and CSU collates BASHH feedback.
- Hosting virtual CSU meetings – 8th Nov 2023 and 20th March 2024
- Updates to BASHH CSU webpage and Terms of Reference

Performance / Outputs 2023-24;

- Publication of the new standard for the Management of Sexual Health in UK Prisons [2023] [Prison Standards | BASHH](#)

Future plans

- To support BASHH to develop Sexual Health strategies and policies across the UK four nations underpinned by up to date BASHH clinical standards
- To deliver timely standard output in conjunction with the medical writing company, Veristat and engage collaboratively with stakeholders
- Please direct all enquiries offering help with producing the BASHH standards or feedback to CSU@bashh.org

Dr Dawn Wilkinson
Clinical Standards Unit Chair

NAMED GROUPS

CONFERENCE & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Membership

Dr Chris Ward *Conference and communication chair*
Dr Anne Oliver *SAS Rep*
Dr Lindsay Henderson *Doctor in training Rep*
Ms Ceri Evans *HA Rep*
Ms Jodie Crossman *Nurse Re*
Lorraine Stanley *Patient Rep*

Objectives

- To deliver annual national conference
- To deliver joint FSRH/BASHH conference annually
- To support other conferences significant to BASHH e.g. SAS conference
- To support other webinars and educational meetings e.g. IUSTI webinars
- To provide conference symposiums and scholarships at other conferences e.g. IUSTI

Significant activities

- Delivered annual face to face conference in Bournemouth
 - 17th-19th June
- Delivered virtual annual Joint BASHH/FSRH conference
 - 24th April
- Supported IUSTI with BASHH led symposium on behalf of the BBV SIG
 - 13th September
- Supported IUSTI with webinars over the year

Performance/Outputs in the year 2024-2025

BASHH conference

- Total attendees: 621, of which 508 were delegates with 11 exhibitor personnel
- 72 speakers, 197 posters and 42 oral presentations including nurses/HA/undergrads
- Surplus share from sponsorship/registration: £35,961
- Evaluation: 29/31 sessions scored an average mark >4/5, with total range for average mark 3.94-4.77/5

Joint FSRH/BASHH conference

- Over 400 virtual attendees
- Split BASHH/FSRH program
- 4.5/5 average weighting for event 4.5/5 average weighting for education
- Feedback collated by FSRH- 55% Excellent, 39% Good, 6% Average
- Good verbal feedback from delegates on the day

Future plans

- Deliver Joint FSRH/BASHH conference for around Easter 2025. Awaiting decision on if virtual or face to face
- Plan and deliver face to face Annual BASHH conference 8th-11th June 2024 in Edinburgh
- Continue to support partners in IUSTI, RCP and RCGP with webinars at their national conferences

Dr Chris Ward
Conference and Communications Chair

NAMED GROUPS

DOCTORS IN TRAINING

Membership

Dr Lindsay Henderson -*Doctors in Training Representative to BASHH*

Board All trainees registered as BASHH Members

Objectives

- To represent the professional interests of Doctors in Training (DiT) working in Genitourinary and HIV medicine.
- To promote Genitourinary Medicine as a career opt in for medical students and pre-specialty doctors as part of the Students and Trainees Association of Sexual Health and HIV (STASHH) steering committee.
- To provide quality educational opportunities for DiTs and facilitate communication about professional and training events.
- To arrange networking and socialising events for DiTs.
- To ensure DiTs representation on BASHH Committees.
- To sit on the JRCPTB Genito-urinary Medicine Specialist Advisory Committee (GUMSAC) to represent trainees.
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Significant activities

- Continued national teaching day for all GUM trainees in a concerted effort to improve access to quality teaching from nationwide speakers.
- Supporting development of a future recruitment plan for Sexual Health and HIV medicine through support of careers events and being part of the steering committee of Students and Trainees Association of Sexual Health and HIV (STASHH).
- Sitting on the conference committee to contribute to organising the annual BASHH conference.
- Attending the BASHH board meeting and the GU SAC meetings to feedback about training issues which have been raised, as well as update on the recent trainee activities/events. In turn, feeding back important updates and information from BASHH and the SAC to trainees – particularly important at present while transitioning to the new GUM/Internal Medicine curriculum

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- Teaching days were held online in September 2023, February 2024 and May 2024. A new teaching timetable for 2024-2025 has been arranged with dates in September 2024, February 2025 and May 2025.
- Followers on the @BASHH_trainees Twitter account continue to increase with sustained promotion of recruitment events and relevant courses.

- BASHH DiT representative continued to be part of the BASHH conference committee in June 2024 with the expectation that this is will be on ongoing role for future representatives.
- Sitting on the "Love GUM" committee - a steering group set up to improve recruitment to GUM specialty training. Within this role we conducted a post-interview survey of applicants to GUM specialty training to gain insights into why they chose GUM as a potential career so we can use this information to inform future targeted interventions, worked within the committee to produce new branding/logos and a detailed description of GUM training/careers which was developed into a new website, and co-authored a blog about dual training in GUM and GIM which is featured on the "Love GUM" website.

STASHH Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- STASHH continues to work towards its aim of having a local ambassador to promote GUM in every medical school and deanery nationally. We now have >50 local ambassadors across the 4 nations and the military, made up of medical students and pre-specialty. STASHH have recruited them to engage others in GUM projects/opportunities in their area and to promote GUM as a specialty via STASHH events and other BASHH events.
- Appointing a consultant representative from the GUM SAC to sit on the STASHH steering committee has been a great way of maintaining communication between STASHH and TPDs nationwide. We have distributed our "STASHH welcome pack to GUM registrars and consultants" via TPDs, which details how clinicians can support STASHH's work.
- STASHH monthly webinars continue – last year, we ran 11 total webinars with >300 attendees!
- STASHH ran a successful 'Away Day' on 5th April 2024 with Prof Phillips, Dr Dewsnap and Kat Smithson. Lots of amazing speakers which rewarded the hard work of our STASHH committee and ambassadors. All 25 attendees reported considering GUM as a viable career option.
- Season 2 of our podcast 'Sexy Health with STASHH' is available. Our podcast thus far has had almost 2000 listens.
- We have a STASHH SIG representative in the majority of BASHH SIGs.
- Our local ambassadors are working on compiling a list of potential elective venues and options in GUM for medical students to share on our page of the BASHH website. If you would be keen to host any elective students, please let us know!

NAMED GROUPS

DOCTORS IN TRAINING Continued...

Future plans

- Ongoing virtual teaching days dispersed throughout the year
- Annual face-to-face pre-conference DiT socialising/networking event
- Continued close involvement with STASHH and the LoveGUM team to participate in national events to highlight GUM as a great career choice

Dr Lindsay Henderson
Doctor in Training Representative

MEDIA GROUP

Public, Media and Website Activities

Membership

Dr Suneeta Soni
Professor Claudia Estcourt
Professor Matt Phillips
Dr Mark Lawton
Dr Claire Dewsnap
Dr John McSorley
Kat Smithson

Objectives

To provide an effective and expert-driven press office to support high quality and informed coverage of sexual health across the public discourse, and to ensure BASHH is seen as the 'go to' organisation for sexual health expertise.

Significant activities

The BASHH press office has successfully ensured BASHH's voice is represented across a wide range of broadcast and traditional media outlets in the last twelve months, supporting widespread national coverage on a range of priority interest areas. Activity has helped to ensure that BASHH continues to represent a key source of trusted commentary on sexual health topics, with coverage including key media stories around increasing rates of sexual infection, the publication of the Local Government Association's 'Breaking Point' report, bringing attention to the growing challenges faced by sexual health services across the UK, and the Women and Equalities Committee report on the prevalence of STIs in young people

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

Regular updates have also been published on the news section of the BASHH website, helping to showcase the release of relevant educational and training resources, as well as to highlight various BASHH statements on policy and service developments.

Future plans

With a new UK Government in place, it will be increasingly important to facilitate BASHH's input into political and policy narratives, helping to ensure that BASHH's share of voice can achieve cut-through in support of core policy ambitions. This will be achieved by close working with BASHH's public affairs functions, and further solidifying BASHH's presence across both national and local media outlets, providing swift and informed responses to incoming press enquiries, alongside proactive engagement where BASHH can drive stories. The press office will continue to work with government departments, sector partners, and journalists across the UK to ensure the voice of experts remain at the forefront of national conversations on sexual health.

Simon Whalley
M+F Director

NAMED GROUPS

MEDIA GROUP Continued ...

Social and Digital Media

Membership

Dr Cara Saxon
Dr David Phillips
Kat Smithson
Dr Clare Wood
Dr Eleanor Cochrane (reviewer)
Dr Jennifer Dhingra (reviewer)

Objectives

To ensure BASHH is fully supported with ongoing social media communications and high-quality delivery outputs reaching key stakeholders, including BASHH members, policymakers, other healthcare professionals (including pre-specialty through LoveGUM) and service users/the wider public. BASHH's core social media channels are X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. Social and Digital Team KPIs

Awareness/reach: Extend BASHH's presence as the lead professional representative body for specialist physicians in genitourinary medicine in the UK

- To achieve one million X (formerly Twitter) impressions per year
- To achieve 100 views and an 8% engagement rate on LinkedIn articles averaging at 1 x article per quarter (authored by stakeholders e.g. members, SIGs, partner orgs, etc.)

Engagement: Capture the attention of BASHH's audience with content which inspires action

- Maintain engagement rate on X of 2-3%
- Achieve over 200 Instagram engagements per month
- Maintain average of one video per month

Website traffic: Attract and direct audiences to the BASHH website

- Maintain average of 175 link clicks across all channels to BASHH website/month (to discuss access to BASHH analytics and UTM links with EBS) – up from baseline clicks of ~130/ month

Conversions: Guide users from engagement to the successful completion of desired actions.

- Support uplift in BASHH memberships (% increase to be agreed following BASHH admin/EBS providing membership data)

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

Since August 2023, BASHH's engagement on X has improved significantly. From August to December 2023, the engagement rate consistently ranged between 2-3%, meeting industry standards. Since January 2024, the rate has surpassed 3%, exceeding those standards.

518 new followers (net) were achieved on X between the 2023 audit and July 2024. M+F Health has also supported BASHH in securing blue tick verification on X to enhance credibility. On Instagram, followers increased by 27% over this period, rising from 1,876 in August 2023 to 2,385 by July 2024. Alternative (alt) text is now included in every social media post across all platforms, to improve accessibility. BASHH's first paid social media campaign, launched in December 2023 across LinkedIn, X, Facebook, and Instagram, generated 1.3 million impressions and over 10,000 link clicks, setting key benchmarks for future activity. Proposals have also been developed to set out considerations around the potential benefits and challenges of increased BASHH presence on TikTok.

Social media activity was dialed up for the 2024 Annual BASHH Conference. Highlights included 16 'tiny mic' interviews and 60+ Instagram Stories. The #BASHH2024 hashtag gained 1,438 interactions on X (3% increase from 1,400 in 2023), with a reach of over 541,000 on X (289% increase from 139,000 in 2023), and organic posts alone drove 488 people to the conference website. Instagram also saw a notable increase, with 117 new followers during June (58% increase from 74 in June 2023).

This resulted in over 184 million 'opportunities to see' and 2 million impressions across social platforms. The campaign gained significant support from key sector partners, including Brook, THT, FSRH, BHIVA, GLADD, Fast Track Cities, HIVTA, BHA, Sexpression, NAT and the BIA.

Simon Whalley
M+F Director

NAMED GROUPS

MEDIA GROUP Continued ...

LoveGUM campaign

Membership

Dr Nadia Ahmed
Dr Sarah Schoeman
Dr David Phillips
Dr Katia Prime
Dr Cara Saxon
Kat Smithson
Dr Toni Masters
Dr Lindsay Henderson
Professor Matt Phillips
Dr Chris Ward
Dr Claire Dewsnap
Dr Eleanor Cochrane
Dr Andy Williams
Dr Kaveh Manavi
Dr Liberty-Isabelle Todd

Building on these insights, campaign branding and messaging was developed, featuring a microsite developed in partnership with Light Media. The site offers a wealth of resources, including quotes from trainees, FAQs, and campaign materials. A dedicated “Support the Campaign” section provides downloadable assets for stakeholders

Future plans

The third phase of the campaign will be delivered between July 2024 to October 2024 and will consist of an influencer campaign to extend reach and visibility around launch, a series of webinar/professional sector events to engage junior doctors and medical trainees and a social media advertising campaign to raise awareness of and drive attendance to the national GUM taster day in October.

