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BASHH Annual Review

**Branches
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Other Groups of BASHH**

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This is a stand-alone review that allows the individual Branches and Groups to highlight their activities over the year.
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Prizes and programmes

BASHH Undergraduate Prize Winners

Clinical prize winner

"Audit of Victims of Trafficking Referred to Sexual Health from the Medaille Trust"
Eleanor Wright

BASHH Undergraduate Research Prize

"Pre-exposure prophylaxis as an alternative to post-exposure prophylaxis for electives: A survey assessing medical students' knowledge, attitudes and beliefs"
Zayn Khalid Majeed.

Scientific programme

28 September 2018

BASHH HSV SIG

- 13.00 - 13.20 Intro- 'Recent insights into HSV – whole genome sequencing and vaccine failure'
Dr Raj Patel (Southampton)
- 13.20 - 13.45 Conditional Consent for sexual contact – have the rules changed for patients with STI around disclosure? Mr Yusef Azad (NAT)
- 13.45 – 14.05 What did we learn from the Southampton Mystery shopping studies for HSV-1 and HSV-2?
Dr Emily Clarke (Southampton/Liverpool)
- 14.05 - 14.30 What is it when it isn't HSV? – non infective causes of genital ulceration for the STI physician
Dr Marco Cusini (Milan)
- 14.30 - 15.00 Clinical cases:
Chaired by 'Dr Elizabeth Foley' Dr Emma Rutland (Chichester) Dr Marco Cusini (Milan)

BASHH GSM SIG

- 16.15 – 17.15 Launching the BASHH GSM SIG Recommendations for integrated sexual health services for trans and non-binary individuals
Dr Andy Williams, Dr Laura Mitchell, Dr Kate Nambiar with a panel of key stakeholders.
Panel to include: Rusi Jaspal, Michelle Ross Harri Weeks, Aedan Wolton.

11 January 2019

Part 1: BASHH HIV Specialist Interest Group

Chair: Dr Fiona Burns, UCL and Royal Free

- 13.00 - 13.30 Update on testing and treatment for infectious hepatitis
Dr Emma Page (Leeds)
- 13:30 - 14:00 Update on NAFLD
Dr James Maurice (Imperial)
- 14:00 - 14:30 2DR – where are we now?
Dr Laura Waters (Mortimer Market Clinic)
- 14:30 - 14:50 2DR/ageing/liver cases
Dr Lara Payne (King's)
Dr Sarah Bradley (Mortimer Market Clinic)

22 March 2019

Part 1: Public Health England

- 13.05 - 13.20 Access to sexual and reproductive health services – what do the data tell us?
Dr Katy Sinka, Public Health England
- 13:20 – 13:45 Chlamydia trachomatis PgP3 seroepidemiology: an evolving surveillance tool
Dr Grahame Davis, Public Health England
- 13:45 - 14:10 HIV testing for individuals on PrEP
Dr John Saunders, Public Health England
- 14:10 - 14:35 A nationwide combination prevention success in England
Professor Noel Gill, Public Health England
- 14:35 - 15.00 Researching in Prisons with PHE Health and Justice
Dr Sophie Candfield, Public Health England

Part 2: Genital Dermatology Special Interest Group

- 15.45 – 15.50 Introduction
Dr Christine Bates, Chair, Genital Dermatology SIG
- 15.50 - 16.30 Psychosexual Medicine
Dr Anthony Bewley, Consultant Dermatologist, Royal London Hospital, London
- 16.30 - 17.25 Vulval pain
Dr Jane Hussey, Consultant in GU Medicine & HIV, Sunderland Royal Hospital, Tyne & Wear

7 June 2019

Sexual Dysfunction SIG

- 13.00 - 13.45 Persistent genital arousal disorder
Caroline Pukall (Canada)
- 14.00 - 14:45 Condoms and pleasure
Cindy Graham (Southampton)
- 15.30 – 16.15 Orgasmic dysfunction in women
Kirstin Mitchell Glasgow
- 16.15 – 16.45 How experience affects arousal
Agnes Kocsis (Imperial College NHS)
- 16.45 – 17.15 Medications to increase sexual desire and arousal in women
Shalini Andrews (Guilford)

Overview

President's report

As President of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) it is a privilege for me to submit our annual review for the year ended July 2019, which details the Association's many activities and achievements in line with its charitable aims, which continue within a responsive organisational framework. I would like to pay homage to my fellow Officers, Trustees, chairs of the Special Interest Groups, Branch chairs and all who give their valuable time in supporting the Associations work across the UK.

The future of our specialty has been very much in the forefront of the activities of the BASHH officers during this year. Having secured the Parliamentary Health and Social Care Committee Inquiry into Sexual Health, we sent out a questionnaire to all members which provided valuable information to support our submission. The Inquiry has supported our call for the development of a new Sexual Health Strategy for England, although significantly it recommended against wholesale changes being made to the current sexual health commissioning process. Instead, the enquiry called for strengthening collaboration between the NHS and local government and an improved approach to tendering. The Department of Health and Social Care are required to set out their response to these recommendations, although it has not been forthcoming so far, almost certainly due to the political focus being on BREXIT.

Feedback from the BASHH members survey highlighted issues within our specialty; more than 9 in 10 survey respondents (92%) said that they were worried or extremely worried about the future delivery of sexual health care in England over the next year. 81% of respondents felt that staff morale had decreased within their service in the past year, with almost half (49%) reporting that morale had 'greatly decreased'. Issues regarding recruitment and retention of staff was also highlighted. In response to this a group has been established to develop resources that can help and improve recruitment into Genitourinary Medicine training and improve the perception that others have of the specialty.

The importance of saying 'thank you' and appreciating the contribution of members led to the establishment of Sexual Health Hero. Launched at our successful Annual Conference in Birmingham -The President's Sexual Health Hero awards were bestowed on Jodie Walker-Haywood and Dr Craig Tipple. Jodie was the powerhouse behind establishing the Nurses and Health Advisors SIG and also the first nurse to be a BASHH conference local organiser. Craig received the award for his work as chair of the Patient and Public Involvement Group. At the Annual Conference we introduced Diversity monitoring and a new app. for delegates. My thanks go to all who were involved in making the event a huge success.

Production of guidelines and standards are an essential aspect of our remit. Our Clinical Standards Unit under the direction of Dr Raj Patel has produced Standards for Online & Remote Providers of Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare Services in partnership with the FSRH. The CSU also updated the Standards for the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections (MEDFASH) which is an essential document for our commissioners to refer to. Furthermore, new guidelines have been co-produced with BHIVA on PrEP and with both BHIVA and FSRH guidelines for the sexual and reproductive health of people living with HIV.

BASHH continues to collaborate with a range of national representative bodies, professional and third sector organisations to raise the importance of maintaining high-quality, easily accessible sexual health services across the UK. The All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Sexual and Reproductive Health hosted a hot topic session on '*The impact of Public Health cuts on Sexual Health*' – Dr Margaret Kingston gave a masterful overview of the issues within our specialty which led to a briefing paper being circulated to the both the House of Lords and House of Commons regarding the challenges services in England currently face.

The volume of issues on the horizon is reflected in the number of key consultations that we have responded to over the year. These have included a review of Public Health Prescribed Activity, The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors)(Amendment) Regulations 2017, detailed input into the new NICE Quality Standard on Sexual Health and joint engagement with other stakeholders regarding the proposed Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Bill 2017-19, a response for the APPG on HIV and AIDS inquiry into mental health and feedback on proposals for new HIV indicators for GPs(as part of an updated Quality and Outcomes Framework. We have also as part of a multi-agency group been advising the Crown Prosecution Service on criminalisation of non-disclosure of HIV /STIs. Some of this work is ongoing. Whilst Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is provided for high risk individuals in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland on the NHS but only accessible via PrEP Impact clinical trial in England, BASHH have continued to call for PrEP to be freely available in England.

Our educational activities go from strength to strength, providing high quality content which receives excellent feedback on a variety of platforms. The activities continue to provide our Members and the wider community of health professionals with excellent educational events across the UK throughout the year. Following a very successful time as editor in chief of Sexually Transmitted Infections Journal, Professor Jackie Cassell stepped down and we welcomed her successor Prof Anna Maria Garretti.

The media team have had yet again an exceptionally busy year, responding to a record number of enquiries and appearing on almost all leading TV, radio and online outlets in the process. Close collaboration with the BHIVA media team has enabled both Associations to gain a wider reach and raise the profile of contemporaneous issues in the field of sexual health and HIV. Our followers on Twitter have increased by 2000 over the past year to 8000.

BASHH continues to be a successful and vibrant organisation, proudly promoting excellence in sexual health and HIV care, delivering high quality education, seeking to influence national decision makers for the improvement of public health and also most importantly working for the benefit of the public. I reiterate my thanks to all the Members, Officers and Trustees for their time, commitment and enthusiasm, without which none of the above would be possible.

Treasurer's report

2019 was a financially challenging year for BASHH as its expenditure exceeds its income by some £62,622 mainly due to increased costs. The annual cost of secretariat services contract increased by 12% to a total of £125,145 excluding VAT in 2019. However, BASHH is partially exempt for VAT purposes and cannot recover all the VAT incurred and therefore the actual costs are much higher. During this year this amounted to £142,461 as disclosed within these financial statements. There has been no corresponding increase in Revenue to offset these increased costs. Our spring conference ran a deficit of just over £40,000. The results of the previous year are not comparable as it was held jointly with BHIVA and was financially positive due to significantly increased numbers of participants and sponsorship income. However standalone meetings held by BASHH in the past have been financially successful mainly due to costs being much less than we experienced during this year's meeting.

BASHH board's approval of to support Biomedical Scientists to attend IUSTI conference in Vancouver, Canada was another source of cost pressure on BASHH's finances during the year and this cost BASHH some £17,097 in this financial year where there were no such costs in the previous year.

In addition, having to pay for advance reservations of Spring conferences until 2021 depleted BASHH's current account to the extent that withdrawals from BASHH's saving accounts had to be made to ensure the association could pay its creditors. The value of the investments has continued to rise and has contributed to BASHH's reserves. It is important to note that without the growth in investment assets the association's costs currently and during the last couple of years outweigh its income from its normal charitable activities.

As we expect a turbulent few years post Brexit for the stock market, it would be important to note that our finances may come under strain in the coming years and in the absence of either increased revenues or reduced costs we may have to access some of either the income and or capital from these investments in the future to assist with our day to day operations.

As at the year end the value of these investments held by BASHH was in excess of £1.6 million and makes up part of BASHH's net assets of £1.75 million ensuring BASHH has adequate reserves for the future. Principle funding sources Income for the charity comes from investments, membership subscriptions, and educational events. Because of the charity's stable financial position, the annual membership fee was not increased in 2019.

The Trustees reviewed the reserves policy and renewed their intention to maintain the level of reserves at an amount sufficient for the Association to function for at least two years in the event that it does not receive any further income. This will mitigate the financial risk associated with running large conferences and ensure that BASHH's existing contractual obligations can be met. The Association also wishes to have sufficient reserves available to respond rapidly when required to commission new sexual health guidelines or standards documents, or respond to external consultations.

The investment policy was reviewed by the Trustees with agreement that sufficient funds to allow the Association to function for at least one year will be retained in accounts which permit access within a maximum of three months. The balance of reserves is invested after taking professional financial advice and adopting a low to medium risk approach. Investments were historically held in funds split equally between Sarasin & Partners and St. James' Place Wealth Management.

Clinical Governance Committee Review

Membership

Dr John McSorley	Chair
Dr Mohamed Ghanem	Secretary

This group consists of a Chair, a Secretary and Regional Representative 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, Staff & Associate Specialists, and Doctors in Training. In 2019 a new position was created to represent Specialist Sexual Health Pharmacists. Other groups within BASHH feed into this committee, the Clinical Effectiveness Group, the Clinical Standards Unit, the National Audit Group, the Integrated Information Group and the Web Team.

Objectives

- 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 recognizing local variation in capacity, infrastructure and policy.

