

BASHH Annual Conference 2025

9th - 11th June | Edinburgh International Conference Centre

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Note: The following agenda is currently in draft, and is subject to change at the Conference Organisers Discretion | April 2025

Monday 9th June 2025

Time	Session
08:45	Registration opens
09:30 – 09:45	Pentland Auditorium Welcome Address <i>Professor Matt Phillips, BASHH President</i> <i>Kat Smithson, BASHH CEO</i> <i>Dr. Daniel Clutterbuck, Conference Local Host</i>
09:45 – 10:45	Antimicrobial Resistance in Bacterial STIs: Challenges, Innovations and Future Directions <i>Chairs: John Saunders & Suneeta Soni</i> Mechanisms of Antimicrobial Resistance in Bacterial STIs – <i>Sarah Alexander</i> Clinical Management of Resistant STIs: Challenges and Approaches – <i>Soonita Oomeer</i> Advances in diagnostics: Exploring the potential of novel diagnostics and POCTs – <i>Kevin Martin</i>
10:45 – 12:00	Pentland Auditorium Oral Presentations
	Fintry Auditorium Oral Presentations
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>

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13:00 – 14:00	Pentland Auditorium Herpes and the Law <i>Chair: Emily Clarke</i> STIs (including HSV) and the law - a legal view – <i>David Potter</i> HSV and shedding – what does the latest evidence show? – <i>Rajul Patel</i> Reducing HSV transmission – a review of the evidence and practical evidence for patients – <i>Elizabeth Foley</i>	Fintry Auditorium 10 steps to a greener sexual health and HIV clinic: a workshop <i>Chair: Rachel Drayton</i> Ceri Evans Bridie Howe	Harris Suite 1 Moderated Posters
14:05 – 15:00	Pentland Auditorium <i>SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM: ViiV Healthcare</i>		
			
15:00 – 15:30	Refreshment Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>		
15:30 – 16:20	Pentland Auditorium Oral Presentations	Fintry Auditorium Oral Presentations	
16:25 – 17:55	Pentland Auditorium Friday Afternoon Clinic: MDT Recalcitrant and resistant herpes simplex – <i>Suneeta Soni</i> Child STI case and phone call from SARC – <i>Elizabeth Okecha</i> HIV testing decliner in pregnancy – <i>Margaret Kingston</i> Complex vulvovaginal candidiasis – <i>Clare Wood</i>	Harris Suite 1 Moderated Posters	
18:00 – 19:00	Welcome Reception <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall</i>		

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Tuesday 10th June 2025

Time	Session		
07:45	BASHH President's Plant-based Breakfast A preview of BASHH's Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion review findings – presented by Melvina Woode Owusu <i>Platform 5, Edinburgh International Convention Centre</i>		
08:00	Registration desk opens Arrival Tea & Coffee		
08:30 – 09:30	Pentland Auditorium Oral Presentations	Fintry Auditorium Oral Presentations	
09:35 – 10:35	Pentland Auditorium Session TBC	Fintry Auditorium Nurse and Health Advisor Symposium	Harris Suite 1 Moderated Posters
10:40 – 11:10	Refreshment Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>		
11:10 – 12:05	Pentland Auditorium SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM: MSD UK Vaccination as prevention: addressing human papillomavirus (HPV) and viral hepatitis in sexual health services <i>Mark Lawton</i> <i>Sanjay Bhagani</i>		
12:10 – 13:10	Pentland Auditorium Supporting gender questioning, transgender and non-binary people attending sexual health services <i>Sally Jewsbury</i> Gender-affirming medical care - an overview – <i>Joe Smith</i> Presentation Title TBA – <i>Alison Berner</i>	Fintry Auditorium Oral Presentations	
13:10 – 14:10	Lunch Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>		

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14:10 – 15:40	Pentland Auditorium	
	Keynote: Does STI prioritisation mean we accept that we have lost control of STIs in the general population? England – <i>Margaret Kingston</i> Wales - <i>Darren Cousins</i> Scotland – <i>Nicola Steedman</i> Northern Ireland – <i>Carol Emerson</i> ROI – <i>Fiona Lyons</i>	
15:45 – 16:40	SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM: <i>Gilead Sciences</i>	
		
16:45 – 17:15	Refreshment Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>	
17:15 – 18:00	Pentland Auditorium	Fintry Auditorium
	Alternative Sex - Reframing Kink, BDSM and Polyamory	Lustrum 2: Using co-production and brief films to increase the uptake of STI and HIV testing among sex partners of people diagnosed with a bacterial STI(s), as part of partner notification in the era of online sexual healthcare <i>Jennifer MacDonald</i> <i>Melvina Woode Owusu</i> <i>Claudia Estcourt</i>
18:00	Conference Close	
19:30	Gala Dinner <i>The Caves, 8-10 Niddry Street South, Edinburgh</i> Join BASHH and your industry colleagues for a Masquerade themed evening.	

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Wednesday 11th June 2025

Time	Session	
08:30	Registration opens	
09:00 – 10:00	Pentland Auditorium Advancing Sexual Health Research: Key findings and future directions from the NIHR Health Protection Unit (HPRU) in Blood Borne and Sexually Transmitted Infections (BBSTI) <i>Chairs: John Saunders & Caroline Sabin</i> Influencing policy and public health responses to STIS through serial rapidly deployed surveys of sexual health among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men – <i>Hamish Mohammed</i> Supporting the implementation of novel public health interventions through qualitative exploration of acceptability, barriers and facilitators to bexsero and reduced screening frequency for asymptomatic chlamydia and gonorrhoea – <i>Emily Nichols</i> Informing optimal responses to STI outbreaks: pandemic preparedness work within the HPRU – <i>Shema Tariq</i>	Fintry Auditorium The new HIV 2024 Report and the limitations of healthcare provision to underserved communities Journey to zero HIV transmission and tackling inequalities - <i>Tamara Djuretic</i> HIV and Women: How do we address the inequity? – <i>Elizabeth Okecha</i>
10:05 – 10:45	Pentland Auditorium Session TBC	Fintry Auditorium ViiV Parallel Session
10:45 – 11:15	Refreshment Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall</i>	
11:15 – 12:00	Pentland Auditorium Top 5 Papers: HIV and GUM	Fintry Auditorium Digital PrEP pathways: how to be mindful of equity/inequities when (co)designing digital services &

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12:00 – 12:15	Prize ceremony – awards and undergrad essay prize	The Scottish ePrEP Clinic: using the evidence and working together to create an online PrEP service with maximal inclusivity and reach
12:15 – 13:15	<p>Anal cancer screening - what should GUM/SRH physicians do given current evidence?</p> <p>4-nation update on the uptake and impact of HPV vaccination programme in GBMSM <i>Chair: Jake Bayley</i></p> <p>Evaluation of the impact of targeted HPV vaccination in gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) in England – <i>Marta Checchi</i></p> <p>Presentation Title TBA – <i>Ross Cameron</i></p>	Unheard voices: how YOU can provide better healthcare for the largest single minority group in the UK
13:15 – 14:00	<p>Lunch Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i></p>	
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Pentland Auditorium</p> <p>BASHH Guidelines Update</p> <p>Chlamydia Update – <i>John Saunders</i> NGU Update – <i>Megan Crofts</i> Hepatitis Update – <i>Lucy Garvey</i> LGV Update – <i>John White</i></p>	
15:00	Closing Address	
15:15	Conference close	

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