*Simon Whalley
M+F Director*

Objectives

- Raise awareness of what a career in GUM involves, its unique benefits, and dispel myths about the profession— e.g., that the specialty is oversubscribed.
- Showcase that careers in GUM are rewarding (you can make a real difference to peoples’ lives); varied (fields of work/ work places can include forensic medicine, refugee/ asylum centers and prisons); challenging (there are a variety of acute elements in treating GUM and HIV); flexible (GUM has one of the highest proportions of medics working less than full time) and worldly (there is scope to travel whilst training and whilst on the job).
- Showcase the broad, interesting, and rewarding range of paths that careers in GUM can take.
- Signpost a clear call to action; considering GUM as a viable career choice.

Significant activities and performance/outputs in the year 2023-24

In July 2023, M+F Health was appointed to provide communications and delivery support for the ‘LoveGUM’ campaign, designed to raise awareness of the specialty and drive recruitment into GUM. The first phase of the campaign, featuring surveys and focus groups, yielded valuable career choice insights, with over 663 survey responses (75% completion rate) and input from 13 participants across various career stages and regions.

NAMED GROUPS

NATIONAL AUDIT GROUP

Membership

Dr Vanessa Apea *Chair*

Ms Lucie Ralph *Audit Co-ordinator*

Objectives

- National audits of clinical practice in sexual health/genitourinary medicine clinics against the BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group (CEG) National Guidelines
- A forum to discuss national and regional audit programmes
- Response to requests for national audits by the British Association of Sexual Health and HIV
- Specification of key auditable outcomes for the common genitourinary conditions, using the clinical guidelines of the CEG as the standard of care

Significant activities

- Data collection and initial analysis completed for the postponed National audit of HIV testing in sexual health services (clinic attenders not tested for HIV).
- The new Audit Coordinator was successfully recruited and formally started the role in January 2024.
- Liaison with Clinical Effectiveness Group and reviewing and advising on auditable outcomes for the syphilis and herpes guidelines.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- The results of the 2024 National HIV Testing Audit were delayed due to unforeseen circumstances and have been incorporated into future plans.

Future plans

- Presentation of the National audit of HIV testing in sexual health services via a bite size zoom session and dissemination of individualised reports to participating services.
- Ongoing work to map of key topics for audit based on the HIV Action Plan, BASHH standards, Sexual Health Strategy and PrEP Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, as well as BASHH guidelines

Dr Vanessa Apea
National Audit Group Chair

REVALIDATION GROUP

Membership

Dr Janet Wilson *RCP Revalidation Advisor for Genitourinary Medicine*

Objectives

- To provide specialty-based advice and support to the RCP revalidation team
- To provide support for BASHH members in matters related to revalidation
- To develop specialty specific guidance to support members wishing to revalidate
- To ensure that the specialty specific advice is kept updated and remains current

Significant activities

- Specialty specific advice available on the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) revalidation section
- Supporting the RCP to develop specialty specific clinical outcomes

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

The GMC has updated its information about revalidation which is very clear. This is available on:

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/registration-and-licensing/managing-your-registration/revalidation>

The resources include:

- Introduction to revalidation and the roles and processes involved
- Core guides to help you understand revalidation
- Tools to aid you in the process of revalidating

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NAMED GROUPS

REVALIDATION GROUP Continued...

The BMA also provides basic information (available to all) on its website:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/career-progression/best-practice/revalidation-for-doctors>

Future plans

A limited number of specialty specific outcomes may be developed for revalidation in the future

Dr Janet Wilson

*RCP Revalidation Advisor for
Genitourinary Medicine*

PATIENT & PUBLIC PANEL

Membership:

Dr Laura Waters *Chair*
Dr Michael Ewens *Vice-Chair*
Dr Jennifer Dhingra *Secretary*

Objectives

To offer a lay and community opinion, voice and perspective on clinical guidelines, audit proposals, and related public materials and leaflets developed by BASHH. In addition to this, the joint THT / BASHH Research Panel offers lay advice to researchers.

Significant Activities:

The BASHH Patient Public Panel, chaired by Laura Waters with Mikey Ewens as vice-chair and Jennifer Dhingra leading the organisation has met on a 3-monthly basis, usually following a BASHH Board meeting.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24: Members

Members of the PPP were included on the BASHH 2024 Conferences committee and a PPP-led session on stigma was highly rated and well-received. The PPP has provided input on guidelines, including the updated HSV guidance and the BASHH-endorsed non-fatal strangulation (NFS) guidance for Emergency Departments.

Future plans

The PPP meetings are always highly inspirational and a hub for sharing important resources – with this in mind we are hoping to create a PPP page on the BASHH website to facilitate wider sharing of this important resource. Other plan include a project assessing the readability of BASHH patient information leaflets and an update to the BASHH-endorsed People First Charter terminology guidelines.

*Laura Waters
Public Panel Chair*

NAMED GROUPS

SAS DOCTORS GROUP

Membership

Dr Syed Ali Akbar
Dr Manori Bandara, National Audit Group
Dr Sanjiva Dhamaratne
Dr Georgina Forbes
Dr Karl Hollows, *Chair*
Dr Lewis Lau, *Education Committee & Conference Committee*
Dr Neil Lazaro
Dr Hannah Leng, *Clinical Governance Committee*
Dr Srinivasulu Narayana, *Financial Officer & Conference Committee*
Dr Fahad Naser
Dr Sophie Nicholls, *FSRH SAS Lead*
Dr Anne Oliver, *Conference Committee Chair*
Dr Carlos Oroz, *Conference Committee*
Dr PN Sashidharan
Dr Rizwaan Sheriff
Dr Helen Sherrey
Dr Kajal Verma, *Secretary, Conference Committee & BASHH Board*

Objectives

- To represent the professional interests of SAS doctors working in Sexual Health & HIV
- To provide educational opportunities for SAS doctors
- To ensure the group is represented on the various BASHH Committees

Significant activities

- The BASHH SAS Doctors' 26th Annual Conference was delivered in person at the Jubilee Hotel and Conference centre in Nottingham. 98% of delegates rated the educational elements as excellent.
- Completed UK wide survey on specialist posts in sexual health
- Provided guidance and support to BASHH members on specialist grade positions in sexual health

Future plans

- BASHH SAS Doctors' 27th Annual Conference 2024 will be in person attendance only at a Manchester venue
- National Audit – Management of Individuals Subject to Sexual Violence
- Further develop supporting resources regarding specialist positions

Dr Karl Hollows
SAS Group Chair

NAMED GROUPS

STI FOUNDATION

Membership

Dr Sarah Edwards, *STIF Committee Co-Chair*
Ms Jodie Crossman, *STIF Committee Co-Chair*
Dr Nick Theobald, *STIF Executive Post*
Dr Ramona Malek, *STIF e-portfolio lead*
Dr Andrew De Burgh Thomas, *Sexual Health Consultant*
Dr Emile Morgan, *Sexual Health Consultant*
Dr Johnny Boylan, *Sexual Health Consultant*
Dr Ushan Andrady, *Sexual Health Consultant*
Dr Jessica Daniel, *Sexual Health Consultant*
Dr Rita Browne, *Sexual Health Consultant*
Mrs Cheryl Marfo, *STIF Nurse representative*
Kerry Street, *STIF Pharmacy representative*
Helen Sherrey, *STIF SAS Doctors representative*
Dr Richard Ma, *STIF Primary Care representative*
Dr Joseph Heskins, *STIF Trainee representative*
Dr Jenny Heathcote, *STIF FSRH representative – outgoing*
Ms Jessica Ronan, *Physician Associate representative*
Ms Jen Kendrick, *NHIVNA-STIF Intermediate/Advanced competency lead/NHIVNA representative*
Ms Ceri Evans, *STIF health adviser competency lead/HA representative*
Mrs Naomi Goodhand, *STIF intermediate competency lead*
Dr Rona MacDonald, *STIF integrated competency lead*
Ms Eleni Kousti, *STIF Gateway competency lead*
Dr Adam Black, *STIF Non-medical prescribing symposium lead*
Ms Lisa Walton, *STIF Revalidation lead*
Dr Cindy Farmer, *Faculty Rep*
Mary McNicol, *Advanced Lead*

Objectives

- The STI Foundation committee will be responsible for promoting best clinical practice. • The STI Foundation members will be responsible for reviewing and/or producing STIF theory and STIF competencies content under the guidance of the STI Foundation committee
- At the request of Education Committee or its officers, the STI Foundation committee should provide advice on, or development of, educational materials for target groups such as undergraduates, postgraduates, other health professionals and the public
- The STI Foundation should hold educational events as relevant to its product development and in discussion with the members of the education committee.

Significant activities

- Comprehensive review of STI Foundation Course material following review of feedback from participants and course directors and faculty - agreed restructuring of days 1 and 2 into 2 half days, and recruiting faculty to be involved in rewrite. Each session to be mapped to the relevant competency level as a spiral curriculum
- Development of a training session for trainers delivering STI Foundation courses

- Completion of Gateway pilot and launch as split level for entry level nurses (Gateway-Plus) and healthcare assistants (Gateway)
- Development of new accreditation of prior learning (APEL) route into Advanced competencies and commencement of pilot
- Agreement with the School of Health Sciences of the University of Greenwich to recognize STIF Competency Training/Assessment curricula for Academic credits
- Update/revision of STIF Intermediate/Advanced/Sexual Health Adviser Competency curricula.
- Monthly online 'drop-in' sessions for STIF Competency trainees and trainers to access support around e-portfolio
- STI Foundation session at BASHH conference June 2024
- Testimonials recorded for the website STI Foundation newsletter

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- Income has continued to increase (from 2023-2024 by 23%)
- Twenty-Five Theory Courses were held, for 1442 individual trainees attending Foundation 1, 2 and/or 3 (621 average trainees per Course)
- Competencies – New Registrations Received September 2023 – August 2024: Intermediate 77, Integrated 0, Advanced 13, Sexual Health Advising 9, Combined 5, Complete 4, NHIVNA Intermediate 12, NHIVNA Advanced 2, NHIVNA Complete 1, Gateway 6, Gateway Plus 2, Fundamental 0, Total 131

Future plans

- The continued promotion of e-portfolio and of the STIF Programme with the support of M&F Health
- Rewriting the theory course and piloting with supporting trainers' course
- Implementation of the new APEL route
- Subsequent development of the 3rd day of the STI Foundation course, and developing Team based learning and developing Team based learning

*Dr Sarah Edward Ms Jodie Crossman
STI Foundation Co-Chairs*

STI & HIV COURSE GROUP REPORT 2023-24

No report submitted

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

ADOLESCENT GROUP

Membership

Dr Rebecca Thomson-Glover, *Chair*
Dr Harriet Le Voir, *Secretary*
Jean Luc Daurat, *YP representative*
Anya Goodhand, *YP representative*
Dr Jane Ashby
Dr Najette Ayadi O'Donnell, *Paediatrician representative*
Dr Lauren Bull
Tara Casey, *SpN representative*
Sgt Ben Collier, *SpN representative*
Dr Sarah Edwards
Dr Sophie Flavell
Dr Sophie Forsyth
Dr Sophie Herbert
Dr Olivia Hum, *GP representative*
Jacob Husband
Dr. Almida Lynam
Sarah McCarthy, *SpN representative*
Dr Chantal Oxenham
Dr Sophie Ramsden
Dr Malini Raychaudhuri
Dr Claire Robertson
Dr Karen Rogstad
Effi Stergiopoulou, *HA representative*
Dr Verity Sullivan
Darren Tippetts, *HA representative*
Dr Dawn Wilkinson

New members:

Susan Dyer, *HA representative*

Objectives

The Adolescent Sexual Health Special Interest Group [ASIG] will consider all topics related to the sexual health of children and adolescents. The adolescent Special interested group will consider all topics related to wider integrated safeguarding issues including supervision, training and best practice models within sexual health. The ASIG will provide education and advice. Members who represent the group on other committees associated with adolescent or child health will feed back to the chair and thus to BASHH Education Subcommittee and as necessary direct to BASHH Board on relevant topics.