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

Meetings

The Committee holds meetings on the same days as the Scientific Meetings. In the Year ended 31st July 2019, three face to face meetings were held at The Royal Society of Medicine. In line with previous developments a fourth meeting was held by a teleconference utilising Adobe Connect for document review. Such teleconferences are held to maintain intelligence gathering, maintain support and progress work streams when BASHH educational activity is taking place either outside the London base or outside UK. Meetings are supported by BASHH administration team and minutes published on the website.

Significant activities

Spotlight discussions are held on topics generated by CGC Representatives at each meeting.

- N.gonorrhoeae culture capacity, provision and effectiveness
- M. Genitalium testing and resistance testing capacity, cost and provision
- Impact of MRHA quinolone usage alert on SH Service provision
- PrEP Impact Trial Rollout, capacity and provision

Ongoing work streams include maintaining quality within new contracts for services and addressing issues arising from contract changeovers and retendering; maintaining standards for online STI screening services and integration with face to face services, and service issues arising across the UK including ways to improve the interactions of branches with local BASHH members. A recurring theme emergent is the supply chain challenges with sporadic shortages of medication or immunisation supply affecting delivery capacity. The CGC communicates with its members to maximally mitigate any harms potentially arising through mobilisation of intelligence across our networks. The CGC contributed to BASHH Survey in 2019 and completed work on developing a BASHH recognised acronym glossary to support local service usage within local guidelines.

The Royal College of Physicians provided a pathway for action when Regional Advisers for Service were unavailable for input into consultant appointments and this was formally agreed and adopted by the Committee. Regional Advisers and Consultants continue to contribute to this work.

The CGC contribute to the generation of and content of papers created by BASHH Officers for external partner organisations affecting sexual health policy.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018/19

The functions and geographical coverage of branches in relation to effectiveness of meetings, clinical networks, safety and intelligence reporting, and effective representation of local members was reviewed and discussed formally. No changes of boundaries or formal mergers have taken place but regions were encouraged to consider and support joint meetings between coterminous branches.

The CGC recognised the increasing importance of pharmacy and pharmaceutical issues, and requested the creation, subsequent Board ratification of formal Specialist Pharmacist representation on the Committee.

Two successful candidates were appointed as a job share; to jointly support the CGC and to undertake specific advisory work with other groups within BASHH as requirements arise.

Advice on Ceftriaxone usage, spectinomycin usage then response to discontinuation was discussed and strategies circulated to support services in context of occasional intermittent stock shortages and in management of suspected penicillin allergy in different clinical settings. Advice on quinolone usage was disseminated subsequent to MHRA alerts in 2019. Advice on MGen management was disseminated. A survey in collaboration with PHE on access to, technology used and outcomes of gonorrhoea cultures, was initiated due to complete November 2019. Communication and dissemination of information relating to Hepatitis A outbreak, and management of supply chain issues with Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and Twinrix & HPV4 vaccination stock across the regions, was co-ordinated and supported.

Future plans

- To facilitate CGC members fulfilling branch, group and national roles by providing travel expenses if not employer-funded, and increasing the use of teleconferencing.
- To extend the practice of job sharing elements of regional roles
- To extend involvement of Doctors in Training, Nurses, Health Advisers and SAS colleagues in CGC activities, to mentor and assist in career development.
- To support BASHH commitment to equitable geographical provision of on-line services that support high standard face to face sexual health services
- To support BASHH to lead on the development of coherent holistic sexual health strategies for all four nations in the UK in the next decade.

Dr John McSorley
Chair Clinical Governance Committee

Education committee review

The Education Committee is responsible for facilitating the delivery of the BASHH's vision, values and service priorities through education, training and development. The Educational committee (EC) and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) develop and maintain educational programmes providing high levels of specialist training and skill, whilst embracing a wider, more integrated sexual health remit across a wide geographical area and range of healthcare settings.

The Special interest groups (SIGs)

The SIGs lead on the development of educational materials and meetings within their specialist areas. They develop and deliver educational programmes and courses. They also contribute to education and training by generating publications and research, developing guidelines and recommendations in collaboration with other BASHH groups and external organisations, and reviewing and responding to documents on behalf of BASHH. Individual reports detailing specific contributions are available within the BASHH Annual Review.

This year, the SIGs have provided several well-established courses such as the BASHH microscopy course, SAS and Doctors in Training meetings, the Genital dermatology and Genital dermatology plus courses, Masterclass in Sexual Dysfunction, the Diplomas in GUM and HIV revision courses, STI Foundation theory and competency courses, Train the Trainer courses and the HIV Masterclass. There have also been new courses developed including 'Supervision for Safeguarding' by the Adolescent SIG and the international High Resolution Anoscopy Course organised by the HPV SIG due to run in November 2019. The new BASHH group specifically representing Nurses and Health Advisors has rapidly grown in number and organised their first symposium at the annual conference in Birmingham this year.

The International Foundation for Sexual Health Education has been established and had its inaugural meeting at the Annual conference in Birmingham this year with the remit of supporting and promoting BASHH's educational projects overseas.

BASHH scientific meetings

The EC has the responsibility of providing quarterly Scientific meetings, which are free to BASHH Members. SIGs take it in turn to organise these meetings and they often take a two-part structure, organised by two individual SIGs. This year, the Autumn meeting was led by HSV and GSM SIGs, the January meeting was lead by the HPV and HIV SIGs and the March meeting was organised by the genital dermatology SIG and Public Health England. These were all well attended with excellent evaluation. Podcasts/webcasts of the lectures are available on the BASHH website for members to access in their own time if they are unable to attend the meeting. Detailed programmes are included in this Annual review.

The September 2019 meeting was cancelled in lieu of IUSTI Tallinn when the Adolescent SIG organised a BASHH symposium instead. We used the funds set aside for running the September meeting to support BASHH members with discounted IUSTI registration, giving Doctors in Training, SAS and Nurse and Health advisor members preference when applying for these 30 places.

Scholarships, Fellowships and Travel awards

The Education Committee oversees several educational travel bursaries, and this year we coordinated the BASHH-ISSTD(ISON) Travel scholarships and the IUSTI travel bursaries. We also supported the BASHH-PHE Fellowships and the Education Committee's own BASHH Educational Fellowship which this year was awarded to Dr Caroline Oswald from Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust.

Other meetings

The BASHH Annual Conference took place in Birmingham in June/July, It was again very highly evaluated and proved to be an excellent educational event. The annual Joint BASHH /FSRH meeting in January also continues to be well attended and very successful. The Conference and Communications secretary's report will provide more detailed feedback.

Dr Ashini Fox
Educational Committee Chair

Communication and conference review

Conference and Communication Activity

The Education Committee and Conference secretary continues work on the BASHH strategy for education: providing high quality educational events, conferences, joint meetings and support co-badging conference events for BASHH members, making education and science available to BASHH members.

Joint Faculty of sexual and reproductive health and BASHH conference

This one day joint conference took place at the Royal society of Medicine on 25 January 2019. This was a fully booked conference which attracted clinicians from a sexual health and primary care background. The programme was organised by a joint FSRH –BASHH committee, Ms Ceri Evans, Dr Ulrike Sauer and Dr Claire Dewsnap, with support delivered by FSRH events manager, Jyoti Palmer, and for BASHH by KSAM, Sam Dignan. Previously, BASHH and FSRH would alternate organisation of the conference.

This year a memorandum of understanding will be formally agreed regarding overall responsibilities for each part of the conference organisation with the aim of regular routine shared responsibility for conference delivery. Evaluation of the conference was excellent.

An overall profit was made from conference.

BASHH 2019 conference

The conference was held at the International Conference Centre, Birmingham. There were a total of 533 delegates. The conference was organised By Dr Claire Dewsnap with support from Sam Dignan, Amy Ehlas and Local Host, Mr Jodie Walker-Haywood. The conference made an overall loss for BASHH of £10K. This was anticipated due to the high cost of the venue in Birmingham which had previously been approved BASHH Board.

A number of scholarship awards were given through a grant from ViiV Healthcare.

The conference was sponsored by the following companies.

- Inform Health Limited
- Gilead
- Hologic
- ViiV Healthcare
- Owen Mumford
- SpeedX
- Cepheid
- Idox Health Ltd
- Dunelm Pharmaceuticals
- InTec Products Inc. Matrix Diagnostics
- Becton Dickinson
- MSD
- UCB Pharma Ltd
- Kora Healthcare
- SH:24
- Randox Biosciences

Outstanding quality research was reflected in the oral and poster presentations. Of the 234 abstracts were submitted, 228 were selected - 44 as oral presentations and 181 as poster presentations.

Future events: the BASHH annual conference 2020 will be held at Bournemouth International Conference. This will be commencing on 6 June 2020 with the doctors in training day. The local host is Dr Kate Schroeder.

Risk management

BASHH reviewed its Risk Management Plan during the year to identify potential risks which the charity may encounter.

The plan identifies the source of potential risks, assesses each against criteria of seriousness and likely frequency, and makes recommendations on mitigating the risk including the identification of responsible individual(s).

The review was undertaken by the BASHH Finance and Governance Committee before being taken to the Board for approval.

Risk is reduced by:

- requiring funding proposals submitted to the BASHH Board to include an assessment of risk
- the use of guidance notes to assist BASHH members who run educational events on the charity's behalf e.g. draft contract template, advice on obtaining sponsorship
- automated collection of educational event fees via the BASHH website
- annual external financial audit
- separation of powers via a Scheme of Delegation which is reviewed annually by the Trustees.

Named groups

BASHH/Faculty Integrated Information Group

Membership

David Phillips	Co-chair, BASHH
Asha Kasliwal	Co- chair, FSRH
Anatole Menon-Johansson	BASHH
Huw Price	BASHH
Achyuta Nori	BASHH
Evelyn Kerr	BASHH
Ramona Malek	BASHH
Usha Kumar	FSRH
Nathan Acladius	FSRH
Susannah Hall	FSRH
Parveen Jayadeva	FSRH
Evelyn Kerr	FSRH
Cuong Chau	PHE - HARS
Hamish Mohammed	PHE- GUMCAD
Stephen Duffell	PHE GUMCAD
Wendi Slater	PHE
Kate Thurland	PHE SRHAD
Nicky Connor	PHE CTAD
Alireza Talebi	PHE CTAD
Stephen Duffell	PHE
Judith Ellison	HSCIC
Sarah Freeman	HSCIC
Kate Jervis	Brook
Steven Cheung	BPAS
Veronika Rasickaite	MSI
Charles Hewitt	Pathway Analytics

Observers from software companies

Ed Hulse	Mill Systems
Colin Kowlessar	RIOMED
Thiyagarajan Jayaraman	IMS
Iain Galloway	IDCapture
Andrew Denman	Inform Health
Steve Pusey	Oasis Medical Solutions
Rebecca Dawes	AXSYS
Mark Poole	TCR Nottingham
Liz Lovell	IMS
Linda Lewis	Cardata
Hugh Darrah	Geodata
Daphne Tabone	IDOX
Cathy Pringle	IDOX

Objectives

- To recommend strategies for IT implementation, data collection and reporting for the spectrum of Sexual Health services (ranging from non-integrated services to fully integrated services).

- To liaise between DH, NHS Digital (HSCIC), PHE and other agencies regarding information issues to achieve best outcomes for both patient and public health.
- To advise on the type, quality and format of information to be collected from Sexual Health 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 Sexual Health.
- 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 Sexual Health.
- To disseminate important information to BASHH/Faculty members via organisational websites/newsletters.

Significant activities & Outputs in the year 2018-19

- The Group met on 3 occasions during 2018/19.
- We have considered matters of relevance to GUM Clinics, SRH clinics and Integrated Services in particular in relation to statutory reporting including GUMCAD, SRHAD and HARS.
- We have advised PHE on matters arising including: Data compatibility and mapping of SHHAPT to SNOMED, review of coding for clinical conditions and care activities. Including development of HARS1.2 and deployment of the new version GUMCAD 2019.
- We have responded to numerous questions posed by BASHH members regarding information governance and data security for sexual health services.
- We have clarified the guidance on retention and destruction of records within sexual health.
- We have responded to an NHS Digital consultation (following the McNeil report) regarding the future of data reporting systems and the impact on frontline staff.
- We have been contributory authors and editors to the FSRH-BASHH Standards for Online Sexual Health Services.
- We have been contributory authors and editors to the BASHH 2019 Standards for Management of STIs.

Future plans

- To continue to work closely with members of the Faculty, PHE, DH, NHS Digital, software providers and others to ensure that we meet our objectives.
- To ensure the objectives and benefits of this group incorporate relevant issues for all devolved nations of the UK.
- To be both pro-active and responsive to upcoming matters that affect data handling and Information Governance to produce and disseminate best practice advice to BASHH & FSRH members.
- To review the landscape of sexual health provision through online and digital technologies, to promote best practice regarding information governance and data reporting to statutory authorities and to liaise closely with other experts in this evolving field.
- To encourage and facilitate NHS Digital and PHE collaborate work to work towards a unified coding system for Sexual Health.

Dr David Phillips
Co-Chair

Clinical Effectiveness Group

Membership

Keith Radcliffe	Chair
Darren Cousins	
Helen Fifer	
Mark FitzGerald	
Sarah Flew	
Deepa Grover	
Sarah Hardman	FSRH representative
Steve Higgins	
Margaret Kingston	
Michael Rayment	
Ann Sullivan	
Cara Saxon	
Craig Tipple	

Objectives

1. To oversee production and revision of the UK national guidelines on STI and closely related conditions in accordance with a NICE-accredited methodology.
2. To produce patient information based upon each guideline.
3. To liaise with other professional organisations as required.

Outputs

- Production of terms of reference for the CEG.
- Production of a new guideline on HIV PrEP in conjunction with BHIVA.
- Production of a new guideline on *M. genitalium*.
- Update of the guideline on PID.
- 2018 UK national guideline for the management of donovanosis. N O'Farrell, A Hoosen, M Kingston. *Int J STD & AIDS* 2018; **28**(10): 946-948
- Update of the guideline on NGU.
- Production of patient information on every guideline produced.
- Liaison with:
 - BNF
 - BASHH Audit Group
 - BASHH Public Panel
 - BHIVA Audit Group
 - FSRH Clinical Effectiveness Unit
 - National committee on infectious disease screening in pregnancy

Work programme for the year 2019-20

- To produce a new guideline on HTLV-1.
- To update the guidelines on: gonorrhoea; candidiasis; pediculosis pubis; balanitis; SARA; STI in young people; HIV testing (jointly with BHIVA); sexual health of HIV-positive persons; sexual assault; bacterial vaginosis; LGV; safer sex; sexual history taking; HIV PEPSE; HSV in pregnancy (jointly with RCOG).
- To produce patient information on every guideline.
- To continue liaison activities.

Dr Keith Radcliffe
Chair

Clinical Standards Unit (CSU)

Membership

Emily Clarke	Chair (from June 2019)
Raj Patel	Chair (up to June 2019)
Rebecca Thomson-Glover	Secretary
Andrew Tomkins	Treasurer
Olwen Williams	
Rona MacDonald	
Karla Blee	
Say Quah	
Ann Sullivan	
Ceri Evans	
Martin Murchie	

Objectives

- To develop and maintain the BASHH standards documents

Significant activities

- The BASHH standards for the management of STIs 2014 were revised by a group of 32 over 2018-19. Following public consultation they were published in April 2019.
- The joint BASHH/FSRH standards for online and remote providers of sexual and reproductive health services were developed over 2018-19. Following public consultation they were published in January 2019.
- The BASHH recommendations for integrated sexual health services for trans, including non-binary people were developed over 2018-19. Following public consultation they were published in 2019.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- Revised BASHH standards for the management of STIs published in 2019.
- BASHH/FSRH standards for online and remote providers of sexual and reproductive health services published in 2019.
- BASHH recommendations for integrated sexual health services for trans, including non-binary people published in 2019.

Future plans for 2019-20

- To promote the current BASHH standards documents to ensure they are visible to key stakeholders.
- To plan the revision of the BASHH standards for the management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in outreach services 2016, with the rewrite to be undertaken 2020-21.
- To plan the potential merge and update/revision of all 4 current standards documents, with the rewrite to be undertaken 2020-21.

Dr Emily Clarke
Chair

Media Group

Membership

Peter Greenhouse
Tristan Barber
Simon Barton
Elizabeth Carlin
Jan Clarke
Claudia Estcourt
Stuart Flanagan
Colm O'Mahony
Rak Nandwani
Mark Pakianathan
Keith Radcliffe
Angela Robinson
Karen Rogstad
Liat Sarner
Verity Sullivan
Steve Taylor
Helen Ward
Olwen Williams
Janet Wilson

Objectives

- To provide suitable information to the public and healthcare professionals in an appropriate and engaging way.
- To establish BASHH as the 'go-to' organisation for media requests relating to sexual health.
- To keep sexual health on the agenda by engaging with traditional and social media, responding to relevant publications and policies, and providing articles and interviews where appropriate.

Significant activities

Predominant coverage in 2018-19 has been relating to STI rates with ongoing interest in antibiotic resistant gonorrhoea. Additional coverage related to the national HPV vaccine programme and the Mycoplasma Genitalium guidelines.

Following publication of STI data from PHE saw interviews with BBC news online, BBC Radio and numerous print media. Media request extended beyond the UK including CNN online.

In conjunction with Munro & Forster we have released statements relating to funding sexual health following Health and Social Care Select Committee report on sexual health and continue to push for the development of a new National Strategy.

The variety and number of media requests on all aspects of sexual health demonstrates the prominence of BASHH as a reliable source of expertise.

Future plans

- Ongoing media presence from BASHH, supported by Munro & Forster.
- Maintain social media presence.

Dr Mark Lawton
Chair

National Audit Group

Membership

Ann Sullivan	Chair
Hugo McClean	Vice Chair
Vanessa Apea	Honorary secretary
Hilary Curtis	Audit co-ordinator

Regional audit chairs <https://www.bashh.org/bashh-groups/national-audit-group/>

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

- 2019 national audit of timelines to be seen, test results and treatment for chlamydia: 221 sites responded to a survey, including level 2 CaSH clinics, and data were submitted for 6138 individuals with chlamydia. Findings included the complexity of auditing timelines given incomplete recording of dates and complex pathways including attendances not initiated by the patient and/or involving more than one clinic. Even in the best-case scenario, the 98% standard for people with STI-related needs being offered to be seen or assessed within 2 working days was not met; the 80% standard for actually being seen or assessed within this time may have been met. Recommendations were that: lab turn-around should be included in service level agreements/contracts and monitored locally; dates when attenders first made contact/attempted to be seen should be recorded, and access standards monitored; if these standards are not met, clinical services should seek information about individuals turned away to assess whether specific groups are being disadvantaged and to plan improvement; clinical services should examine their data carefully and discuss any issues in regional meetings and with commissioners, which may include discussion of different interpretations and ways of measuring the relevant outcomes.
- Survey of quality improvement activity following the 2017 national audit of syphilis management: analysis showed 40% of respondents indicated concern about effects of decline in health advisor provision on partner notification (PN). Improvements were reported in PN documentation and procedures for repeat HIV testing in individuals with early syphilis.
- Liaison with Clinical Effectiveness Group regarding measurable outcomes for draft BASHH standards for online and remote services and guidelines for sexual history taking (in progress)
- Liaison with NCSP, PrEP Impact and LUSTRUM studies, BASHH TCARQ and SAS groups, BHIVA Audit and Standards Sub-Committee
- NAG page on BASHH website updated
- Minor revision of working document *BASHH Regional Audit Chairs – Connecting BASHH National Audits to Local Quality Improvement and Clinician Revalidation*.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- Presentation of national results of 2019 audit of timelines to be seen, test results and treatment for chlamydia at Annual Conference (H Curtis), followed by dissemination of individual reports to participating clinical services via Regional Audit Chairs
- Presentation of results of follow-up of 2017 national syphilis audit at Annual Conference (M Pammi).

Future plans

- 2020 national clinical audit of gonorrhoea management, to include use of culture, test of cure and partner notification
- Preparation of brief guidance on devising auditable outcomes
- Continued working with relevant organisations
- Continued review of CEG draft guidelines and proposal of auditable outcomes.

Ann Sullivan
Chair

Public Health Group

The main activity was providing input to the NICE Reducing STI Guideline Project. The first full meeting was held on 22 November and Prof Jackie Cassell attended. The morning was just a briefing on process, but the afternoon was very productive. Dr Emily Clarke from Liverpool, and Chair of the BASHH Clinical Standards Unit also attended, and made a substantial contribution.

In terms of focus, the scope has been published at <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/GID-NG10142/documents/draft-scope-2>. It was noted that from page 6 that there is a strong focus on partner notification, as well as testing and awareness. The PN emphasis is particularly important to the speciality, so Public Health members were pleased to see that is going to be a major element. There is a PHE representative (Hamish Mohamed) who has a dual role as a technical expert, and also as PHE representative as it is expected that they will co-badge the guidelines.

Public Panel

Membership

Patrick French	Chair
Jennifer Dhingra	Secretary

Lay/Voluntary Sector Members

Gautam Kambhampati	Lay
Lorraine Stanley	Lay / Sex with a Difference
Sian Naftal	Lay
Gareth Jones	Lay
Marian Nicholson	Herpes Viruses Association
Alex Sparrowhawk	Terence Higgins Trust
Joanna Melville	Sexpression
Sean O'Neill	National AIDS Trust
Laura Scott	THT/BASHH Research Panel
Lisa Hallgarten	Brook Young People
Bekki Burbidge	FPA: the Sexual Health Company

Professional Members

Martyn Wood	BASHH Webmaster
James Drysdale	Sexual Health Nurse
Cara Saxon	BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group
Lisa Walton	Health Advisor
Verity Sullivan	BASHH Media

Objectives

The aim of the Public Panel is to promote a positive and proactive approach to Patient and Public Involvement across BASHH and to ensure that Patient and Public Involvement is a key feature within all BASHH's activities and incorporated into all BASHH strategies.

Key Activities and Outputs

- PPI for NICE-accredited BASHH guidelines
 - Lay representation is now established as an essential part of all BASHH guideline groups.
 - In addition to this the Panel commented on the new *M.genitalium* and revised Thrush guidelines.
 - The Public Panel contributed strongly to the PPI section of the BASHH Quality Standard document.
- Patient and Public Information
 - The Panel has continued to provide input into the development of BASHH written information to accompany treatment and management guidelines. This year this has included the updated gonorrhoea guideline and PIL. Two lay members were part of the gonorrhoea guideline group and contributed to the revision of the guideline throughout this process.
 - The Panel was also asked to comment on the Arthritis Association's Sexually Acquired Reactive Arthritis PIL.
 - Prior to its closure, the Panel was actively involved in the production of video resources for the FPA "Sexwise" website. This included videos on STIs, PEP and emergency contraception.
- Research Panel
 - A separate lay Research Panel of the Public Panel formed in collaboration with the Terrence Higgins Trust two years ago. It aims to facilitate lay review and input to study design and research proposals by STI and sexual health researchers. In the past year the panel has been consulted on five research projects. Three new lay members have joined the research panel this year.
 - A poster on the work of the Research Panel was presented at the BASHH conference in July 2019 that was co-written by professional and lay members of the research panel. Researchers were encouraged to contact the panel if they require PPI involvement – the application form is available at researchpanel@bashh.net
- Other activity
 - The Panel advised Sexual Health London on its on-line guidance.
 - *The Panel was asked by NHS England to comment on proposals to ensure that individuals who received prescriptions for sexual health care were not liable to a prescription charge.*
 - *The Panel was asked to comment on the National AIDS Trust's new HIV Stigma resource.*

Future Plans

- The Panel will be actively seeking new lay members in 2020.
- In 2020 the Panel will oversee the development of four sexual health VLOGs. They will be on: visiting a clinic and what to expect; MSM health; contraception; emergency contraception.
- The Panel will continue to promote patient and public involvement in all the work of BASHH.