We meet three times a year for and plan research studies, training and educational meetings; respond to related national consultations and develop and contribute to guideline development in related fields of young people's sexual health

Significant activities

- Oral presentation of national YP survey of access to sexual health clinics, BASHH conference June 2024
- Chair and oral presentation of STI chapter of Purple Book, The Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA), BASHH conference June 2024
- Chair session on Non-Fatal Strangulation (NFS), BASHH conference June 2024
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- STI journal, BASHH column: Updated spotting the signs proforma – accepted for publication April 2024
- Safeguarding supervision education day for BASHH members March 2024
- ASIG stand at CHIVA conference March 2024
- HYPNET/CHIVA YP guidelines in progress 2024
- Continued representation at the national CPAI meetings 3 times a year
- Answering member and external queries

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- Contribution to BASHH response to national consultations on RHSE, July 2024
- Contribution to BASHH response to Cass report, April 2024
- Contribution to BASHH Response to the Department for Education's Consultation on Gender Questioning Children: Non-Statutory guidance for schools and colleges in England March 2024
- Joint response with FFLM on 'Self-Swabbing Kits' for victims/survivors of sexual assault or rape Sept 2024
- ASIG video for social media, BASHH conference June 2024
- Speaker Paediatric Complex Cases in Child Sexual Abuse course – 20th Nov 2024
- Update e-learning modules for STIs in neonatal and children (in progress)
- Dissemination of the Update of the Purple book-STI chapter contribution by ASIG
- Members involved
- Integrated Safeguarding Supervision training day for sexual health safeguarding leads

Future plans

- ASIG session at BASHH annual conference June 2025
- Develop and deliver an Adolescent sexual health educational day
- Develop a BASHH survey, educational content in relation to NFS
- Incorporate the updated Spotting the signs toolkit into sexual health training tools
- Future programme for Safeguarding supervision education day for BASHH members
- Update eLearning modules

Dr Rebecca Thomson-Glover
Chair Adolescent SIG

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BACTERIAL GROUP

Membership

Dr Suneeta Soni *Co-chair*

Dr John Saunders *Co-chair*

Dr Achyuta Nori

Dr Michelle Cole

Dr Elizabeth Dale *STASHH representative*

Dr Claire Dewsnap

Dr Helen Fifer

Dr Emma Harding-Esch

Dr Rachel Pitt

Dr Amanda Samarawickrama

Following a call to boost membership we are delighted to welcome several new members from lab and clinical backgrounds, and the wider multidisciplinary team:

Dr. Selena Singh

Dr Soonita Oomeer

Sara Strodtbeck *Sexual health nurse consultant*

Dr Samindra Ranasinghe *SAS rep*

Dr Kevin Martin *Trainee rep*

Dr Sarah Alexander

Rachel Drayton and Sheel Patel have stepped down as secretary and treasurer of BSIG respectively. We thank them for all their hard work and contributions to the SIG over many years and will miss them.

Objectives

- To advocate for better antimicrobial and diagnostic stewardship by addressing current issues in testing and treatment of bacterial STI
- To deliver quality teaching to a broad medical and non-medical audience using a range of methods and in different settings To prioritise evidence-based practice through contributions to national and international guidelines
- To promote engagement between microbiologists and clinicians for the management of bacterial STI

Significant activities

- The committee met twice between August 2023 and July 2024 (October (virtual) and March (in person))
- Website
- BASHH guideline for management of Chlamydia trachomatis (Lead author Dr John Saunders) is nearing completion, work on guidelines for Neisseria gonorrhoea, Mycoplasma genitalium and DoxyPEP under way.
- Representation on working group for Standards or Microbiology Investigations (SMI) production – currently reviewing UK SMI genital soreness and discharge
- Ongoing work on development of competencies or microscopy as part of redevelopment of BASHH microscopy course

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

Education and training:

- Nov 2023 Federation of Infection Societies (FIS) annual meeting 2023 BASHH symposium: DGI (Helen Fifer), Tackling the Rise in STIs (Achyuta Nori) and Building a national STI reference laboratory to deliver molecular AMR surveillance (Michelle Cole)
- March 2024 BASHH OGM BSIG/UKHSA: Strategic approach to STI (Caisy Pullan), 4CMenB vaccine for gonorrhoea (Hamish Mohammed), DoxyPEP (Nick Medland), Reduced screening for CT/GC (Katy Sinka). 246 registrants online and 86 in person, feedback 100% excellent or good
- Microscopy website embedded in new BASHH website. Free Since August 13th 2024 34 new registrations

Quality improvement:

- The online private market for self-testing kits for STIs and reproductive health: the positives and negatives according to the UK Media presented at European IUSTI 2024

Publications:

- Patient information leaflet “The tests you need from and STI testing service: more is not better!”
- How Well Are Online Sexually Transmitted Infection Treatment Providers Doing? Measuring the Performance of Online Treatment Providers Against National Guidelines In press

Future plans

- Education and training:
- Microscopy course – work underway to design a new course with online learning and local competencies. Continue to promote use of microscopy website to those training in sexual health in the UK and abroad.
- Continue close relationships with UKHSA and the sexually Transmitted Infections Research Interest Group (STIRIG) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Educational meetings and conferences – BSIG symposium at FIS Conference November 2024 (congenital syphilis, 4CMenB vaccine for gonorrhoea, STI guideline update)
- Reviewing potential for a new ‘Management of complex bacterial STI’ course to raise revenue to support the ongoing cost of hosting the Microscopy website Guidelines:
- Contributions to policy and practice:
- Roundtable Meeting BASHH collaboration with Institute of Biomedical Science to develop strategic plan for addressing inappropriate testing through private providers

*Dr Suneeta Soni & Dr John Saunders
Co-Chairs Bacterial Special Interest Group*

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SEXUAL HEALTH DERMATOLOGY SIG

Membership

Dr Georgina Morris *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV Chair*
Dr Soe Nyunt Aung *Consultant in Community SRH & Gynaecology Secretary*
Dr Imali Fernando *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV Treasurer*
Dr Parameswaran Sashidharan *Associate Specialist in Sexual Health Web master*
Dr Ayoma Ratnappuli *ST5 in Sexual Health and HIV Trainee Representative (been on OOP during 2023 so not currently involved with SIG activities)*
Dr Amber Savary-Trathen *Clinical Fellow (STASHH representative)*
Ms Paula Chaplin *Lead Nurse in Genital Pain and Dermatology (Nurse Representative)*
Dr Serish Basvaraj *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV*
Dr Sarah Edwards *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV*
Dr Komal Plaha *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV*
Dr Lisa Haddon *Consultant in Sexual Health and Associate Specialist in Dermatology*
Dr Sarah Schoeman *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV*
Dr Lewis Haddow *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV*
Dr Sapna Harish *Specialty Doctor in Sexual Health and HIV*

Objectives

- To promote genital/sexual health dermatology as a subspecialty within genitourinary medicine and sexual health
- To lead on development of educational materials, meetings and training in genital & sexual health-related dermatology
- To provide basic knowledge and skills for the effective management of genital skin conditions

Significant activities

The whole SIG has met virtually on MS teams on 3 occasions in the past 12 months (approximately every 4 months).

Subgroups involved in writing guidelines and organising courses meet separately and liaise via email.

Change of SIG name – to Sexual Health Dermatology SIG (from Genital Dermatology SIG)

Discussed and approved at BASHH Education Committee meeting in Dec 2023

BASHH Guidelines Vulval disease management guideline approved by CEG – awaiting publication

Guidelines for the Management of Scabies (GM guideline chair/lead author) – at final draft stage (June 2024: submitted to CEG for AGREE process).

Pubic lice – update in progress

Balanitis – re-write post CEG review in progress (needed greater Dermatology and Urology input – delayed as difficulties finding interested Urologist) (SE guideline chair/lead author)

Work stream around inclusivity in Sexual Health

Dermatology: (in conjunction with Racially minoritized communities SIG chair)

Ongoing work to improve inclusivity and representation of people with black and brown skin in educational resources and events concerning sexual health related dermatology.

Performance/ Outputs in the year 2023-24

See above, plus:

Virtual Genital and Sexual Health Dermatology Basics

Workshops Course (on Zoom) – held on Friday 8th Dec 2023

Half day course (9am to 1.30 pm) (led by SS, with 10 other SIG members delivering talks or facilitating)

Workshops covering: itch, pigmented lesions, ulcers, lumps and rash

Feedback received has been very positive.

Demand was high (oversubscribed) – kept numbers to n=100 (20 per workshop) to maximize interactivity

Plan to repeat same course on 20th Sept 2024

BASHH Scientific meeting October 13th 2023 - Joint with SHAN SIG

Overall theme - Inclusivity, & complexities of access and management across the spectrum of service-users in Sexual Health

Genital Dermatology SIG session focused on Vulval diseases in Black and Brown skin, and on Scabies

Scabies

GM + LH ongoing attendance at National UKHSA meetings and provision of advice to clinicians regarding increasing case numbers and treatment shortages

BASHH Column article on Scabies published in STI Journal - <https://doi.org/10.1136/sextrans-2023-055991>

GM delivered a talk at BASHH Spring Conference June 2024 – Scabies Guidelines 2024: what's new?

Contributions to Non-BASHH Education events

RCGP –national one day essentials course 7th Nov 2023– IF speaking on male genital skin presentations

FSRH 'Hot Topic'-Dermatological Challenges in Sexual health 24th July 2024 – SS and IF speaking

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SEXUAL HEALTH DERMATOLOGY SIG Continued

Future plans

- Genital and Sexual Health Dermatology Basics Workshop Course (repeat run, on Zoom) 20th Sept 2024
- Sexual Health Dermatology Plus Course - planned for 28th February 2025 (on Zoom)
- Potential joint course on Male genital and perianal Dermatology planned with BAD (TBC)

Dr Georgina Morris
SIG Chair

HIV & BLOOD BORNE VIRUS (BBV) GROUP

Membership

Miss Lucy Allan – *STASHH Rep*
Dr Monique Anderson
Dr Tristan Barber
Dr Julia Bilinska
Dr Melissa Chowdhury – *Infectious Disease Trainee Rep*
Susan Cole – *Community Rep*
Dr Ian Cormack
Dr Gail Crowe
Dr Stuart Flanagan – *Hepatitis Rep*
Dr Deborah Goode – *SAS Rep*
Dr Lisa Hamzah
Dr Elly Hamlyn – *Treasurer*
Dr Liz Hamlyn
Dr Joseph Heskin
Dr Charlotte Hopkins
Mrs Portia Jackson – *HIV Pharmacy Association Rep*
Dr Babu Kulasegaram
Dr Nicky Mackie
Dr Harri Lloyd-Williams
Dr Kaveh Manavi
Mrs Justine Mellor
Dr Anatole Menon-Johannson
Dr Rebecca Metcalfe
Professor Mark Nelson
Dr Elizabeth Okecha – *Chair*
Dr Zoe Ottaway – *Trainee Rep*
Dr Alice Parsloe – *Trainee Rep*
Dr Rasha Omer
Dr Hannah Pintilie
Professor Mary Poulton
Dr Killian Quinn
Mr Phil Samba
Professor Nicola Steedman
Dr Ann Sullivan
Dr Christopher Ward
Dr Laura Waters
Dr Stuart Flanagan has stepped down as Chair with Dr Elizabeth Okecha taking over in March 2024. Two new members have joined the SIG (Dr Zoe Ottaway and Dr Alice Parsloe) as our Trainee Reps.