**Dr Patrick French
Chair**

Revalidation group

Membership

Dr Janet Wilson

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 to the BASHH website and the RCP revalidation section
- Supporting the RCP to develop specialty specific clinical outcomes

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- There were no revalidation issues throughout 2018-19
- Dr Janet Wilson remains the Revalidation Advisor for Genitourinary Medicine

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

Web team

Membership

Dr Martyn Wood	Chair
Dr Kaveh Manavi	
Dr Alan Tang	Minutes / circulation list
Dr Nalin Hettiarachchi	GP trainee member
Dr Hannah Pintile	SpR Member (maternity leave – currently non-attending)
Dr Lauren Taylor	SpR
Dr Ade Apoola	Past chair
KSAM webteam	
BASHH Secretariat	

Group Aims

- To improve the ease of access for BASHH members to educational content on the BASHH website.
- Improve and update public areas of the website and promote the BASHH guidelines
- Increase the use of Branch website areas to increase engagement with local branch activities and ease administration burden for BASHH groups
- Enhance channels of communication with BASHH members using website members area and social media

Significant activities

- BASHH Health unlocked forum continues to be a resource of sexual health information and peer support to the public (embedded on the NHS choices sexual health pages).

- Twitter goes from strength to strength now with 8005 followers providing a significant avenue for disseminating BASHH's message to a large group quickly.
- A significant proportion BASHH admin activities have been digitized the processes previously used paper forms, (website updates, news letter requests), this has improved the user experience.
- Video conferencing has been introduced to the organization using adobe connect software – this is available for all BASHH groups to use on request via the secretariat.

**Dr Martyn Wood
Chair**

Special interest groups (SIGs)

Adolescent group

Membership

Dr Sophie Forsyth	Chair
Dr Sophie Herbert	Secretary
Dr Rebecca Thomson-Glover	Co-ordinator for external consultations
Dr Jane Ashby	Web co-ordinator
Dr Sophie Flavell	Trainee representative
Dr Chantal Oxenham	Trainee representative
Dr Ellen Dwyer	
Dr Sarah Edwards	
Dr Elizabeth Hamlyn	
Dr Olivia Hum	General Practitioner
Sarah McCarthy	Nurse
Dr Katia Prime	
Dr Claire Robertson	
Dr Karen Rogstad	
Dr Selena Singh	
Dr Ceri Slater	
Effi Stergiopoulou	Health Adviser
Darren Tippetts	Health Adviser
Dr Dawn Wilkinson	

Objectives

- The Adolescent special interest group consists of clinicians working in sexual health and with an interest in issues related to the sexual health of young people.
- We meet three times a year 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

- Dawn Wilkinson (Chair of writing committee) presented draft guidelines on Management of STI's in Children and young people at BASHH Birmingham 2nd July 2019
- Safeguarding hot topics ASIG educational meeting 27/09/2018
 - Legal aspects of safeguarding, safeguarding with online sexual health screening, effects of pornography on young people, case studies on learning disabilities and unaccompanied minors
 - 75 delegates attended
 - Overall excellent feedback received
- Safeguarding supervision for sexual health training 9 May 2019
 - 20 delegates attended
 - On-going supervision for supervisors meetings

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018/19

- CPAI meetings attended October 2018 and June 2019.
 - Feedback from police on Operation Hydrant, Truth Project, safeguarding in Sport and CPS training
- Promoting Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse I will be heard campaign to raise awareness of the Truth Project October 2018- BASHH newsletter
- E-learning for Health- Sophie Forsyth editing module 08 Sexual Assault/Abuse & Medico-legal Issues
- Response to consultations:
 - NICE quality standard on child abuse and neglect. Stakeholder meeting attended by Ellen Dwyer on behalf of ASIG November 2018
 - BASHH FSRH Standards for Online and Remote Providers of Sexual and Reproductive Health Services
 - Draft Guidance on RSE and Health Education November 2018
- TCARQ- collaborating with GUM trainees on projects including e-LfH
- Consensus statement on need for formal information sharing agreement with Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation panels- document being developed by ASIG led by Jane Ashby.

Future plans

- ASIG symposium at BASHH-IUSTI joint meeting Tallinn 7 September 2019
- Educational meeting planned for March 2020
 - Still draft but historic sexual abuse, examination and STI testing in children, how to communicate better with primary care.
- CSE and CCE presenting to sexual health and other health settings- audit done in St Helen's by Rebecca Thomson-Glover to be repeated by other ASIG members and written up for BASHH conference 2020.

Dr Sophie Forsyth
Chair

Bacterial group

Membership

Core Group

Catherine Ison	London, Chair
Frances Keane	Truro, Secretary
S. Uthayakumar	London, Microscopy course coordinator
Suneeta Soni	Brighton, Webmaster
Achyuta Nori	London, OGM organiser
Sheel Patel	London, Treasurer

General Membership

Sarah Alexander	London
Elizabeth Claydon	Barnstaple
Michelle Cole	London
Rachel Drayton	Cardiff
Helen Fifer	London
Emma Harding-Esch	London
Paddy Horner	Bristol
Victoria Miari	London
Nigel O' Farrell	London
Alice Pickering	Brighton

Tariq Sadiq	London
Amanda Samarawickrama	London
John Saunders	London

Objectives

To promote communication between microbiologists and clinicians involved in the diagnosis and treatment of bacterial sexually transmitted infections by: offering courses in specialist areas e.g. microscopy course, production of educational material and organisation of symposia on new areas of interest.

Significant activities

- Michael Perry from Cardiff and Bavithra Nathan from London both stood down from the group after a number of years contributing to the group.
- Alice Pickering, Sister in Sexual Health and Contraception at Brighton and Sussex University Hospital Trust and Victoria Miari, a STI microbiologist at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine joined the group.
- Two full meetings of the Bacterial SIG took place on 16 November 2018 and 7 June 2019 at the Royal Society of Medicine.
- Two microscopy courses were held on 22 September 2018 and 13 April 2019.
- Review and editing of the responsive website and App on Microscopy of STIs continued.
- Response to requests from BASHH to review various documents.
- Sales of the DVD on Microscopy of STIs.
- Updating of BSIG website

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018/19

- The microscopy course continues to be led by Dr S. Uthayakumar and Dr Libby Claydon assisted by Drs John Saunders, Amanda Samarawickrama for the Bacterial SIG, Drew Clark and others from Imperial College London. Both courses were well attended; on 22/9/18 there were 33 attendees, (17 BASHH members) and on 13/4/19 there were 38 attendees (14 BASHH members). The course continues to thrive, with excellent feedback, and is constantly reviewed following comments from participants. There have been some requests to reinstate the specific Dark-Field Microscopy course and this will be piloted in 2019-2020.
- Both meetings of the BSIG have been well attended with the main agenda item being discussion and review of the current status of the Microscopy website/App project. Individual members of the group have reviewed specific sections of the responsive website for the Microscopy of STIs for accuracy and ease of use.
- BSIG has supported the work and a joint meeting held on 21/9/18 by Sexual Health Information Project on antimicrobial resistance in Bristol. An update on both was received at the BSIG meetings.
- Gonorrhoea guidelines have been completed and published.
- Review of Gonorrhoea culture survey for the CGC was undertaken and comments returned.
- Collaboration with Dr Matthew Hamill (John Hopkins University School of Medicine) on a survey of UK clinical experience of neuro/optic syphilis treatment with doxycycline

Future plans

- Two meeting of the full Bacterial SIG are planned for October 2019 and March 2020.
- Microscopy courses will continue and are planned for September 2019 and April 2020.
- Planning for joint scientific meeting with Public Health England in March 2020.
- Piloting of Dark-Field Microscopy course.
- Completion and launch of the Website and App to replace the DVD on Microscopy of STIs at the March 2020 scientific meeting.
- Assistance with analysis of survey on gonorrhoea culture availability.

- Continued collaboration with Dr Matthew Hamill (John Hopkins University School of Medicine) on a survey of UK clinical experience of neuro/optic syphilis treatment with doxycycline.
- Continual review and updating of the Bacterial SIG webpage.

**Professor Catherine Ison
Chair**

Clinical Development Group

There were no meetings or projects this year.

Doctors in Training

DIT Committee representatives

BASHH Board & Royal College of Physicians Specialty Advisory Committee

Hannah Church: Hannah.Church@nhs.net
ST6 Health Education West Midlands

Hannah attends the quarterly BASHH Board meetings and Specialty Advisory Committee three times a year, where she raises trainee issues. She updates the DIT webpage, disseminates information to trainees and helps the education rep to organise the annual doctors in training workshop. The post is held for two years.

Clinical Governance Committee

Melissa Pinder: melissa.pinder@nhs.net
ST6 Health Education West Midlands

Melissa represents doctors in training on the quarterly Clinical Governance Committee, where a varied range of topics are discussed, from legislation and tendering issues to medication supply problems. She disseminates any training related information to the trainees and raises any governance issues on their behalf. The post is held for two years.

Education Committee

Sean Cassidy: Sean.Cassidy@chelwest.nhs.uk
ST4 Health Education North West London

Sean attends the quarterly BASHH Education Committee. He raises trainees' issues and ensures that all trainees are considered in the planning of BASHH educational events. He also helps to organise the annual doctors in training workshop. This post is held for two years.

BASHH Trainees' Collaborative for Audit, Research and QI (BASHH T-CARQ)

Helen Wiggins: T-CARQ@BASHH.org
Health Education East of England

Helen chairs BASHH T-CARQ, a collaborative led by trainees for trainees, which provides a forum where GUM trainees can design, lead and implement multi-centre research, audit and quality improvement projects.

Royal College of Physicians Joint Specialty Committee for Genitourinary Medicine

Mamatha Pocock: m.oduru@doctors.org.uk
ST5 Health Education Thames Valley

Mamatha sits on the Joint Specialist Committee for Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) at the Royal College of Physicians. In the twice yearly meetings, she raises national concerns about training, offers viewpoints on proposed changes and keeps up to date about the specialty in the context of general medicine. She works with her SAC/Education committee colleagues to disseminate information to GUM trainees across the country

Doctors in Training BASHH Regional Representatives

We have a network of GUM specialist trainees who represent each region of the UK. The regional rep holds a list of all trainees in their area allowing information to be disseminated. It also allows trainees from around the UK to share opinions, surveys, and collaborate on projects.

You can also contact the rep from your region for more information about training in sexual health and for signposting to opportunities to shadow.

Other junior doctors who wish to be included in the network should contact the rep in their area. If you notice any errors in the list, or would like to volunteer to be the rep in your region, please contact trainees@BASHH.org

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- Barts: Jessica Gaddie, Jessica.Gaddie@bartshealth.nhs.uk
- Health Education South London
- Guy's and St Thomas': Ming Lee, Ming.Lee@gstt.nhs.uk
- St George's: Naomi Fitzgerald, Naomi.Fitzgerald@gstt.nhs.uk
- Health Education Kent, Surrey and Sussex: Nicolas Pinto Sander, nicolas.pintosander@bsuh.nhs.uk

Objectives

- To represent the professional interests of Doctors in Training (DIT) working in Sexual Health and HIV
- To provide educational opportunities for DIT and facilitate communication about appropriate events
- To ensure DIT representation on BASHH Committee.

Significant Activities

- The annual DIT pre-BASHH training day was held in Birmingham on 29 June 2019 and received excellent feedback. The next planned training day is 6 June 2020 in Bournemouth
- A Twitter account has been created to develop a social media profile
- Supporting development of a future recruitment plan for Sexual Health and HIV medicine
- Supporting the new GUM curriculum
- Increasing collaboration with HIV Trainees Club.

Genital dermatology group

Membership

Christine Bates	Chair
Sarah Edwards	Secretary
Serish Basvaraj	Treasurer
Imali Fernando	Web Representative
Komal Plaha	Trainee Representative
Parameswaran Sashidharan	
Jill Pritchard	
Ben Goorney	
Georgina Morrison	

Objectives

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

Significant activities

- Continued representation on Vulval Disease workstream with dermatology and gynaecology to harmonise training across specialities

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018/19

- 8th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course, London 12 October 2018
- 4th BASHH Genital Dermatology PLUS Course, London 21 June 2019
- Input into Vulval Disease work stream re training

Future plans

- To continue to deliver the Genital Dermatology Course and Genital Dermatology PLUS Course - October 2019 and June 2020
- To continue to review genital dermatology service delivery and training in the current commissioning climate
- Continue to contribute to harmonisation of vulval disease training across specialities.

- Review Guidelines for 2019-2020
 - Pediculosis Pubis
 - Balanitis

Dr Christine M Bates
Chair

GSM Group

There is no report this year.

HIV & Blood Borne Virus Group

Membership

Tristan Barber	Chair	
Elizabeth Okecha	Secretary	<i>Trainee Rep HIV*</i>
Emma Page	Hepatitis Lead	
Christopher Ward	Treasurer	
Monique Andersson		
Fiona Burns		
Susan Cole		<i>Community Rep</i>
Noel Connelly		
Gail Crowe		
Stuart Flanagan		
Emma Hathorn		<i>SAS Rep</i>
Charlotte Hopkins		
Babu Kulasegaram		
Mackie, Nicky		
Kaveh Manavi		
Bronagh McBrien		<i>HIV PA Rep</i>
Justine Mellor,		<i>Nurse Rep</i>
Rebecca Metcalfe		
Mark Nelson		
Adrian Palfreeman		
Mary Poulton		
Huw Price		
Kyle Ing		<i>Trainee Rep BBV</i>
Killian Quinn		
Nicola Steedman		
Laura Waters		

*Kiersten Simmons for 12 months from 1/1/2019

Objectives

- Promote best clinical practice within the area of HIV and blood borne viruses (hepatitis B and C)
- Review evidence based guidelines in the area of HIV and BBV
- Providing education in the form of the following three main events:
 - HIV Masterclass (annual)
 - Dip HIV revision course (led by us annually; course is biannual and supported by BHIVA annually also)
 - OGM (in conjunction with the GSM SIG)
- Fundraising for the SIG
- Comment on external consultations related to HIV and BBV on behalf of BASHH

Significant activities

- Recruited new members to SIG
- Presented Jan 2019 Scientific meeting, shared with HPV SIG, with good feedback
- Submitted NCEPOD proposal on HIV and Mental Health that received endorsement from the RCP;
- Supported NAT and others in responding to press statement on spit guards issued by the Metropolitan Police
- Represented at Fastrack Cities in Manchester on 30th November by Dr Chris Ward alongside Mayor and councillors from all 10 Greater Manchester local authorities
- Held Dip HIV Revision course with excellent feedback
- Held HIV Masterclass in Manchester with great feedback; introducing small charge for 2019 and planning move to Sheffield in 2020 as cheaper venue identified
- Attended AIDSfree City Global Forum
- Represented SIG at meeting with PHE
- BASHH Conference session - chaired by Dr Laura Waters
- Collated responses on APPG on HIV and AIDS and APPG on Mental Health Inquiry
- The APPG on HIV & AIDS and APPG on Mental Health oral evidence session – BASHH and the SIG represented by Dr Fiona Burns
- Collated responses for NHS England consultation on bicitgravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide for HIV
- Collated responses for consultation on doravirine for treating HIV-1 in adults
- Helped formulate BASHH response to NICE call for HIV Testing Indicators

Future plans

- Planning January Scientific Meeting with GSM SIG
- Run DHIV revision course
- HIV Masterclass 2020:
 - Dates confirmed in March 2020
 - Registration open
 - Programme in draft and speakers confirmed

Dr Tristan J Barber
Chair

Herpes simplex virus (HSV) Group

Membership

Dr Raj Patel	Consultant in genitourinary medicine and co-chair
Dr John Green	Clinical psychologist and co-chair
Dr Emily Clarke	Consultant in genitourinary medicine
Ms Ceri Evans	Senior health advisor
Dr Elizabeth Foley	Consultant in genitourinary medicine
Ms Marian Nicholson	Patient representative
Dr Nigel O'Farrell	Consultant in genitourinary medicine
Dr Simon Barton	Consultant in genitourinary medicine

Objectives

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

Significant activities

- The SIG meets infrequently and completes its tasks principally through Teleconferences.
- During the last year members of the SIG contributed to updating the e-LfH genital ulceration modules
- The SIG is planning and OSM (Autumn 2020)
- Members continue to deliver the BASHH Advanced STI HSV course
- Members have conducted a multisite HSV counselling audit and presented its findings at an OSM, BASHH Annual Meeting, and IUSTI-BASHH 2019
- The Herpes in Pregnancy Guideline (Joint Guideline with the RCOG) is currently being updated
- Members spoke on genital ulceration and HSV at meetings in Tallinn (Joint BASHH/IUSTI 2019)

Future plans

Members will lead and contribute to the updating of the BASHH Management Genital Herpes guideline in 2020

Dr Raj Patel & Dr John Green
Co-chairs

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Group

Membership

Richard Gilson	Chair
Jaime Vera	Secretary and Treasurer from December 2018
Gary Whitlock	Secretary and Treasurer until December 2018
Jake Bayley	
Kate Cuschieri	
Cindy Gilmour	Specialist Nurse
Matthew Grundy-Bowers	Nurse Consultant
Charles Lacey	
Mark Lawton	from March 2019
Diarmuid Nugent	Trainee
Nicola Steedman	
Kate Soldan	
Sylvia Bates	until December 2018
Mayura Nathan	until September 2018

Objectives

- To define standards of care for patients with genital warts and to produce management guidelines
- To support research related to HPV infection including randomised controlled trials
- To provide a forum for education on HPV related issues for all members of BASHH

Significant activities

- The HPV SIG met 4 times (September 2018; December 2018; March 2019; June 2019) with over half of members attending each meeting, most by teleconference
- HPV SIG scientific meeting January 2019
- Agreement to host the European High-Resolution Anoscopy (HRA) course jointly with the International Anal Neoplasia Society in November 2019 in London
- Continued provision of advice to the Project Board for the implementation of the national HPV vaccine programme in MSM which was rolled out from April 2018

- Support for research projects in HPV. The HIPvac trial of treatment of anogenital warts which was supported by the SIG and funded by the NIHR Health Technology Assessment programme reached its conclusion and the results were reported at the Scientific Meeting. The SIG was also supporting work on screening for HPV-related anal pre-cancer, a condition which is more common in MSM, and particularly in MSM living with HIV.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018/19

- The HPV SIG organised a Scientific Meeting on Friday 11th January 2019. The programme included an update by Dr Kate Soldan (PHE and HPV SIG member) and Dr Marta Checchi on the HPV vaccination programme for MSM, and a talk on new data on treatments for anogenital warts by Dr Richard Gilson (HPV SIG chair).
- BASHH agreed to support the 5th European High-Resolution Anoscopy Course, in collaboration with the International Anal Neoplasia Society from 7th-8th November 2019. The course organizers were Dr Gary Whitlock (BASHH) and Ms Tamzin Cuming (IANS) and will be held at the Homerton Hospital. The course faculty will include a number of international experts, facilitated by linking the course to the Annual Scientific Meeting of IANS in Amsterdam the week before. BASHH agreed to take over hosting the HRA course website, which required reconstruction.
- Members of the HPV SIG provided advice to the Joint PHE/DH/NHSE Project Board on the implementation of the national vaccination programme in MSM. The implementation began in April 2018, and vaccination was due to be available at all sexual health (GU medicine) clinics in England from April 2019. Implementation in the devolved nations is being undertaken in parallel, and in the case of some was already ahead of England. Members of the HPV SIG are now working with PHE to support them in evaluating the implementation and impact of the programme.
- The HPV SIG has been asked to produce material to inform healthcare workers who may be asked about transmission of HPV infection by members of the public, prompted by the introduction of primary HPV screening in women.
- The HPV SIG continues to provide a GUM representative on the Board of the British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (Dr Richard Gilson)
- Members of the SIG continue to teach on the BASHH STI/HIV Course.

Future plans

- Members of the SIG will continue to support the evaluation of the implementation and impact of vaccination against HPV in MSM attending sexual health services.
- Members of the SIG will provide advice to healthcare workers on HPV infections.
- The SIG will organise a European HRA training course in the UK in November 2019.

Dr Richard Gilson
Chair of HPV SIG

Mentoring group

Membership

Emma Fox	BASHH co-chair, Health Education Kent, Sussex, Surrey and South London and Health Education Thames Valley, Wessex and South West
Adrian Palfreeman	BHIVA co-chair, Health Education North East, North West and Yorkshire and the Humber and Health Education East Midlands, West Midlands and East of England
Vinet Campbell	Chair, FSRH
Humphrey Birley	FSRH BASHH, Wales Deanery
Imali Fernando	BASHH, Northern Ireland and Scotland
Sophie Flavell	Doctor in training representative
Tracey Masters	FSRH representative
Vacant	New consultant representative
Luciana Rubinstein	BHIVA, Health Education North Central, East and North West London
Lorna Sands	SAS doctors representative

Objectives

- To provide a mentoring service for new consultants working in GU medicine, SRH or HIV medicine to help them transition into their new role
- To provide a mentoring service for SAS doctors at any time during their career
- To provide a mentoring service to support established consultants who feel they would benefit from mentoring at any time in their career

Significant activities

- We have now formally incorporated the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health (FSRH) into our joint BASHH and British HIV Association (BHIVA) scheme to include doctors working in community sexual and reproductive health (SRH)
- We ran a mentors supervision workshop in May 2019
- We ran our fourth independent Mentoring Skills Course in December 2018

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018/19

- Current pool of 74 mentors across the UK
- Excellent feedback from the Mentoring Skills Course in December 2018

Future plans

- To run an annual training course for new mentors
- To continue to run refresher / supervision sessions for existing mentors

**Dr Emma Fox
Co-Chair**

SAS doctors group

Membership

Helen Mullan	Chair
Karl Hollows	Financial Officer / Secretary to December 2018
Kajal Verma	Secretary from January 2019 / Conference Committee
Annette de la Court	Conference Committee
Lewis Lau	Conference Committee
Mervyn Lee	Conference Committee
Vendela Mc Namara	Conference Committee
Sri Narayana	Conference Committee
Carlos Oroz	Conference Committee
Jane Richards	Conference Committee (Chair)
Syed Ali Akbar	
Farhad Cooper	
Georgina Forbes	
Neil Lazaro	
Hannah Leng	
Nicola Morgan	
Anne Oliver	
Lorna Sands	
PN Sashidharan	
Rizwaan Sheriff	
Helen Sherrey	
Catherine Shire	

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 21st Annual Conference for SAS doctors working in sexual health was held at Keele University in September 2018; 130 delegates; 9 hours CPD; rated as excellent or good by over 90% of delegates. A small profit was made.
- A Twitter account has been set up to allow the Group to develop a profile on social media

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- A national audit on the management of non-gonococcal, non-chlamydial urethritis; 3423 data entries were received from 86 sexual health services across the UK. Only one of four auditable outcomes was reached – that of screening all patients with NGU for genital gonorrhoea and chlamydia. A missed target for first line treatment can be largely accounted for by a delay in switching from the Azithromycin stat regime. Less than a third of patients were documented as having received written information about their condition. Partner notification was carried out for 76% of patients. Testing for M.genitalium was undertaken in only a small number of cases, with resistance testing even rarer

Future plans

- The 22nd Annual Conference will be held at Leicester University in September 2019
- Continued working with the FSRH SAS Group is anticipated

Dr Helen Mullan
Chair

Sexual dysfunction group

Membership

Dr David Goldmeier	Chair d.goldmeier@nhs.net
Dr Karl Hollows	Secretary Karl.Hollows@mpft.nhs.uk
Dr Shalini Andrews	
Dr Jane Ashby	
Dr Wallace Dinsmore	
Dr John Ewan	
Dr Penny Goold	
Dr Karen Gurney	
Dr Uday Joshi	
Dr Emma McCarty	
Dr Ali Mears	
Dr Kirstin Mitchell	
Agnes Mosobela	Nurse Representative
Dr Alan Tang	
Sarah Wolujewicz	Physiotherapy Representative

Objectives

- To improve the quality of care given to patients presenting to Genitourinary Medicine and HIV Clinics with Sexual Dysfunction.
- To provide a forum for education, training and research in the area of sexual dysfunction for all.