Objectives

- Promote best clinical practice within the area of HIV and blood borne viruses (hepatitis B and C)
- Review evidence-based guidelines and consultations in the area of HIV and BBV on behalf of BASHH
- Providing education in the form of the following three main events:
 - HIV Masterclass (annual F2F in the spring) & Masterclass Lite (virtual biennial in autumn)
 - Dip HIV revision course (led by us annually; course is biannual and supported by BHIVA annually also)
 - BASHH Scientific Meeting OGM (in conjunction with another SIG)

Significant activities Aug 2023-Aug 2024

The HIV prevention group formed at the end of 2023 and has come under the remit of the SIG. Outputs from the group will support BASHH with their response to issues arising around HIV prevention as well as provide resources for BASHH members to support with the delivery of HIV prevention.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- BASHH Dip HIV Revision Course Mon 15th January 2024 organised by Dr Lisa Hamzah and Dr Babu Kulasegaram.
- The BASHH GSM SIG and HIV/BBV SIG co-produced the BASHH Scientific meeting on the 26th September.
- BASHH Masterclass 2024 – Sponsorship received from Gilead/MSD/Viiv. This was the first in person Masterclass since 2019 held at the Doubletree Hilton – Sheffield. This was our first time using this venue and as a result of some of the feedback received we have decided to move the event to Birmingham for the 2025 event...

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

HIV & BLOOD BORNE VIRUS (BBV) GROUP Continued...

Disappointingly our application for CPD approval was rejected despite an appeal. This has been fed back to the BASHH educational committee. The Masterclass Lite did not go ahead in 2024 as it was decided to pool resources for 2025.

Future plans

- The HIV prevention group are planning a BASHH symposium for IUSTI Europe in September 2024 on the topic "PrEP: What's love got to do with it?"
- As part of our educational commitment and part of our anti-stigma strategy, the SIG plans to approach other royal colleges and specialist societies to deliver educational content on HIV and GUM related topics. Dr Elizabeth Okecha and Dr Joseph Heskin will be speaking at the RCP Med+ Conference and a session has been planned for the RCOG world congress in 2025. The SIG are planning to represent BASHH at the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) conference 2026.

- BASHH DipGUM Revision day January 2025
- The SIG will be supporting the NAT HIV Confidential Charter project with Dr Elizabeth Okecha making plans to enrol her Trust with the scheme. It is hoped that through the network of SIG members will be able to promote the Charter across our respective organisations and produce a BASHH toolkit to support with rollout of this initiative

Dr Elizabeth Okecha
Chair HIV-BBV SIG/Co-Chair
HIV prevention working group

HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS (HSV) GROUP

Membership

Dr Emily Clarke Consultant in genitourinary medicine and HIV, *Chair from July 2024*

Dr Raj Patel Consultant in genitourinary medicine, *Chair to June 2024*

Dr John Green Psychologist, *Co-chair to June 2024*

Dr Roberta Brum *Consultant in genitourinary medicine and HIV*

Dr Elizabeth Foley *Consultant in genitourinary medicine and HIV*

Dr Dornubari Lebari *Consultant in genitourinary medicine and HIV*

Ms Marion Nicholson *Herpes Viruses Association*

Ms Felicity Young *Consultant nurse*

Objectives

To provide expert input into HSV management guidelines, education programs and educational materials

Significant activities

- In 2023-24 the SIG has focused on updating national guidelines for HSV and for HSV in pregnancy, in addition to supporting European HSV guidelines.

- Dr Raj Patel and Dr John Green stood down as Chair and Co-chair of the HSV SIG after many years of service. Dr Patel has been chair for 25 years – an enormous contribution to BASHH and to HSV care within the UK and beyond.
- The SIG has continued to respond to multiple clinical queries from members.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- The updated 2024 UK national guideline for the management of anogenital herpes has been accepted for publication the International Journal of STD and AIDS.
- The updated Joint BASHH and Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists national UK guideline for the management of Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) in Pregnancy and the Neonate (2024 update) has been accepted for publication in the International Journal of STD and AIDS.
- SIG members contributed to the 2024 European guidelines for the management of genital herpes which has been accepted for publication in the Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology.

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS (HSV) GROUP Continued...

- SIG members delivered the HSV day of the annual BASHH advanced STI and HIV course.

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Future activities

- With the stepping down of the chairs who have been in place for 25 years, a major goal for the coming year is to build resilience and capacity into the SIG. We will develop terms of reference, update our objectives, commence regular SIG meetings, invite SIG members external to BASHH with particular expertise to join (including virology), advertise in the BASHH newsletter for new members, and develop formal SIG roles beyond chair.

- Undertake a national service review of access to combined HSV/T.pallidum PCR testing and to HSV resistance testing (repeat of work undertaken in 2020).
- Develop a BASHH statement on the recent prosecution for HSV transmission to support clinicians and patients with legal issues around transmission.
- Communicate the new HSV in pregnancy guidelines by developing a BASHH course on STIs in pregnancy for midwives.

Dr Emily Clarke
Chair HSV SIG

HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) GROUP

Membership

Dr Jake Bayley – *Chair*

Dr Diarmuid Nugent – *Secretary*

Dr Mark Lawton

Dr Kate Soldan

Dr Kate Cuschieri

Dr Charles Lacy

Dr Iain Reeves

Dr Richard Gilson

Dr Nicola Steedman

Objectives

- To promote equity of access to HPV vaccines and monitor the outcome of the vaccination programs
- To be able to communicate with the BASHH membership group about changes in HPV-related practice and dosing of vaccinations
- To promote the group via BASHH general meetings and have a presence at national and international conferences

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Significant activities

- Publication of new BASHH Anogenital Warts guidelines – led by Dr Diarmuid Nugent, the writing team produced the new national warts guidelines which have new data on the effective treatment and longer-term management of HPV
- Liaising with UK National Screening Committee and US Prevention Task Force to facilitate how an anal cancer program may be introduced in the UK. We have the expertise in the HPV SIG, but have also engaged other stakeholders (BHIVA, IANS) to help with the process.

- We have completed a national survey of the current service provision of high resolution anoscopy and current anal cancer screening programs for GUM clinics in the UK. The survey showed a significant lack of resources and energy for GUM clinicians to be involved in this kind of screening, despite anal cancer disproportionately affecting our patients living with HIV. Further highlighting the need for a well-funded and researched national strategy.
- Nationwide communication through BASHH of change in HPV vaccination schedule for those <25 years

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- Anogenital warts management national guidelines released
- Communication with BASHH membership about change in HPV vaccination schedules
- Liaison and work with UK National Screening Committee, US Preventive Task Force and other stakeholders in trying to facilitate national anal cancer screening program
- Needs assessment of current provision of anal cancer screening and HRA services in the UK

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) GROUP Continued...

Future plans

- Session for HPV SIG at BASHH 2025 conference
- Continued working with UK National Screening Committee to facilitate national anal cancer screening program
- Cost-effectiveness analysis of HRA and anal cancer screening
- Continuing to monitor the impact of the HPV vaccination in GBMSM

Dr Jake Bayley

Chair HPV Special Interest Group

MENTORING GROUP

No report submitted

PRISON GROUP

Membership

Pank Sethi, *Chair*

Ms Jodi Aldridge

Samantha Allan

Melissa Bates

Dr Daniela Brawley

Dr Sum Yee Chan

Dr Laura Cunningham

Jade Coulon

Ms Jillian Doran

Mr Jon Dunn

Natalie Edelman

Dr Huda Fadhillah

Dr Alistair Hallam

Katie Humphries

Mr Harri Lloyd-Williams

Ms Belinda Loftus

Mr Dave Mansley

Dr Shereen Munatsi

Jennifer Murira

Dr Imogen Murray

Dr Lesley Navaratne

Dr Katia Prime

Dr Michael Rayment

Jennifer Savage

Sara Scofield

Dr S Shivasankar

Ms Sophie Strachan

Hayley Wood

Ms Felicity Young

Objectives

- To define standards of care for sexual health provision in prisons in the UK
- To provide support to those facilitating sexual healthcare provision in prisons in the UK

- To enable standardization of practice across prisons

Significant activities

- X1 Prison SIG meeting February 2024
- Appointment of new chair October 2024
- Delivery of HIV awareness sessions to Health Champions and the general prison population across the UK (including YOI's, adult prisons). Led by Sophie Strachan & Pank Sethi

Performance/ Outputs in the year 2023/24

- RCN Sexual and reproductive health competency framework for women cared for in prison
- Published September 2024. BASHH contribution to sexual health elements of the guidance, via Belinda Loftus, community Sexual Health & HIV nursing lead for Spectrum in Wakefield

BASHH Standards for the Management of Sexual Health in UK Prisons

- Published on BASHH website January 2024
- Published in Int J STD & AIDS June 2024
- Sophie Ross, GUM SpR KSS & BASHH educational fellow, presented the standards at the IUSTI Conference October 2023

Future plans

- Presenting slot at BASHH conference June 2025
- Re-establishing Prison SIG meetings and appointing members to vacant roles following appointment of our new chair
- Representation from Northern Ireland

Dr Katia Prime

Prison Special Interest Group

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

RACIALLY MINORITISED COMMUNITIES (RMC) GROUP

Membership

Dr Edu Peres, Chair, *Steering Group*
Dr Frances Lander, *Secretary, Steering Group*
Dr Zoch Nwaosu, *Webmaster, Steering Group*
Mr Jose Trueba, *Treasurer, Steering Group*
Dr Isioma Igweike, *STASH REP, Steering Group*
Mr Dwayne-Wilson Hunt, *Steering Group*
Dr Taslima Rashid, *Steering Group*
Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan, *Steering Group*
Dr Vanessa Apea, *Steering Group*
Dr Elizabeth Okecha, *Steering Group*
Aisha Namurach, *Steering Group*
Dr Tom Nadarzynski, *Steering Group*
Dr Daisy Ogbonmwan, *Steering Group*
Dr Kyle Ring, *Steering Group*
Dr Annabel Sowemimo, *Steering Group*
Simphiwe Sesane, *Steering Group*
Glenda Bonde, *Steering Group*
Harvey Kennedy-Pitt, *Steering Group*
Carlos Corredor, *Steering Group*
Dr Shema Tariq, *Steering Group*
Dr Jesal Gohil, *Steering Group*
Dr Yasmin Walters, *Steering Group*

Objectives

- Promote best clinical practice in sexual reproductive health for racially minoritised communities at a strategic/policy level including: access to information, education, health promotion, prevention, treatment and care.
- Review evidence based guidelines and comment on local and national consultations in the area of racially minoritised populations on behalf of BASHH
- Contribute to the development of guidelines and ensure targets and commitments are met through national and local audits
- Engage and collaborate with BASHH SIGs and related community organisations to prioritise sexual health and recommend approaches for successfully executing this work among racially minoritised communities
- Support health professionals to deliver culturally sensitive practice including cultural competence and humility in their practice.
- Influence and encourage specific research within certain racially minoritised communities and disseminating to groups who would benefit from findings

Significant activities

Past events of 2024

- BHIVA 2024 inequity and accessibility of ARVs
- BASHH conference 2024
- Body and Soul Presentations

Future events

- RMC SIG educational event
- BASHH Conference 2025

Performance/Outputs in the year 2024

- Support BASHH EDI audit
- STASHH co-opt, representative
- BASHH 2024 conference – Latin x session
- Support Desi project
- Conversations with UKHSA re. LATINX community and GUMCAD/ONS data
- New Chair elected

Future plans 2025/26

- BASHH 2025 conference SIG session
- STASHH further integration
- Desi Project x eLFH module - tbc
- LatinX / Spanish demographics identifiers / Office of National Statistics project
- BASHH social media support
- LatinX Project (follow up to Desi Project)
- Racial health education
- Standards of care or guidelines creation
- Inclusivity in research with AVAC
- RMC SIG educational event
- Database of polyglot service users and language accessibility project
- HTLV collaboration
- STI BMJ submission
- Dermatology SIG collaboration
- Project of intersection of fetishisation, sexual violence and ethnicity

*Dr Frances Lander, Mr Dwayne- Wilson Hunt,
Dr Uzochi Nwaosu and Dr Edu Peres*

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SEXUAL FUNCTION AND WELLBEING SPECIAL INTEREST

Membership

Dr Shalini Andrews (*Chair*)
Dr Penny Goold (*Secretary*)
Dr Nadia Ahmed
Dr Jane Ashby
Dr Joanne Bassett (*DIT Representative*)
Mr Hu Clarke (*Health Advisor Representative*)
Dr Wallace Dinsmore
Dr Jessica Gaddie
Dr David Goldmeier
Dr Karen Gurney
Dr Karl Hollows
Daisy Holmes (*STASHH Representative*)
Dr Uday Joshi
Dr Emma McCarty
Dr Ali Mears
Dr Kirstin Mitchell
Ms Agnes Mosobela (*Nurse Representative*)
Dr Kiersten Simmons (*Incoming DIT Representative*)
Dr Naomi Sutton
Miss Sarah Wolujewicz (*Physiotherapy Representative*)
Mr Mike Yates

Objectives

- To provide education on sexual function and wellbeing and develop training standards in management of problems with sexual functioning
- To act as a forum to provide advice and support for services managing problems with sexual functioning
- To help maintain clinical standards in local Sexual Health and HIV services.
- To promote a biopsychosocial approach to management of sexual problems
- To act as a professional body to unite sexual dysfunction services within Sexual Health and HIV, and encourage collaborative working

Significant activities

Educational Activity

- ABC of Sexual Function and Wellbeing, 10 October 2024
- Sexual Function and Wellbeing: Nurses and HA study afternoon, 03 November 2024

Other Activities

- Curriculum on Sexual Medicine for University Level across Europe
- FECSM (Fellowship of the European Committee of Sexual Medicine) Exam committee membership

Future plans

- Organise educational courses: ABC of Sexual Dysfunction every 2 years
- Contribute to BASHH scientific meeting
- Update eLFH online course as required
- Offer expertise to BASHH members queries on Sexual Problems and its management

The SIG has had a productive year and interest in membership continues. A strategy meeting is planned in 2025 to discuss future direction.