Significant activities

- Very successful BASHH scientific meeting in June 2019 including international speakers
- Masterclass November 2018. A very successful event from educational and financial standpoints

Future plans

- ABC in sexual dysfunction November 2019- already a third booked up
- Masterclass planned for autumn 2020

David Goldmeier
Chair

Sexual violence group

Membership

Dr Deborah Wardle	Chair
Dr Rachel Caswell	Secretary
Dr Michelle Carroll	FFLM Representative
Dr Fionnuala Finnerty	Trainee representative
Lisa Walton	Nursing representative
Dr Charlotte Cohen	
Dr Katherine Coyne	
Dr Ali Mears	
Dr Emma McCarty	
Dr Daniela Brawley	
Dr Rachel Sacks	
Dr Amy Bennett	
Dr Sarah Mensforth	

Objectives

The Sexual Violence (SV) group, recognizing that sexual violence is part of sexual health, will 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 aims of the group 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
- To promote and improve education and training of healthcare professionals in all areas related to sexual violence
- To raise the profile of sexual violence 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

- Work ongoing to update guidelines in sexual assault management in sexual health setting
- This will include a statement on information sharing with police following disclosure and the potential forensic significance of positive STI results

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- Ongoing development of update to guidelines in sexual assault management in sexual health setting
- Update on STF learning materials and facilitator handbook on sexual violence and domestic abuse
- Input and comments on e-learning for health modules:
 - Clinical Management of sexual assault in adults and adolescents
 - Psychological and Social Issues in Sexual Assault and Abuse
 - Medico-legal Issues
- Development of a Patient Information Leaflet for UK Sexual Health Clinic attendees for support after sexual assault (currently under NICE review)
- Inter-Collegiate & Agency National Domestic Violence/Abuse (INCADVA) Forum – SV SIG for BASHH are represented on this national forum. A SV SIG member (CC) presented at the INCADVA forum May 2019 and there are ongoing plans to work with them regarding GMC confidentiality guidelines.
- SV SIG has been in contact with GMC reading case studies on the GMC on-line ethical hub and the representation of domestic abuse.
- SV SIG are feeding into the work the Domestic Abuse Charity Standing Together and the Pathfinder programme. Pathfinder is a project led by Standing Together against Domestic Violence in partnership with four expert organisations:
 - [Against Violence and Abuse](#) (link is external)
 - [SafeLives](#) (link is external)
 - [IRISi Interventions](#) (link is external)
 - [Imkaan](#) (link is external)

Future plans

Submission of an editorial in collaboration with the group:

Teens, Sexual Assault and Ethical Research: the need for inclusivity of the teen experience
T. Shibolet, A. Anastassiou & R.J. Caswell on behalf of the BASHH Sexual Violence Special Interest Group

Dr Deb Wardle
Chair

Sexual Health Adviser & Nurse group

Membership

Officers

Jodie Crossman (South east)	Chair
Jodie Walker-Haywood (Midlands)	Secretary
Belinda Loftus (North east)	Treasurer
Tristan Griffiths (London)	Webmaster

National representatives

Laura Ellis – Scotland
Kelly Walsh - North West
Peter Davis - North East
Zac Dolan - North East
Helen Jackson - North East
Suzanne Williams – Wales
Paul Teale – Midlands
Mike Passfield - East of England
Matthew Grundy-Bowers - London
Holly Royston-Ward - London
Michelle Jenkins – London
Ceri Evans - London
Cindy Gilmour – London
Emma Collins – South West
Sarah Smith - South East
Ruth Bailey - South East
Felicity Young - Isle of Wight

Objectives

The SHAN SIG was formed in March 2018 and seeks to be an active group of the organisation. Our role is:

- 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 and community charitable sexual health focus organisations.
- To promote 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 Health Advisers and Nurses on other BASHH committees to report to and seek support from.

Activities

- BASHH Birmingham 2019 Conference main stage SHAN Symposium
- Produce flyer to promote BASHH membership to Nurses and SHA's
- Collaboration with RCN of National Sexual Health Education and training directory
- Liaise with BASHH Treasurer to keep the lower 'no journal' option of BASHH membership to Nurses & SHA's
- Ratification of Standard Operating procedure for the Cathy Harman Award 2020
- Group Secretary first Nurse host of the annual BASHH Conference 2019

- Working with other SIGs, working groups, members, BASHH Secretariat and outside organisations and individuals on queries, requests and input on areas needed.

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2020 focus

Creation, organising and marking/awarding of SHA & Nurse Conference Scholarships 2020

1. Organisation and facilitation of MDT Innovation Award 2020 (Cathy Harman)
2. Arranging SHAN BASHH Scientific Meeting October 2020
3. Creation of National SH PGDs alongside SPS & FSRH
4. Promotion of BASHH membership to SHA & Nurses across the UK
5. Organisation of SHA & Nurse Conference Symposium (BASHH Spring Conference 2020)
6. 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 on partner notification and the specialty
7. Develop the emerging 'Nurse Associate' role in Sexual Health
8. Look at how to support staff in terms of vicarious trauma

The SHAN SIG wishes all members of BASHH to encourage their Sexual Health Adviser and Nurse colleagues to join and help shape the future of the organisation.

Mr Jodie Walker-Haywood
BASHH SHAN SIG Secretary
Nurse Rep to the BASHH Board
&
Miss Jodie Crossman
BASHH SHAN SIG Chair

STIF Foundation & competency group

Membership

Matthew Grundy-Bowers	Co-chair
Luciana Rubinstein	Co-chair
Nick Theobald	STIF Executive
Sue Bird	STIF Secretariat

STIF Competency Committee

Marie Fuller	
Ceri Evans (replacing Jonathan Roberts)	
Naomi Goodhand	
Emma Collins	
Rona McDonald	
Michelle Croston	Co-opted, NHIVNA

STIF Theory Committee

Johnny Boylan
Richard Ma
Ceri Evans
Emile Morgan
Ushan Andrady
Jessica Daniel
Rita Browne
Cheryl Marfo (replacing Mauro Presepio)

Andrew de Burgh Thomas
Hayley Berry

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Sophie Forsyth
Natasha Astill
Ramona Malek

Objectives

- To design, implement and review both the theory and competency components of the STIF product range in HIV and Sexual Health for a multidisciplinary audience.

Significant activities of the STIF group

- Continued to work on the HEE supported joint project with the Faculty of Sexual & Reproductive Health and the National HIV Nurses Association to develop a national curriculum for Advanced Clinical Practitioners in Integrated Sexual health & HIV. The curriculum was launched in March 2019 and was well received at the national conferences. A process for credentialing those individuals who are able to evidence that they meet the requirements of the curriculum has been agreed and will be piloted in the New Year.
- A HEE funded pilot of a 30 credit level 7 'open shell' portfolio module has been developed in conjunction with City, University of London. It is fully recruited to with 15 students and runs over 1 academic year. Evaluation of the portfolio module will be published in late 2020.
- Worked with the convener of the diploma in Genitourinary medicine to allow suitably senior and experienced nurses to be able to undertake the DipGUM examination
- Launch of the STIF theory evaluation project, to investigate the value of the STIF theory course as a sexual health tool for educating General Practitioners and Primary care nurses in the management of STIs.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- Continued to review and regularly update STIF theory and competency portfolio of products
- The launch of the STIF theory course evaluation project in collaboration with a BASHH educational fellow, Dr. Caroline Oswald with the aim of completing in September 2020.
- Updated the STIF Intermediate competencies to ensure they remain current.
- Revised the STIF Advanced competencies to reflect the competencies to ensure that it effectively reflects the training in the ACP curriculum. It is envisaged that this would include new mini-CEX's such as dermatology, gynaecological presentations in GUM etc.
- Complete an evaluation of the STIF *intermediate* competency, which will be submitted for publication later this year.
- Deliver two Train the Trainer events (November 2018 and March 2019)

Future plans

- Train the trainer events: November 2019 (Birmingham) and March 2020 (London)
- To review the marking system on the mini-CEX assessments, and consider the format of the case based discussions.
- To work with FSRH to develop a cytology training module that can be delivered locally by BASHH and/or FSRH trainers.
- A national audit of the use of STIF competencies within clinical services.
- Planning to engage with commissioners following the publication of the BASHH document Standards for the Management of STIs to promote STIF products
- Plans to develop STIF website with the appointment of Dr. Ramona Malek as STIF webmaster.

Dr Matthew Grundy-Bowers
Co-chair

STI & HIV Course group

Objectives

- The BASHH STI & HIV Course consists of 4 modules that run once a year covering:
 - **Module 1:** Epidemiology of STIs and Bacterial Infections
 - **Module 2:** Sexual health and sexuality
 - **Module 3:** Viral Infections other than HIV
 - **Module 4:** HIV infections
- It aims to improve in depth knowledge and management of STIs and HIV to current national standards and to aid those sitting the Diploma in GUM and Diploma in HIV exams. It has, however, been mapped to the wider GU SpR curriculum; therefore other clinicians such as RSH trainees and other senior healthcare professionals within the MDT (with their own patient cohorts) are also able to benefit.

Significant activities

- **Education Grant.** An Education grant of £13,500 was awarded in 2019 to allow funded places for the HIV Module, specifically for other specialists in the MDT e.g. Clinical Nurse Specialists and Specialist Pharmacists with their own patient cohorts. This is the third successful education grant awarded.
- **Feedback.** The course has continued to run successfully. Evaluation of the feedback and module programmes has continued throughout this reporting year. Feedback has continued to be excellent.
- **Online course portal.** Transfer of all course material onto an online portal hosted on the BASHH website has now been completed, allowing delegates to access all course material including programme and presentations online.
- **E-learning.** All 4 modules of the course programme have now been fully mapped to both the curriculum and the e-lfh modules. Candidates can complete modules prior to attendance.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- Surplus of £3426.75 for Modules 1 & 2 (in May 2019)
- Education grant of £13,500 awarded for Module 4 (in November 2019)

Future plans

- The aim for next year is to work on plans to achieve academic accreditation for the modules with the eventual goal being to complete the BASHH STI and HIV course as part of an MSc alongside a research project

Dr Ngozi Dufty
Course Director

STI Theory group

There is no report this year.

Regions

Global Objectives

Objectives

- To share information from BASHH and the CGC
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC
- Attendance at CGC meetings in person or via teleconference
- To hold at least one educational and audit meeting per year.

Cheshire & Mersey branch

Membership

Dr Martyn Wood	Chair and treasurer
Dr Elizabeth Anderson	Audit lead

Significant activities

- Joint Education meeting with the North West Branch in September 2019. Focus on HIV.
- Three local branch education meetings held in 2019; all well attended.

Future plans

- Continue annual joint meeting with the North West branch

Dr Martyn Wood
Branch Chair

East Anglia branch

Membership

Dr Durba Raha	Audit lead
Dr Serish Basavaraj	CGC representative

Significant activities

- All iCaSH clinics across the eastern region have started testing for Mycoplasma Genitalium
- All iCaSH clinics have started offering online testing for asymptomatic patients (Express test)
- All clinics in the region are participating in Prep Impact trial
- All clinics in the region are participating in SIGMA Trial
- iCaSH received Special award from NIHR Clinical Research Network East for recruiting largest number of patients in research in (Through prep and safetext) Infectious Disease specialty in 2018.
- iCaSH have been Shortlisted for a special award by Royal Society of Public Health (RSPH) FOR 2019 AWARDS for introducing online STI testing in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedford.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

All clinics in the region have participated and completed regional and national audits

Dr Serish Basavaraj
CGC Representative for East Anglia region

Northern Branch

Membership

Oluseyi Hotonu Chair

- We decided that dealing with funding was too complicated so there is no treasurer.
- The job of secretary is rotated as it is carried out by whichever service has arranged the education meeting.

Objectives

- To identify areas of excellent clinical practice within clinics in the region and promote them within region whilst recognising local differences relating to populations and levels of workforce.
- To form a regional clinical network to aid the HIV commissioning process and standards of care.
- To provide peer support.
- To feedback from national CGC meetings.
- Continuing medical education and audit.