Shalini Andrews

Chair Sexual Function and Wellbeing SIG

SEXUAL VIOLENCE GROUP

Membership

Dr Deborah Wardle, *Chair*
VACANT, *Secretary*
Dr Michelle Carroll, *FFLM Representative*
Dr Rachel Kirby, *Trainee representative*
Ruth Dawson, *Nursing representative*
Dr Fionnuala Finnerty
Dr Sarah Mensforth
Dr Charlotte Cohen
Dr Ali Mears
Dr Daniela Brawley
Dr Charlotte Cohen
Dr Rachel Caswell
Dr Amy Bennett

Objectives

The Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse (SVDA) group, recognizing that sexual violence is part of sexual health, consider all aspects of female and male sexual violence, including sexual assault, domestic violence, sexual trafficking, all forms of sexual exploitation, sex work and female genital mutilation.

The group's aims are

- To review services, training and standards within genitourinary medicine clinics, with reference to the associated aims, and in liaison with other agencies and institutions

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SEXUAL VIOLENCE GROUP Continued...

- To promote and improve education and training of healthcare professionals in all areas related to sexual violence and domestic abuse
- To raise the profile of sexual violence and domestic abuse by carrying out research, submitting work for publication and organising training
- To raise public awareness and improve the care of patients disclosing sexual violence with an interest in issues related to the sexual health of young people.

Significant activities

- Representation at NHS England & Wales Sexual Assault and Abuse (SAAS) services group
- Representation at Institute for addressing Strangulation (IFAS) guidelines development group
- UK wide survey on routine enquiry of domestic abuse and sexual violence led by Amy Bennett in collaboration with Dr Jane Meyrick (a Chartered psychologist and public health specialist) at the public research university; University of the West of England, Bristol (UWE Bristol).

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023/24

Writing group membership, providing referenced input into BASHH guidelines for people living with HIV

Presentation in September 2023 to SAS annual conference Nottingham on guidelines for managing disclosures of sexual violence in sexual health settings

Presentation to Sexual health services in Dublin in January 2024 on Non-fatal strangulation and managing disclosures of sexual violence in sexual health settings

Presentations to Derbyshire sexual health services on Non-fatal strangulation

Presentation to Trent BASHH Meeting on Non-fatal strangulation

Presentation at BASHH UK Bournemouth 2024 on Non-Fatal Strangulation in both consensual and non-consensual contexts in collaboration with IFAS CEO Bernie Ryan and US Researcher Debby Herbenick.

Poster submission at Sexual Violence and Health Research Day, 1st July 2024 Denmark Hill;

Sexual and Domestic Violence and Abuse: Asking and Telling in Sexual Health Services

Jane Meyrick and Amy Bennett on behalf on the special interest group.

BASHH Column publication in STI Journal on Non-Fatal strangulation

<https://sti.bmj.com/content/99/7/504>

Poster submission of the UK wide sexual health clinic survey:

Sexual and Domestic Violence Enquiry: a national exploratory survey of Asking and Telling in Sexual Health Services in the UK (DOI: 10.1177/09564624241286926/ ID: IJSA-24-223.R1).

Re-submission of quote on behalf of the Sexual Violence SIG, to mark the October as Domestic violence awareness month for use on BASHH's social media channels.

Presentation at BASHH Scientific Meeting on 11th October 2024 on supporting enquiry and responding to disclosures of sexual violence and domestic abuse in sexual health settings covering the outcomes of the national survey on routine enquiry in sexual health, supporting disclosure and the outcomes of a pilot on managing disclosures in collaboration with Iris Advise (Identification and Referral to Improve Safety – Assessing for Domestic violence and abuse in sexual health settings)

Future plans

Review and update the domestic abuse toolkit; 'Responding to Domestic Abuse in Sexual health settings' developed by the group in 2016 to support continued routine enquiry of domestic abuse in sexual health clinics and suitably equip sexual health staff to navigate information and access training that allows them to safely support those who disclose domestic abuse (+/- sexual violence).

Invitation sought to support the refresh of BASHH sexual history taking guidance to ensure cognisance of guidelines and recommendations endorsed by BASHH in ensuring patients are suitably informed and potential risks discussed, to support patients having positive sexual experiences.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SEXUAL VIOLENCE GROUP Continued...

Explore the opportunity to have a 'resident researcher' role on the group to enhance liaison with other organisations to support development, undertake and disseminate research that informs future practice and service delivery

To highlight emerging significant guidance that impacts members such as awareness of local management of sexual violence within health settings (staff and patients)

Consideration of UK wide survey on recognition of sexual violence in sexual health services and consideration of developing recommendations for staff to provide appropriate advice on information sharing options

Deb Wardle
Sexual Violence Chair

SEXUAL HEALTH ADVISER AND NURSE GROUP

Membership

Belinda Loftus, *Chair*
Lisa Walton, *Secretary*
Paul Teale, *Treasurer*
Lisa Walton, *Webmaster*
Zac Dolan
Jodie Crossman
Felicity Young
Sarah Smith
Ceri Evans
Michelle Jenkins
Alan Heskell
Penelope Burr
Eleni Kousti
Claire Fowler
Lisa Baker

The SHAN SIG was formed in 2018 and seeks to be an active group of the organisation.

Membership is open to any BASHH member who identifies as a Health Adviser and/or Nurse working in integrated sexual health (GUM & Contraception) and/or HIV services, including those in Research and community charitable sexual health focused organisations.

Recognition of the diverse roles and responsibilities Health Advisers and Nurses have in the delivery and development of modern, functional, effective and accessible services for local populations, acting as a support to challenge where services fall short of patient's best interests.

Further details about membership can be found in our Terms of Reference, Click [here](#) to read.

Objectives

- To represent the professional interests of Health Advisers and Nurses working in integrated sexual health (GUM & Contraception) and/or HIV services, including those in Research, commercial sector, and community charitable sexual health focus organisations.
- To promote Sexual Health Advisers and Nurses to join BASHH and engage at all level within the organisation.
- To advise on and offer support and advice on BASHH approved training and education to members.
- To influence the Sexual Healthcare agenda as a whole and the agenda of BASHH.
- To be a body for Sexual Health Advisers and Nurses on other BASHH committees to report to and seek support from.
- To be a nursing/Sexual Health Adviser spokesperson/advisor on matters relating to sexual health i.e in nursing press/PGD production etc.
- To build a support network across the 4 nations where Health Advisers and Nurses are able to reach out colleagues for support.
- We have produced an abstract guide which is intended to guide you through the process of writing an abstract, please click here to access.

Significant activities

- Creation, organising and marking/awarding of SHA & Nurse Conference Scholarships
- Organisation and facilitation of MDT Innovation Award (Cathy Harman)
- Arranging SHAN BASHH Scientific Meeting (usually October)
- Participation in production and review of National SH PGDs alongside SPS & FSRH
- Promotion of BASHH membership to SHA & Nurses across the UK.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SEXUAL HEALTH ADVISER AND NURSE GROUP Continued...

- Organisation of SHA & Nurse Conference Symposium (BASHH Spring Conference).
- Collaboration with Royal College of Nursing (RCN) to support and promote the profession and the Society of Sexual Health Advisers (SSHA) to support their work
- Develop the emerging roles e.g (Nursing Associate) within Sexual Health
- Look at how to support staff in terms of vicarious trauma
- Supporting and encouraging nurses to submit abstracts and present their work at various events, including the annual conference.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- Successful conference with Nurse and HA on the Conference Committee
- Circulation and shared learning on new guidance, learning from experience/supervision etc
Frequent discussion around membership and quoracy – unable to make decisions as meetings are not quorate.
- Reviewed Cathy Harman Award as no applications this year. To incorporate in to the abstract reviews in 25/26.
- Issues raised via SHAN SIG/other nurses working in SHS - raised with new CEO
- Successful Nursing Symposium at BASHH Conference – topics were:
- RCN Standards for Nurses working in Women's Prisons Carmel Bagness
- "Can SRH Nurse Specialists work within centralised General Practice settings?" Paul Teale
- Workforce Review - Lisa Walton
- Successful Scientific Meeting organisation with nurses and other non-medics
- providing the presentations for Session 1 on:
"Why do.....find it hard to access Sexual Health Services, and how can we make it better?"
- Black heterosexual men - Zoch Nwaosu
- People with learning disabilities - Jessica Atkinson
Strategic Health Facilitator for Kirklees and Deborah Gittins Strategic Health Facilitator for Wakefield.
- Young People - Andi Cope

Future plans

- Review of Nurses and Health Advisors Representation at Regional BASHH Groups, encourage Branch Chairs to have a Nurse/HA representative where there are none.
- Consider how we can deliver some of the objectives to the wider nursing community in relation to improving awareness and outcomes for patients relating to Syphilis Diagnosis
- Work with new CEO to review membership, engage with non-members to elicit what would motivate them to become members, review membership and pricing structure and engage with a wider nursing and health advisor workforce.
- Work with professional partners to ensure relevant documents are badged accordingly by BASHH
- Encourage Nurse and HA to present/attend BASHH Conference 2025.

Officer biography:

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Officer Job descriptions:

- [BASHH SHAN SIG Chair](#)
- [BASHH SHAN SIG Secretary](#)
- [BASHH SHAN SIG Treasurer](#)
- [BASHH SHAN SIG Webmaster](#)

Belinda Loftus
Chair of Sexual Health Advisor Special Interest Group

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

GENDER AND SEXUAL MINORITIES GROUP

Membership

Dr Sally Jewsbury *Chair*
Dr Laura Mitchell
Richard Desmond
Dr Stuart Gibson
Dr Carol Emerson
Dr Nick Medland
Dr Tristan Barber
Nathan Dean
Samual Murphy *STASH rep*
Daniel Trotman
Emma Hawke
Dr Jo Smith *Enquiries correspondent*
Dr Michael Edwards *Secretary*
Dr Richard Vytiniorgu
Dr Sophie Ross *Deputy Chair*
Dr Martyn Wood
Dr Daniel Clutterbuck
Dr Emma Devit
Anna Milestone
Maddy Crowe
Rudy Graves
Jordan Bell
Emily Walker
Betty Swindles

Objectives

- Promote the sexual health of GSM within BASHH and at a wider strategic/policy level
- Prioritise prevention of STI/HIV and other related adverse health outcomes in GSM
- Assist the monitoring and evaluation of prevention initiatives/interventions for GSM
- Contribute to the surveillance of STIs relating to GSM
- Assist the monitoring and evaluation of prevention initiatives/interventions for GSM
- Promote best practice in the prevention, diagnosis, management including partner notification of STI/HIV through development of and contribution to guidelines and standards
- Identify gaps and define research priorities for the sexual health of GSM
- Provide education through meetings and via other media
- Promote access to information, advice, prevention, treatment, and care relating to sexual health for GSM
- Contribute to undergraduate and post-graduate curricula development

SIG membership

- The SIG will aim to meet three times per year as a minimum
- Members are expected to be members of BASHH or be invited by the SIG for their contribution to the field
- Members must attend a steering meeting at least once per year
- Members should contribute to the educational programme of the SIG
- The individual tenure of a member of the GSM SIG Steering Committee should initially be for three years, renewable on a yearly basis.
- Turnover of members of the Steering Committee should be staggered
- Membership to include a multidisciplinary team with service user representation and to include the 4 nations
- Developing Gender Medicine study Day information for general internal medical trainees
- Forged relationship with chair of British Association of gender Specialists (BAGIS) and discussed reciprocal education/ co working
- Developing guidance on supporting gender questioning individuals attending sexual health/ GUM/ HIV clinics
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Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- BASH member survey on what members want from SIG and future education event topics. Survey created and disseminated – currently collating responses
- Endorsement of Brook briefing on the specific impact of the new RSHE guidance on sexual health education
- Contributed to BASHH Response to the Department for Education's Consultation on the Review of RSHE Statutory Guidance
- Contributed to BASHH response to consultation on Guidance for Schools and Colleges: Gender Questioning Children
- Contributed to BASHH response to the Cass review

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

GENDER AND SEXUAL MINORITIES GROUP Continued ...