Significant activities

- Quarterly BASHH education and business meetings
- Ongoing regional HIV clinical network group set up with GUM, Infectious Diseases Units and Public health England
- All services in the region are involved in the national PrEP trial

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- Education on Doctors in difficulty with Health Education England North East; erectile dysfunction and testosterone deficiency; update on managing the menopause.
- Feedback from National conferences.
- Annual STIF course
- Feedback from the HARS team
- Appointment of 2 new consultants
- Guidelines on STI screening for local infertility services

Future plans

- A regional test for Mycoplasma Genitalium
- Involvement in an investigation about the use of phone apps and STI
- Continue quarterly education and business meetings.

Dr Oluseyi Hotonu
Chair

Northern Ireland branch

Membership

Dr Say Quah Chair

Objectives

- To hold two educational meetings per year
- To provide peer support and discussion
- To identify and disseminate good clinical practice
- To participate in and provide feedback on BASHH CGC meetings
- To disseminate new/current BASHH guidance

Significant activities

- Successful educational meetings held this year
- Participation in BASHH CGC meetings
- Participation in Republic of Ireland network meetings

Future plans

Continue regional meetings

Dr Say Quah
Branch Chair

North West branch

Membership

Dr Matt Phillips

Chair

Dr Susanna Currie

Secretary

Objectives

- To promote high standards in sexual health and HIV services across the region
- To promote a sustainable workforce via localised training
- To hold an annual region wide educational event
- To input into and feedback from CGC meetings
- To co-ordinate regional participation in national audits

Significant activities

- Joint Education meeting with the Cheshire & Mersey Branch in Sept 2019.
- Focus on HIV.
- Ongoing joint educational meetings with Cheshire and Mersey Branch, facilitating cross region working. This also supports GU trainees, who now rotate across the two regions

Future plans

- Appraisal of the role of the BASHH website NW area
- Continuation of joint meetings

Dr Matt Phillips
Branch Chair

Oxford branch

Membership

Dr Mohamed Ghanem

Chair

Dr Louise Seppings

Treasurer

Objectives

- To hold two educational meetings per year
- To provide peer support and discussion
- To identify and promote areas of good clinical practice
- To provide feedback to BASHH regional members from the national BASHH CGC meetings
- To disseminate new/current BASHH guidance

Significant activities

- Two successful educational meetings held this year

Future plans

Continue regular regional meetings

Dr Mohamed Ghanem
Chair

Scotland branch

Membership

Rona MacDonald Chair
Bridie Howe Secretary/ Treasurer

Objectives

- Hold one education and business meeting a year
- Disseminate information from BASHH to CGC Scotland members
- Advocate for sexual health issues in Scotland to BASHH CGC

Significant activities

- Successful BASHH Scotland meeting in Edinburgh in May. Subjects covered including trans health issues, Mycoplasma Genitalium and PrEP breakthrough cases.
- Recruited to all available GUM training numbers

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- Educational meeting
- Contributing to national audits

Future plans

- Next year's meeting to be hosted by Ayrshire
- Involvement in new Health Improvement Scotland Sexual Health Standards
- Participate in next 5 year framework for Sexual Health and BBV and developing sexual health service specifications
- Completion of national audit.

Dr Rona MacDonald
Chair

South West branch

Membership

Dr Peter Greenhouse *Chair (co-opted)*
Dr Sophie Forsyth *Secretary*

Objectives

To act as a focus group for BASHH members in the South West to facilitate communication, improve service provision and to organise educational events for BASHH members and their multidisciplinary teams in the region

Significant activities

- The biannual Regional South West Clinical Network/Service Improvement and Audit meetings were held
- The South West continues to have a regional office for Sexual Health. This is a South West Directors of Public Health-led Network. The workings of the office are facilitated and disseminated by a regional board. Several BASHH members participate on this board and are involved in current work aiming to achieve reductions in; sexually transmitted infections, unintended/teenage pregnancies, stigma and discrimination, health and/or social care complications associated with the above. The board provides regular information and updates for the members of South West BASHH.

Performance/Outputs in the year

- Participation in annual patient satisfaction survey throughout the region using the PSQ validated for use in sexual health clinics. All the clinics in the South West participated and were able to look at their comparative performance both from year to year and between clinics.

Future plans

- A regional audit will be presented at the autumn SW BASHH educational meeting
- The autumn Regional South West Clinical Network/Service Improvement and Audit meeting will take place
- Annual regional Patient Satisfaction Survey will continue

Dr Indrajith Karunaratne
Prior Branch Chair

Thames (NE) Region

Membership

Dr Selena Singh

Chair

Objectives

- To share information from BASHH and the CGC
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC
- To hold at least one educational and business meeting per year
- To hold two educational meetings per year
- To provide peer support and discussion

Significant activities

- Improvement of identification of regional membership
- Further expansion and support of the London Service Providers Network
- A joint educational meetings with the North East Thames Network ongoing

Performance/Outputs

- Participation in national audits
- Participation in Pan London Online Service developments
- Participation in Pan London Tariff development

Future plans

- To hold a joint North Thames Audit and CGC meeting (NE and NW Thames) in 2020.

Dr Selena Singh
Branch Chair

Thames (NW) Region

Membership

Dr Olamide Dosekun	Chair
Dr John McSorley	Secretary

Objectives

- To share information from BASHH and the CGC
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC
- To hold at least one educational and business meeting per year
- To hold two educational meetings per year
- To provide peer support and discussion

Significant activities

- Representatives from all services contributing to the Clinical Advisory Group and individual workstreams from the Sexual Health London Initiative
- Support and participation into Syphilis Action plan for London (and National)
- Further expansion and support to the development of a London Service Providers Network counterbalancing the pan-London commissioners network
- To support local clinicians and BASHH members through the implementation phases of the London Transformation Programme for Sexual Health Services

Performance/Outputs

- Participation in local, regional, London and National audits
- Participation in Pan London Online Service developments
- Participation in Pan London Tariff development

Future plans

- To re-establish at least one joint intraregional North Thames Audit and CGC meeting for NE and NW Thames, and at least one joint interregional NE and NW in 2019

Dr Olamide Dosekun
Branch Chair

Thames (SE) branch

Membership

Dr Rajesh Hebrum	Chair
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Objectives

- To share information from BASHH and the CGC
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC
- To hold at least one educational and business meeting per year

- To hold two educational meetings per year
- To provide peer support and discussion

Performance/Outputs

- Participation in regional and national audits
- Successful educational meetings held this year

Future plans

- To establish at least one joint regional Audit and CGC meeting for SE Thames in 2020

Dr Rajesh Hebrom
Branch Chair

Thames (SW) branch

Membership

Shalini Andrews	Chair
Steve Estreich	Audit Chair

Objectives

- Share information from BASHH, especially the CGC with its regional membership
- Discuss regional issues in Sexual Health commissioning, provision, service delivery as well as clinical standards with the CGC; and report back recommendations and action plan
- Offer regional networking opportunity between professionals

Significant activities

- The past 24 months has been a period of significant change within the region including closure and merging of services. Clinical and wider service concerns were discussed with BASHH. There was a hiatus in regional network meetings as services were reorganised.

Future plans

- To hold a regional network meeting and plan the future following a period of significant change

Dr Shalini Andrews
Branch Chair

Trent Branch

Membership

Dr Manjula Pammi	Chair
Dr Chit Saing	Regional audit chair
Dr Shingisai Ngoro	Doctors in training representative

Objectives

- To share information from BASHH and the CGC
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC
- To hold at least one educational and audit meeting per year

Significant activities

Trent region held a successful second annual regional meeting, held on 27 September 2018 with excellent educational value and 4 CPD credits (Code 121295). The topics included:

- Safeguarding in the 'Smart world'
- Sexual Dysfunction in the 'Smart World'
- Case presentations
- Sexual assault
- Audit and Care pathways
- Updates on Transgender Health
- U=U
- ARV: New strategies and therapies in the next 5 years, by Mark Nelson'

Regional training day is due to be held on 31 October 2019 for trainees

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- Participation in National Audits

Future plans

- Conduct another regional and audit group meeting next year as well as Trainees educational meeting.

Dr M Pammi
Trent BASHH Chair

Wales Branch

Membership

Rachel Drayton	Chair
Laura Cunningham	Audit lead
Lucy Jones	Secretary

Objectives

- To identify and promote good clinical practice both within Wales and elsewhere in the UK
- To optimise the delivery of good genitourinary medicine and HIV care in Wales by affecting policy and service development
- To participate in clinical governance activities, including national audit

Significant activities

- Representation on the national Sexual Health Programme Board
- Development, participation and review of All Wales audit of Sexual Health services against recently approved service specification
- Identification and development of priority areas in sexual health for Wales, which have been adopted in the national IMTP
- Collaborative working with Public Health Wales to roll out self-testing of gonorrhoea and chlamydia in Wales
- Participation in the development of an All Wales case management system
- Involvement in the development of an All Wales diagnostics strategy
- Working alongside colleagues in SRH to roll out contraception provision into community pharmacies
- Audit meetings held in October 2018 and March 2019
- All Wales HIV prescribing group meeting held March 2019 and guidelines updated

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- Inclusion of 5 sexual health priority areas into the national IMTP 2020-2024
- Successful joint annual scientific meeting with the FSRH held in July 2019

Future plans

- Collaboration with Public Health Wales to develop metrics for health boards to work to in delivery the IMTP priority areas
- Ongoing work in delivering Wales-wide online testing, a diagnostic laboratory service specification and a Wales-wide case management system.
- Plan to develop all Wales PGDs for sexual health related prescriptions
- Biannual audit meeting and annual joint scientific meeting with FSRH

Dr Rachel Drayton
Branch chair

Wessex branch

Membership

Dr Leela Sanmani	Chair
Dr Amy Pearce	Secretary

Objectives

- To hold 3 regional education events per year, at least one to be aimed at a multidisciplinary audience
- To hold annual HIV regional mortality meeting
- To hold one STIF course in the region
- To coordinate an active regional audit programme and participation in national audits
- To hold 3 Branch Clinical Governance Meetings per year
- To feedback from the BASHH national CGC meetings and raise any regional clinical governance concerns raised by members within the region
- To approve new consultant and AS grade posts in the region for RCP

Significant activities

- 3 successful educational days held with a wide range of local and national speakers.
- 2 educational events on GUM/HIV related case based discussions/updates
- Regional audit completed: HIV/Hepatitis co-infection audit – results shared at the November 2018 meeting
- Regional participation in national audits
- Regional HIV mortality meeting held in Jan 2019
- 3 Branch Clinical Governance meetings held
- One STIF course held successfully (Hampshire)

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018/2019

- High level of participation in BASHH and BHIVA national audits
- Successful regional educational events with both national and local expert speakers
- Review of all HIV deaths in the region, with learning points disseminated to all HIV clinicians

Future plans

- 3 regional educational events with one targeted at multidisciplinary audience
- One regional audit – await regional decision on topic approval
- HIV mortality meeting – January 2020
- 3 regional clinical governance meetings

Dr Leela Sanmani
Chair

West Midlands branch

Claire Robertson Chair
Lisa Goodall Secretary and Audit lead

Objectives

- Act as point of liaison and escalation to BASHH for any local issues
- Participation in BASHH audit programme
- Provision of peer support

Significant activities

- Two regional BASHH education and business meetings (October, March)
- Bulletin to feed back national CGC meeting activity and discussions (January, June)
- Regional HIV mortality meeting (May)

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- Participation in BASHH regional and national audit programme
- Meetings as above
- Escalation of service governance issues to BASHH board
- Clinical input into the West Midlands STI Steering Group including development of a West Midlands STI Outbreak Strategy

Future plans

- To continue to provide peer support
- Ongoing feedback from national Clinical Governance Committee meetings
- Maintenance of the HIV mortality meeting
- Review of regional CME programme
- Regional audit of late HIV diagnoses

Dr Claire Robertson
Chair

Yorkshire branch

Membership

Dr Amy Mammen-Tobin Chair
Dr Harriet Wallace Audit Lead

Objectives

- To promote high standards in sexual health and HIV
- To identify and promote areas of good clinical practice
- To share major initiatives and challenges experienced by different units and provide a forum to discuss key regional and national issues
- To input into and feedback from BASHH CGC meetings
- To co-ordinate regional participation in national audits
- To provide training and educational opportunities in sexual health to a multidisciplinary audience.