Future plans

- Planning SIG study day- aim for Nov 2024 or Feb 2025 – ideally face to face and launch ‘best practice’ document as above if ready
- Continue developing best practice document for ‘vaginitis in trans men’
- Hopeful for session at BASHH national conference +/- IUSTI to share activities such as on supporting individuals in the aftermath of the Cass report / kink/ intersex
- Planning BITESIZE session before end of year and inviting BAGIS member to present
- Develop we content for GSM BASHH webpage

Dr Sally Jewsbury
Chair of the Gender and Sexual Minorities Special Interest Group

REGIONS

CHESHIRE & MERSEY BRANCH

Membership

Dr Noel Connolly
Branch Chair Dr Jonny
Boylan *Education Lead*
Dr Kirsten Michie *Audit Lead*

Objectives

- To promote and disseminate high quality evidence-based information to Cheshire & Mersey BASHH members.
- Hybrid education meetings open to all members/relevant non-members x3-4 times per year; business meetings restricted to BASHH members.
- Update and report any regional issues to BASHH CRG.
- To maintain an up-to-date list of members who are in the Cheshire & Mersey region.
- To promote job vacancies across all staff groups within the region.

Significant activities

- Noted increase in STI especially syphilis and gonorrhoea in line with national rates.
- Continuation of the established regional "Syphilis in Pregnancy" MDT to ensure high-quality care.
- All services are preparing for the roll-out of the mpox vaccine once supply becomes available.
- Increase in numbers presenting to all HIV clinics in the Cheshire & Mersey region from other parts of the world but mostly sub-Saharan Africa recruited to jobs in the UK; likely that partners and children will join them with reports that some of these family members are also HIV-seropositive. Adult HIV services are liaising with the local regional paediatric ID team to keep them informed.

- Promotion of PrEP accessibility and continued roll out when indicated.
- Ongoing issues with staff recruitment and retention across the region.

Future plans 2024/25

- All services are in preparation for the roll-out of the mpox vaccine once supply becomes available.
- The region looks forward to the hopeful roll-out of DOXY-PEP; in the meantime, those who self-source are provided with standard relevant information.
- Regional Sexual Health services are offering to present at their local Acute Hospital Trust Grand Rounds to update hospital colleagues on the various ways syphilis may present to non-GU specialties along with highlighting increase in other STI.
- To maintain an up-to-date list of members who are in the Cheshire & Mersey region.
- To promote job vacancies across all staff groups within the region.
- Continue to promote the specialty to future trainees such as medical students and resident doctors.
- Maintain high standards in the Cheshire & Mersey region.
- Report any concerns to BASHH CRG in a timely manner.

*Dr Noel Connolly
Cheshire & Mersey BASHH CGC chair*

East ANGLIA BRANCH

Membership

Dr Helen Politt, *Regional Audit Lead*
Dr Serish Basavaraj, *Branch Chair Representative to the CGC*

Objectives

- To promote high standards of care in integrated sexual and reproductive health and HIV services across the region
- To raise awareness of the challenges experienced by providers in terms of public funding from local and NHSE commissioners.
- To design services that are sustainable in terms of costs effectiveness and service delivery

- To share information from BASHH and the CGC with regional members
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC

Significant activities

- Expansion of online booking for GUM and RH appointments
- Expansion of online POP ordering and introduction of COC online (for repeat supplies)
- Continuation of online testing for asymptomatic, with daily cap limits applied in some areas due to demand in excess of budget capacity

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East ANGLIA BRANCH Continued...

- continuation of direct orders for online STI testing for some PrEP and symptomatic patients
- Routine PrEP delivery (1st line and 2nd line)
- F2F and virtual management for HIV, RH and UM cohorts
- Video consultation as alternative choice to telephone-consultation and F2F appointments
- Local, regional and national audit plan
- Continued clinical and associated teaching programme for all staff
- Clinical Advisory Group meetings
- Reduction in lists for LARC and PrEP delivery, direct booking in most areas
- Collaborative working with Primary Care to support LARC activity system wide
- Postal medication service (Royal Mail)
- Digital front door development
- HIV ART Home Delivery
- Specialist Pharmacy support model (patients and staff) - Pharmacy Helpline
- Continuation of MGen testing as core clinical service delivery
- Contract re-awards/PSR work with commissioning bodies
- Service representation on committees and special interest groups of national organisations including FSRH, BASHH, BHIVA and HIVPA
- Participation in multiple research studies, including Gonorrhoea Undetected Resistance Laboratory Study (GURLS), Mycoplasma genitalium Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (MARS), Prevalence of Prophylaxis for STIs Study (POPS), Mpox Platinum Trial, DEVA, Nexus, Sequence Digital.
- iCaSH specific research team development from local CRN following successful business case application.
- Introduction of administration of vaccines by non-registrants
- Introduction of new telephony platform
- Roll out of electronic pathology requests and direct results import into electronic patient record. (Ordercomms)

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023/24

- Participation in national and regional audits
- Reduction in LARC waits
- Refreshed social media campaigns
- Activity and demand levels more than pre-covid levels
- Laboratory provider procurement
- Pharmacy provider procurement
- Express Test profile revision/update, including activity controls
- Co-production work in terms of:
 - Service remodelling
 - Access for those unable to use the phone
 - BSL translation
 - Re-integration of outreach programmes into several regional sexual health services
- Comprehensive virtual CPD program for clinical practitioners
- Service remodelling to support sustainability work across GUM, RH and HIV workstreams
- Participation in locality pilots for HIV opt out testing in Emergency Departments
- Rationalisation and standardisation of laboratory testing profiles
- Expansion of online testing (symptomatic and ToC scoping)
- Expansion of online booking
- Expansion of online contraception ordering (repeats)
- Continued roll out of ordercomms and lab links
- Digital front door development to support access and self-help
- Development of electronic PN
- Contract re-awards and new procurements opportunities
- Bi-annual all service conference
- Site orientation videos for service users
- Expansion of staff upskilling (more nurse prescribers, more non-registrant health care staff issuing medication and vaccination)
- Introduction of virtual review option for stable HIV patients

*Dr Serish Basavaraj
Branch Chair*

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

No report submitted

REGIONS

NORTH WEST BRANCH

Membership

Dr John Sweeney *Branch Chair*

Dr Wai Lin Htun *Secretary*

Objectives

- To hold 3-4 meetings a year to discuss sexual health and HIV issues
- To update colleagues about CGC issues
- To disseminate good practice
- Continuing medical education and audit

Significant activities

- Planning regional education update
- Meetings 3-4 time per year on Microsoft teams due to wide geographical area

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- Two branch meetings taken place, with a further branch meeting to be held in October 2024
- Discussion of successful roll out of HIV testing across the high risk areas in our branch
- Discussion regarding monkeypox and sharing of good practice
- Discussion of recruitment issues affecting services across the North West
- Discussion of tender outcomes across services

Future plans

- Planning regional meeting with inclusion of Mersey branch
- To plan local/regional audits
- Discuss standardisation of practice

*Dr John Sweeney
Branch Chair*

NORTHERN BRANCH

No report submitted

OXFORD BRANCH

Membership

Dr Angela Bailey *Branch Chair*

Dr Nadi Gupta *Audit Lead*

Objectives

- To share information with BASHH members in the region from the CGC and vice versa.
- To hold one regional educational meeting annually

Significant activities

- Information disseminated from BASHH to members and from members to CGC.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- Local HIV leads identified and a meeting arranged and held virtually. Plans to hold another similar meeting, as it was felt useful to share experiences, particularly as HIV commissioning is devolving to ICBs.

Future plans

- Currently asking if anyone would like to consider taking over as Branch chair.

*Dr Angela Bailey
Oxford Branch Chair*

REGIONS

SCOTLAND BRANCH

Membership

Dr Bridie Howe Chair
Dr Graham Leslie – Branch Secretary
Dr Rebecca Metcalfe *Audit Lead*
Dr Syed Aliakbar *NCCG Rep*
Dr Lindsay Henderson *Trainee Rep*

Objectives

- To hold annual Scottish Branch business meeting and educational meeting. The educational meeting we aim to have wide attendance encouraging as many nursing, non-consultant grade doctors and other interested professionals by holding meetings virtually free of charge
- To disseminate BASHH information and educational opportunities to the branch membership and wider Scottish sexual health network
- To feedback regional issues to the BASHH CGC group.

Significant Activities

- We have represented BASHH at the Scottish parliament Committee for Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice discussing HIV stigma and elimination.
- We have represented BASHH in discussion with the Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, raising issues on inequity of access to Sexual Health Services in remote and rural areas, waiting times for access to Gender Identity Services, and recruitment and training issues for specialists in sexual and reproductive medicine

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- We held our annual regional Scottish business and educational meetings on 17th May 2024, with interesting educational talks and discussions on Doxy PEP and Hepatitis B infection and vaccination.

Future plans

- Scottish regional educational and business meeting Spring 2025
- Continue to disseminate BASHH communications to Scottish membership
- Continue to share regional issues with BASHH CGC
- Recruit to the regional SHA and nurse rep roles.

Bridie Howe
Scottish Branch Chair

SOUTH WEST BRANCH

Membership

Dr Fiona Fargie Branch Chair Representative to the CGC
Dr Sophia Davies Branch Audit Lead

Objectives

- To promote high standards of care in sexual and reproductive health and HIV services across the region
- To share information from BASHH and the CGC with regional members
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC
- To give opportunities for networking across the region.
- To conduct at least one audit and educational meetings per year.

Significant activities

- An online meeting took place Nov 2023 – educational component was a discussion about management of Neurosyphilis and a business meeting discussing higher training, commissioning, prison guidelines and the increasing HIV cohort

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- Many services have been quite preoccupied with completing bids for retendering and as such no organised programme of work has been undertaken.

Future plans

- Online regional meeting planned for Nov 2024 and a face to face meeting March 2025.

Dr Fiona Fargie
Branch Chair

REGIONS

THAMES (NE) BRANCH

Membership

Dr Rita Browne *Chair*

Objectives

- Promote high standards of sexual health and HIV care
- Consult with regional clinical leads and gather information for discussion at the BASHH CGC meetings and feedback
- Report on any regional issues or concerns to BASHH

Significant activities

- Implementing and delivering an online PrEP service to facilitate access to PrEP
- Feeding local information in London wide meetings co-ordinating the response to Mpox

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- Participating in all CGC meetings and sharing local experience and emerging concerns

*Dr Rita Browne
Branch Chair*

THAMES (NW) BRANCH

Membership

Dr Dawn Friday *Branch Chair*

Dr Vanessa Apnea *Audit Lead*

Objectives

- Promote high standards of sexual health and HIV.
- Gather information from regional clinical leads for discussion at the BASHH CGC meetings and provide feedback.
- Give opportunities for networking across the region.
- Conduct at least one audit and educational meetings per year

Significant activities

- Continued success with BBV (HIV/Hepatitis B/Hepatitis C) testing across North-West London Emergency Departments.
- High positivity rate for all three viruses. Lost to follow-up activity taking places in some services.
- BBV testing in ED likely to continue and expanded due to overwhelming success.
- Balancing the demand for PrEP in smaller outer North-West London services.

- Regional Clinical Reference Group feeding into the ICS/ICB.
- Increasing number of clinics have access to Descovy PrEP
- Increased uptake of MPOX vaccines across NWL region
- Focus on Tasters Days to aid recruitment to the specialty
- London Sexual Health Provider Group continue to raise concerns around sexual health services in London to tackle rising rates of sexually transmitted infections.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- Participation in national audits and BASHH surveys
- Regional STI Foundation course
- Regional HIV Meetings
- Regional GUM Meetings

Future plans

- Future plans Planning a joint regional meeting end of 2023

*Dr Dawn Friday
Branch Chair*

REGIONS

THAMES (SE) BRANCH

No report submitted

THAMES (SW) BRANCH

Membership

Dr Malika Mohabeer Hart *branch chair*

Objectives

- Gather relevant clinical governance concerns and issues from regional colleagues to take to national BASHH CGC
- Be a point of call for regional colleagues for any relevant support or information they may require
- Escalate concerns/emerging issues from region to BASHH
- Establish and maintain a clinical network with regional colleagues as a forum for discussion and information sharing
- Sharing of good practice from region to BASHH and vice versa
- Promote GUM as an attractive specialty

Significant activities

- Quarterly clinical governance meeting for regional leads to attend and discuss current issues affecting their services – this is then fed back to National BASHH CGC. I set up this network in my first year at SW Thames chair and it has been successfully maintained since.
- Feedback from BASHH CGC meeting to regional leads meeting
- Feedback from relevant sexual health meetings to regional leads e.g. BASHH MPOX updates, ICB, Commissioners, other education

- Supporting BASHH in data gathering from regions e.g. MPOX activity
- The H-SWELLZ regional education meeting I championed is still going strong and happens quarterly and includes services in Croydon, St Helier, Kingston, Hertfordshire (part of my Trust) and Wandsworth – this has been very well attended and has received positive feedback

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24

- Activities as above
- The H-SWELLZ meeting is virtual education session which contributes to staff CPD – it is not a fee-paying meeting
- I had a period of illness which meant I unfortunately had to step away from CGC duties between April and August 2024.

Future plans

- Reach out to clinics further afield and further consolidate the network
- Collaborate more on regional audits/research/other projects and education
- Advocate for the National Sexual Health Strategy
- Continue to promote GUM as an attractive specialty
- Share more good practice within the network for areas such as complex GUM, Safeguarding etc.

Dr Malika Mohabeer Hart
South West Thames BASHH CGC chair

REGIONS

TRENT BRANCH

Membership

Dr Hayley Wood *Chair*

Dr Rasha Omer *Audit Lead*

Objectives

- Promote high standards of care in sexual health and HIV
- Maintain communication amongst regional clinical leads about key clinical governance issues
- Give opportunities for networking across the region
- Conduct at least one audit/ educational meeting per year

Significant activities

- Liaised with regional leads to seek information about issues affecting their services to take to national meeting
- Facilitated communication of/circulated information about relevant clinical issues including management of Mpox
- Feedback from BASHH CGC meeting to region

- BASHH Trent Regional and Audit Group Meeting - September 2023, attended by over 30 delegates, 80% of participants finding the event extremely useful- topics included:
 - HIV Stigma
 - Palliation in HIV
 - Clinicopathological case study
 - GU trainees case presentations
 - Audit results from a local PID audit and the BASHH Mgen Audit
 - Becoming an ACP in Sexual Health
 - PrEP Update
 - Contraception Update

Future Plans

- Annual Regional Educational /Audit Meeting December 2024

Dr Hayley Wood

Trent Region Chair

CYMRU

Membership

Dr Darren Cousins *BASHH Wales Chair*

Dr Sian Warren *BASHH Wales Regional Audit Chair*

Polly Zipperlen *BASHH Cymru Treasurer*

Objectives

- To identify and promote best clinical practice both within Wales and elsewhere in the UK
- To optimise the delivery of good genitourinary medicine and HIV care in Wales by participation in policy and service development
- To participate in national (UK) clinical governance activity, including national audits, and to facilitate cross-Wales clinical governance activities

Significant activities

- Ongoing representation to the Welsh Government Sexual Health Programme Board, and the development of five priorities to cover the years 2025-2029 to be circulated in a Welsh Health Circular late 2024
- Implementation of the Wales HIV Action Plan published April 2023
- BASHH chair and service leads included at Welsh Government Mpox meetings including representation at events simulating outbreaks in the community of novel clade pathogens
- Ensuring Welsh representation in four nation BASHH workstreams including HIV prevention and responding to the Mpox challenge
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- Chairing the completion of the All Wales Antiretroviral Prescribing Group guidance for treatment of HIV
- Submission of evidence to All Wales Medicines Strategy Group on Descovy PrEP

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- BASHH Wales Regional Audit Meetings held online in October 2023 and March 2024
- BASHH Branch meetings held online in October 2023 and March 2024
- BASHH Wales Annual Scientific Meeting – Virtual July 2024
- Publication of All Wales HIV Prescribing Guideline - All Wales Antiretroviral Prescribing Group (AWAPG) chaired by BASHH Cymru Chair

Future plans

- BASHH Cymru chair to sit on newly reformed Sexual Health Strategy Group at Welsh Government chaired by the Chief Medical Officer
- Participate in task and finish groups for the HIV Action Plan 2023
- To lead development of pan-Wales case management system for HIV and STIs
- Bi-annual regional audit meetings and branch meetings
- BASHH Cymru chair to sit on Sexual Health Wales Advisory Board (national online self sampling programme)

Dr Darren Cousins , Cymru Branch Chair

REGIONS

WESSEX BRANCH

Membership

Dr Sangeetha Sundaram *Wessex Chair*

Dr Jenny Murira *Branch secretary*

Dr Alison Blume *Regional Audit Lead*

Dr Olivia Drew *Treasurer*

Objectives

- To cascade advice and updates on service provision, commissioning and clinical practice from the BASHH CGC committee to individual clinics within network
- To escalate concerns and risks within network to the committee for advice and support
- To share best practice including SOPs /templates developed for certain patient scenarios between the different branches and ultimately enhance patient care.

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Significant activities

- 2 quarterly virtual educational meetings held (Nov'23 and May 2024)- programmes consisted of diverse topics on GUM/HIV/SRH, interesting case presentations and expert talks.
- Regional clinical governance meeting held in November 2023 to review service concerns, tendering outcomes, training and education needs and workforce.
- Regional HIV mortality meeting held in January 2024.

- Wessex regional audit chair conceived and conducted an audit looking into the availability of PCR testing for syphilis within services and clinic policies for using this test. This was presented regionally in May 2024.
- Services coped with the increase in workload of PLWH migrating from Africa to UK to work in social care; some services saw a drastic increase in cohort sizes

Future plans

- Continue high quality educational meetings and aim to deliver F2F
- Continue to maintain regional communication about service pressures and solutions
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*Dr Sangeetha Sundaram
Branch Chair*

WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH

Membership

Dr Lisa Goodall *Chair and audit lead*

Objectives

- To promote high standards of care in sexual health and HIV services across the region
- To share information from BASHH and the CGC
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC
- To participate in national UK clinical governance activity, including national audits, and to facilitate cross-West Midlands clinical governance activities

Significant activities

- WM BASHH branch meeting held face to face in November 2023 including audit and training updates and update on WM STI and HIV data from WM UKHSA
- Regional HIV/ID educational histopathology meeting held November 2023

Performance/Outputs

- Participation in national BASHH audits and feedback of individual regional results

Future plans

- Regional HIV/ID educational histopathology meeting planned in November 2024

*Lisa Goodall
Branch Chair*

REGIONS

YORKSHIRE BRANCH

Membership

Dr Emma Street Chair

Dr Natasha Astill Audit Lead

Objectives

- To organise an annual regional meeting- to provide educational opportunities for a multidisciplinary audience
- To identify good practice/ initiatives and challenges in the Yorkshire region and feedback to the national CGC meetings
- To co-ordinate regional participation in national audit and feedback results

Significant activities

- Regional virtual STIF course- October 2024- hosted by Locala Sexual health in Bradford
- Regional educational meeting June 2024- hybrid free of charge event with both face to face and virtual attendees- held at the Novotel Leeds with over 30 delegates from over West Yorkshire and Humber- a packed programme of interesting case discussions, audit and expert speakers- sponsored by pharma.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- High level of participation for the virtual STIF course.
- Very high level of participation for the regional educational meeting and excellent feedback.

Future plans

- Annual regional educational meeting in June 2024
- Forum for alternative sexual health providers
- Emma Street
- Chair of the Yorkshire Branch CGC

*Dr Emma Street
Branch Chair*

COMMITTEES WITH BASHH REPRESENTATION

JOINT SPECIALTY COMMITTEE FOR GENITOURINARY MEDICINE

No report submitted

SPECIALIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE & UEMS IN

Membership

Dr Andy Williams - SAC Co-Chair, Workforce Group, NE Central London TPD
Dr Sarah Schoeman - SAC Co-Chair, Workforce Group, Y&H Co-TPD
Dr Ashini Fox - SAC Deputy Chair, Exams Format Group Lead, East Midlands TPD
Professor Jonathan Corne - Lead Dean

TPDs

Dr Anna Garner - NWest TPD
Dr Daniel Richardson - KSS TPD, Certification & CESR Deputy
Dr Ellen Dwyer - NWest London TPD, Dip GUM EA (Drs Lander & Schoeman covering whilst on maternity leave)
Dr Frances Lander - NWest London TPD (maternity cover Dr Dwyer)
Dr Imali Fernando - Scotland TPD, ePortfolio Lead
Dr Hannah Loftus - Y&H Co-TPD, Recruitment co-lead
Dr Huda Fadhillah - Thames Valley TPD
Dr Katia Prime - South London TPD, Curriculum Lead
Dr Megan Crofts - Severn Deanery TPD
Dr Nicola Lomax - Wales TPD, TPD Rep for STASHH/SAC

Dr Sarah Barrett - W Midlands TPD
Dr Sarah Duncan - Northern TPD, Recruitment Co-Lead
Dr Sarah Edwards - EoE TPD, Certification & CESR Lead
Dr Sangeetha Sundaram - Wessex TPD
Dr Say Quah - Northern Ireland TPD
Dr Sophia Davies - Peninsula TPD, Quality Lead

Co-opted members

Dr Arnold Fernandes - DiP GUM Exam Convener
Dr Johnny Boylan - Deputy DiP GUM Exam Convener
Dr Duncan Churchill - DiP HIV Convener
Dr Deborah Kirkham - DiP HIV EA (Ashini Fox covering whilst on maternity leave)
Professor Jaime Vera – Academic Lead
Dr Martyn Woods - Workforce Group Lead
Dr Jackie Sherrard – UMES Lead
Mr David Crundwell - Lay Rep
Trainee representatives
Dr Manik Kohli - Academic Trainee Rep
Dr Miriam Ringshall - BHIVA/HIVTA Trainee rep
Dr Lindsay Henderson – BASHH Trainee Rep

New co-chairs started in post in July 2023, the SAC extend their thanks to the outgoing co-chairs Dr Katia Prime and Prof Margaret Kingston for their outstanding contribution to the GUM SAC and higher specialty training.

Significant activities & performance Outputs 2023-24

Curriculum

First ARCPs in summer 2023 1 year post launch of new GUM/GIM curriculum. SAC co-chairs produced an FAQ for trainees which was disseminated via SAC trainee reps and subsequent trainee feedback re: this was very positively received.

SAC chairs produced 'Stage of training' guidance for transitioning trainees and their trainers.

Advice for dually accrediting trainees and their trainers re Educational supervisors (ES): Either separate IM & GUM ES or same GUM & IM ES. If the latter then IM CS report is very important.

Evaluation survey of new GUM/GIM curriculum for trainers and trainees closed at the end of November 2023. Results reviewed and actions agreed: run a national educational webinar for trainers and trainees (as part of Feb 2025 national training day) and update speciality specific FAQs.