Significant activities

- Approval for PrEP impact trial implementation in non-NHS clinics was received in December 2018, uptake was higher than expected with most clinics now reporting full capacity despite further allocation of places
- Funding for PEPSE in non-NHS clinics has now been resolved and PEPSE is available in all sexual health services
- Dissemination of advice on a range of CG issues
- High level of participation in BASHH and BHIVA national audits

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018-19

- Regional BASHH educational meeting November 2018
- Joint BASHH/HIV Network meeting June 2019
- Annual Regional STIF course

Future plans

- Regional BASHH educational meeting 7 November 2019
- Regional STIF course 22-23 November 2019

Dr Amy Mammen-Tobin
Branch chair

Committees with BASHH representation

Joint Specialty Committee for Genitourinary Medicine

Membership

Dr Elizabeth Carlin	Chair of the Committee and BASHH Representative
Dr Johnny Boylan	BASHH - Trainees Representative and Secretary of the Committee (from April 2019)
Dr Mamatha Pocock	BASHH - Trainees Representative
Dr Janet Wilson	BASHH Representative
Professor Jackie Cassell	Faculty of Public Health Representative
Ms Deborah Gaunt	Patient and Carer Network
Mr John Oldham	Patient and Carer Network
Dr Johnny Boylan	RCP Clinical Advisor & Communications Representative
Dr Huw Price	RCP - New Consultants Representative
Dr Gulshan (Cindy) Sethi	RCP Representative
Dr Olwen Williams	RCP Representative and BASHH President
Dr Jackie Sherrard	RCP - Workforce Representative
Professor Margaret Kingston	SAC GUM Co-Chair
Dr Katia Prime	SAC GUM Co-Chair
Dr Nicola Steedman	Scottish Colleges Representative
Professor Jane Dacre	RCP President (ex officio) (until September 2018)
Professor Andrew Goddard	RCP Registrar (ex officio) (until September 2018)
	RCP President (ex officio) (from September 2018)
Professor Donal O'Donoghue	RCP Registrar (ex officio) (from September 2018)

Objectives

The Joint Specialty Committee (JSC) for Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) acts as an advisory body to the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) on matters concerning sexual health and HIV. It meets twice a year and has a membership drawn from both the RCP and BASHH, including representation from the RCP Patient and Carer Network.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2018/2019

- The Committee met as planned in November 2018 and May 2019 and has ensured that the RCP is fully advised about the issues affecting the specialty, such as workforce planning and training, including the Shape of Training as applicable to GUM, roll-out of human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine to men who have sex with men, the HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Impact Trial, and commissioning and tendering of HIV and sexual health services.
- The Committee has updated the RCP on standards that were relevant to GUM including those produced by NICE, BASHH and the FSRH.
- The Committee has responded to numerous national consultations including a written response to the Health and Social Care Committee Inquiry into Sexual Health in September 2018, which formed the basis of the RCP response.
- The JSC for GUM has provided input into the RCP London 500 year celebrations.

Future Plans

The Committee will continue to ensure that issues of importance to the speciality are raised with the RCP, will work to ensure training and workforce planning issues are addressed, and plans to look at the changing role of the GUM consultant in terms of the scope of work undertaken and the challenges faced by GUM consultants today, as well as gathering key opinions about the speciality.

Dr Elizabeth Carlin
Chair of JSC for GUM

Specialist Advisory Committee

Membership

Dr Margaret Kingston	SAC co-Chair and TPD HEE North West
Dr Katia Prime	SAC co-Chair and TPD South London
Dr Andy Williams	SAC Vice-chair and TPD NEC London
Professor Sheona MacLeod	COPMed and Lead Dean for GUM
Dr Ann Boyle	Deputy Lead Dean for GUM
Mr David Crundwell	Lay Representative

Training Programme Directors

Dr Sarah Edwards	Health Education East of England
Dr Sarah Barrett	Health Education West Midlands
Dr Sarah Duncan	Health Education North East and recruitment co-chair
Dr Judith Berry	Severn Deanery
Dr Noreen Desmond	Oxford Deanery
Dr Imali Fernando	NHE Education Scotland
Dr Ashini Fox	Health Education East Midlands, deputy workforce lead
Dr Lisa Haddon	Peninsula Deanery
Dr Hannah Church	Trainee representative (England & Wales)
Dr Sheel Patel	Health Education North West London, Dip GUM External assessor & e portfolio lead
Dr Helen Pollit	Trainee Representative (Scotland)
Dr Say Quah	Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency
Dr Sarah Schoeman	Yorkshire & Humber Deanery, CESR & certification lead
Dr Jackie Sherrard	BASHH Representative, Workforce Lead
Dr Shanmuga Sundaram	Wessex Deanery
Dr Debbie Williams	KSS Deanery-recruitment co-chair
Dr Kathir Yoganathan	Wales Deanery

Co-opted Members

Dr Duncan Churchill	Co-opted (Dip HIV Convenor)
Dr Chloe Orkin	Co-opted (Dip HIV External assessor)
Dr Mette Rodgers	Co-opted (Dip GUM Convenor)
Dr Richard Gilson	Co-opted (Academic Lead)
Dr Jackie Sherrard	Co-opted (UEMS Representative)

Curriculum

Rewriting of the GUM curriculum, in line with the new physician training model to meet the GMC's revised standards for curriculum and assessment, continues. The first dually accredited GUM physicians will complete training in 2026. Transition arrangements for existing trainees in programme from 2022 continue to be discussed.

All specialties will go through a two stage process for their curriculum approval. Stage one involves gaining strategic support for their new curriculum from the GMC's Curriculum Oversight Group (COG), which is made up of representatives from the four nations. The GUM SACs purpose statement was accepted by the GMC's COG on 29th March 2019, securing its place as a group 1 specialty, alongside 12 other medical specialties, which will train dually with General Internal Medicine (GiM) from August 2022.

Stage two will be the Curriculum Development and approval process from the GMC's Curriculum Advisory Group (CAG). The curriculum will need to have been widely consulted on and be ready for final submission by 12th June 2020, in time for the CAG's meeting on 11-12 August 2020.

The GUM SAC were represented at the RCP curriculum day on 5th Dec 2018 with a further day planned for 18th Dec 2019. Our equality and diversity lead has developed the equality impact assessment survey for changes to GUM curriculum. Stakeholders including trainees, patients and members of the public, specialty representatives, TPDs, HEE and NHS employers, will need to be consulted 3-4 months before the final GUM curriculum submission in 2020.

GUM recruitment

Specialty recruitment in 2019 has again proved very challenging. There was a further slight reduction in applicant numbers this year, with 20 applicants for 46 posts in Round 1, representing a 9% reduction since 2018, which is considerably less than the 40% reduction seen between 2018 and 2017.

Of these applicants, 14 received offers and 12 (86%) accepted these offers, resulting in a maximum overall fill rate of 26%. This is the lowest overall fill rate to date for the specialty, and leaves 34 included NTN's unfilled across England, Scotland and Wales (10 more than in 2018). The high rate of offer acceptance suggests that candidates primarily interested in GUM are attending the selection day – figures for unique applicants are yet to be released by HEE.

Geographically there was a further decrease in fill rates for the London/KSS vacancies since 2018 (a further 11% decrease, following the 52% decrease seen in 2017-2018) compared to a 2% further drop elsewhere (this was 34% 2017-2018) however the fill rate of 30% for London/KSS was higher than elsewhere 23%. Scotland filled all available vacancies (and could have filled more), whereas in 2018 none of the Scottish vacancies were filled. These figures are likely to reflect the overall reduction in applicant numbers and the importance of geography in candidate choices.

The effects of the commissioning changes and resultant trainee career uncertainty on recruitment to GUM have been raised with HEE via the Sexual Health, Reproductive Health and HIV workforce project. Despite these challenges, career opportunities in GUM are good. In 2018 and 2019, the number of advertised consultant posts exceeded the number of trainees achieving CCT, however this is not widely recognised by other agencies. Avenues for dispelling possible misunderstandings regarding future career opportunities, promoting on-going awareness of the specialty amongst junior doctors, incorporating posts within Foundation and CMT rotations, and making training in the specialty more appealing, continue to be explored. The possible impact of Shape of Training proposals on GUM recruitment is unclear and remains to be seen.

Dip GUM/Dip HIV

The Dip GUM convenor has applied to the GMC approval to move to a single diet from 2021 with Dip GUM scheduled to be sat over 2 consecutive days in December. There are similar plans for the Dip HIV to be sat over 2 consecutive days in June although plans for this are yet to be submitted to the GMC.

If the Diplomas move to a single diet, for a trainee failing both exams once, the shortest duration between exams would be 6 months between the Dip GUM re-sit and the Dip HIV. ARCP decision aids will be amended to reflect that Dip GUM can be passed by end of ST5. TPDs will exert local flexibility at ARCP over the time frame for passing these exams in the light of the reduced frequency of diets. For Dip GUM in Dec 2018 and June 2019, 14/15 and 8/8 GUM trainees sat and passed the exam, respectively. For Dip HIV in Feb 2019 and Sept 2019, 21/24 and 5/6 GUM trainees sat and passed the exam, respectively.

Workforce planning

In first 9 months of 2019 there have been 29 permanent consultant posts advertised (one was advertised twice) – all for a mix of GUM or integrated sexual health with an HIV component. One was in Scotland with the remainder in England of which 10 were in Greater London. 17 were advertised as full time posts.

In addition, 13 locum posts have been advertised of which 4 were to cover maternity leave and 3 have subsequently been advertised as permanent posts. This supports the trend of recent years for posts to be advertised after the conclusion of a tender process following a period of workforce stagnation.

It is concerning that the number of permanent posts being advertised now exceeds the number of CCTs being achieved so it is likely that there will be vacant consultant posts in the near future.

The SAC workforce lead, deputy and BASHH/SAC trainee rep will be attending the RCP workforce and specialties meeting on 19th November 2019.

Other significant activities

- Curriculum update presentation to HIV trainees club April 2019 and to BASHH DiT day June 2019
- Contributed to GMC consultation on credentialing Oct 2018
- Submitted evidence to the Sexual Health Inquiry; Health & Social Care Committee Oct 2018
- Invitation to report to BASHH Board on relevant curriculum updates
- Development of an excellence grid to showcase achievements of SpRs training in GUM
- Invitation to join BASHH trainee/specialty working group

Future activities

- National GUM taster day Oct 2019, London
- Invitation for GUM SAC co-chairs to jointly chair 'The future of the specialty' meeting at the BHIVA Autumn Conference October 2019
- Invitation to attend RCP Medical workforce and specialties meeting November 2019
- Developing a CESR GIM training programme for GUM trainees
- Developing a National GUM trainee database in order to improve communication when consulting on changes to GUM curriculum in addition to education, training & research related matters
- Input into development of cSRH curriculum
- Complete GUM/GIM joint training curriculum by June 2020

Katia Prime
GUM SAC co-Chair

UEMS in Dermatovenereology

Objectives

- My aim at UEMS is to maintain good communications and collaboration with colleagues in Europe with regard to training, standards and development of our specialty.

Significant activities

- I took over role from Prof Simon Barton in June 2019 and attended the council meeting in October 2019. The relationship between Venereology and Dermatology with other specialties such as Infectious Diseases, Urology, Andrology and Gynaecology remain the subject of much interest and debate as clinical services evolve in different ways across EU. The European Board of Dermatovenereology diploma examination is increasingly being accepted by some countries and is now mandatory for Switzerland trainees. In 2019 it was taken by 42 (24 Switzerland) European residents and 54 (25 Saudi Arabia) non-Europeans.
- The future relationship of UK with UEMS post Brexit remains unclear but it is absolutely critical that BASHH continues to influence our specialty across Europe.

Dr Jackie Sherrard
UEMS

Journals with BASHH representation

IJSTI & AIDS

There is no report this year.

STI Journal

There is no report this year.