New GUM/GIM eportfolio: ES reports for dual accreditation where GUM ES needs to sign off IM CiPs – clarification on this has been provided by JRCPTB and disseminated to GUM TPDs for dissemination to trainees and ESs.

<https://www.jrcptb.org.uk/news/guidance-completing-group-1-education-supervisor-reports>

New PYR form for GUM/GIM curriculum has been developed with JRCPTB eportfolio team (not yet live) plus final ARCP checklist being worked up. Work on National trainee and trainers survey about mapping quality criteria is ongoing - will be launched for GIM and then subsequently GUM.

Accelerated CCT guidance for trainees produced: Accelerated CCT guidance updated August 2022.pdf (thefederation.uk)

Guidance on standardisation of light and DG microscopy training for GUM trainees being worked up and will be included in Feb 2025 national training day.

Review of national out of hours/oncall commitment for GUM trainees to be presented at November 2025 SAC meeting.

Private study leave for exams statement written by Dr Sarah Schoeman and circulated to trainers and trainees.

Internal Medicine training – provision of outpatient clinics for IM trainees to increase exposure to GUM – local arrangements

Academic trainees, those doing OOPR and PhDs will link in via SAC academic rep and be added to targeted comms

New EDI rep position on SAC – generic JD circulated, Dr Ashini Fox taken on this role

UEMS rep - Dr Jackie Sherrard's second term as UK Venereology rep is coming to an end. Succession planning between Dr Sherrard and Prof Daniel Richardson is underway.

STASHH is performing really well and continues to expand: 17 core committee members, 22 medical student ambassadors & 17 pre-specialty ambassadors.

COMMITTEES WITH BASHH REPRESENTATION

SPECIALIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE & UEMS IN DERMATOVENEREOLOGY Continued...

STASHH:

GUM TPD (Nicola Lomax, Wales) has been appointed by the SAC to work with STASHH and as a direct link between STASHH and the GUM SAC.

STASHH is performing really well and continues to expand: 17 core committee members, 22 medical student ambassadors & 17 pre-specialty ambassadors.

Dip GUM/HIV:

Both exams continue to perform well. The exams for 2023 were set following the 2016 curriculum. Exams for 2024 took account of curriculum changes introduced in 2022.

Since 2022 there is only one DipGUM exam diet per year. Candidates have the option of sitting the OSCE and Bo5 examination elements separately. Candidates are allowed to keep a pass for an assessment (OSCE or Bo5) and only retake the one that they have failed. Of note, the Bo5 examination went fully online in July 2023.

DipHIV exam – GUM SAC are in the process of seeking approval from the GMC for removal of the OSCE component, not guaranteed that this will be granted and so candidates advised to proceed as if the OSCE will continue to be a part of the exam. Full diet scheduled for Autumn 2024 – online Bo5 24/9/24 and OSCE 8/10/24. Like the DipGUM exam a "Pass" result for a single part of the exam (OSCE or Bo5) may now be retained and re-entry to only undertake the remaining part is permitted within a period of 2 years. Of note, the DipHIV Bo5 examination went fully online in 2023.

SAC co-chairs spoke at national training day and comms has gone out to all TPDs and trainees re: GMC submission in relation to DipHIV potential exam format change.

Recruitment:

R1 for Aug 2023 start: 49 vacancies, 23 applicants, 20 shortlisted, 17 interviewed, 14 appointable & 6 accepted = 12% fill rate vs 11% in previous R1.

R2 for Feb 2024 start: 33 vacancies, 14 applications, 8 shortlisted, 5 interviewed, 5 appointable & 1 accepted = 1% fill rate vs 0% last R2.

R1 for August 2024 start: 51 vacancies, 27 applicants, 23 shortlisted, 18 interviewed, 17 appointable & 12 accepted = 23.5% fill rate vs 12% in previous R1.

Recruitment in Northern Ireland is run separately and all 3 NI NTN's are occupied – full recruitment.

BASHH have invested in a GUM recruitment campaign LoveGUM, more details on that elsewhere in the BASHH annual report.

Other recruitment activities: BASHH STI column, GUM – a new group 1 specialty podcast recorded with RCPE training committee, RCP training matters newsletter with link to BASHH STI column.

Trainee snapshot spreadsheet developed in order to have clearer national view of NTN occupancy and trainee progression – TPDs will complete before each SAC meeting for review.

LTFT recruitment national pilot to launch – ie specific posts to be LTFT from the start rather than apply as full time and then request LTFT.

Workforce:

GUM SAC co-Chairs working with CSRH training leads on a joint 'Sexual Health and HIV' workforce / recruitment paper with recommendations for submission to COPMeD in October 2024 – paper written and agreed.

Emergency recovery plans for GUM NTN's included in above – suggested requests include tailored approach to GUM recruitment, TERS payments, 100% funding of posts by NHSE, supported change to specialty career pilot.

The current rate of substantive consultant posts being advertised is now exceeding the number of trainees gaining their CCT, although there have been minimal repeat consultant post advertisements suggesting successful recruitment or potential use of posts at other grades by employers. It is likely that in the short to medium term, trainees will have a selection of consultant posts and those perceived to be less desirable will be increasingly difficult to fill.

Other:

GUM SAC has updated the GUM Training page on the BASHH website:

https://www.bashh.org/professionals/bashh_groups/41/doctors_in_training/pages/26

GUM SAC ran another GUM National Taster Day on 2nd October 2023. 287 people signed up for the day most of whom attended. Lots of interest in local 'taster days' generated as a result. Further National GUM Taster Day planned for October 2024.

Our thanks are extended to all members of the SAC who all undertake a significant amount of work outside of their job plans

JOURNALS WITH BASHH REPRESENTATION

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF STD & AIDS (IJSA)

Throughout 2023/2024, IJSA continued its mission to act as a vehicle for the dissemination and discussion of clinically focussed STI research and innovation from across the globe. IJSA continues to publish more papers than any other in the STI field and we remain the journal of choice for publication of BASHH and the International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI) clinical guidelines.

Our new article types have helped showcase work that might fall outside the traditional research paradigm - this has included quality improvement work, patient experience measures, national audit, and organisational development exercises in the field.

We have worked with the BASHH Education Committee to explore which new directions may have greatest utility for our UK readership. A recent consultation has been opened to garner opinion from the BASHH membership about a possible name change of the journal, to better reflect our core objectives and to reflect our person-first approach to publishing.

IJSA accepts a wide range of papers from across the world, and we very much hope that the readership continues to find the journal entertaining and informative. We remain indebted to our authors and fantastic reviewers, and to SAGE Publishing.

Dr Michael Rayment
Editor-in-Chief

STI JOURNAL

Objectives

- Promote and facilitate the liaison between BASHH and the STI journal, seeking opportunities for reciprocal support
- Identify opportunities for the journal to support educational activities including conferences and courses organised BASHH
- Identify opportunities for the BASHH membership to contribute to the activities of the journal, e.g., through the BASHH column and other forms of publication and engagement
- Identify opportunities for facilitating communication and dissemination of research news within the BASHH membership
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Significant activities and outputs 2023-2024

- the meetings of the BASHH Educational Committee
- Supported the production of the BASHH Column for the STI journal (8 issues per year)
- Supported the Annual BASHH Conference (2024): reviewed abstract submissions, awarded the best presentation BMJ STI prize, organised and produced a thematic workshop on vaccinations within the conference, supported publicity activities via the journal and its social media channels

- Ongoing production of a journal highlights piece that is included in the BASHH emails to the membership

Future plans

- Continue to engage with the BASHH Educational Committee
- Continue to support the production of the journal BASHH column
- Continue to produce the journal highlights piece
- To review bandwidth and financial implications of continued support of the annual BASHH conference

Professor Anna Maria Geretti
Editor-in-Chief, Sexually Transmitted
Infections

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

APPG	All-Party Parliamentary Groups	IT	Information Technology
ARCP	Annual Review of Competency Progression	IUSTI	International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy	JRCPTB	Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians' Training Board
ASIG	Adolescent Specialist Interest Group	LARC	Long-Acting Reversible Contraception
BAD	British Association of Dermatology	LTFT	Less than Full Time
BAME	Black, Asian and minority ethnic	LGV	Lymphogranuloma venereum
BASHH	British Association for Sexual Health and HIV	LUSTRUM	Limiting undetected sexually transmitted infections to reduce morbidity
BASHH CEG	BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group	MDR	Medical Devices Regulation
BASHH CGC	BASHH Clinical Governance Committee	MDT	Multidisciplinary Team
BASHH CSU	BASHH Clinical Standards Unit	MGen	Mycoplasma genitalium
BASHH EC	BASHH Educations Committee	MHRA	Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
BASHH NAG	BASHH National Audit Group	MLSO	Medical Laboratory Scientific Officers
BBV	Blood Borne Viruses	MSD	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.
BHIVA	British HIV Association	MSM	Men who have sex with men
Bo5	Best of 5 Questions (Exam format)	NAAT	Nucleic acid amplification test
BSIG	Bacterial Special Interest Group	NCSP	National Chlamydia Screening Programme
BV	Bacterial vaginosis	NHIVA	Nurses HIV Association
CCGs	Clinical Commissioning Groups	NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
CCT	Certificate of Completion of Training	NPT	Near patient test
CESR	Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration	OI	Opportunistic Infection
CEV	Clinically Extremely Vulnerable	OSCE	Objective Structured Clinical Examination
CHIVA	Children's HIV Association	PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
CNS	Central Nervous System	PEPSE	Post-exposure prophylaxis after sexual exposure
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease 2019	PGVLE	Postgraduate Virtual Learning Environment
CPD	Continuing Professional Development	PGD	Patient Group Direction
CQC	Care Quality commission	PHE	Public Health England
CSRH	Community Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare	PN	Partner Notification
CTAD	Chlamydia Testing Activity Dataset	POCT	Point of care test
DHSC	Department of Health and Social Care	PPE	Patient and public engagement
DiT	Doctor(s) in Training	PREM	Patient reported experience measure
Dip GUM	Diploma in Genitourinary Medicine	PREP	Pre-exposure prophylaxis
Dip HIV	Diploma in HIV Medicine	PROM	Patient reported outcome measure
DNA	Did Not Attend (person who)	PYR	Penultimate Year Reviews
DVD	Digital Video Disc	RCGP	Royal College of General Practitioners
e-LFH	Electronic Learning for Health	RCN	Royal College of Nursing
EPR	Electronic Patient Record	RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation	RCP	Royal College of Physicians
FSRH	Faculty of Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare	RSM	Royal Society of Medicine
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation	SARC	Sexual Assault Referral Centre
GiM	General Internal Medicine	SAC	Specialty Advisory Committee
GMC	General Medical Council	SAS	Staff grade, Associate Specialist and Specialty doctors
GP	General Practitioner	SIG	Special Interest Group
GRASP	Gonococcal Resistance to Antimicrobials Surveillance Programme	SOPHID	Survey of Prevalent HIV Infections Diagnosed
GSM	Gay and Sexual Minorities	SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare
GU	Genitourinary	SHA	Sexual Health Advisor
GUM	Genitourinary Medicine	SHAN	Sexual Health Advisor and Nurse (group)
GUMCAD	GUM Activity Dataset	SHRAD	Sexual and Reproductive Health Activity Dataset
HARS	HIV and AIDS Reporting System	SSHA	Society of Sexual Health Advisors
HAV	Hepatitis A virus	ST	Specialist Trainee
HBV	Hepatitis B virus	STASHH	Student and Trainee Association for Sexual Health and HIV
HCV	Hepatitis C virus	STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
HEE	Health Education England	STIF	Sexually Transmitted Infections Foundation (courses)
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	TPD	Training Programme Director
HIVTA	HIV Trainees Association	TV	Trichomonas Vaginalis
HPV	Human papilloma virus	UEMS	European Union of Medical Specialists
HRA	High-Resolution Anoscopy	UKHSA	United Kingdom Health Security Agency
HSCIC	Health and Social Care Information Centre	UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
HSV	Herpes simplex virus	VLOG	Video Log
HYPNET	HIV Young Persons' Network		
IJA	International Journal of STD & AIDS		
IQA	Internal Quality Assurance		
IQC	Internal Quality Control		
ISSTD	International Society for Sexually Transmitted Diseases Research		

