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Monday 9th June 2025

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09:30 – 09:45	Pentland Auditorium Welcome Address <i>Matt Phillips, BASHH President</i> <i>Kat Smithson, BASHH CEO</i> <i>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	Fintry Auditorium
	Oral Presentations: Free Communications <i>Chairs: David Phillips & Tristan Barber</i> 01: Investigating the barriers faced by prospective GUM trainees to entering Internal Medicine Training – <i>Millicent Richardson & Maeve Mulchrone</i> 02: “That took me back to HIV in the ‘90s”: Community reflections on public health responses to the 2022 mpox outbreak – <i>Tom Witney</i>	Oral Presentations: Sexually Transmitted Infections <i>Chairs: Clare Wood & Dorcas Obeng</i> 08: Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance in Mycoplasma genitalium, Treatment Outcomes, and Factors Associated with Macrolide Resistance in England, 2023 – <i>James E C Johnson</i> 09: Assessing the Impact of Online Postal Self-Sampling on Clinical Complexity in a Sexual Health Service in England: A Mixed Methods Analysis – <i>Jo Gibbs</i>

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	<p>03: Supporting Re-engagement with HIV Care: Findings from The HIV Engagement (HIVE) Project – <i>Rachel Drayton</i></p> <p>04: Unnecessary investigations in the routine monitoring of PLWHIV: An opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and financial costs – <i>Joe Smith</i></p> <p>05: @the.gum.registrar – Using social media to increase knowledge and interest in Genitourinary Medicine as a specialty – <i>Manik Kohli</i></p> <p>06: Evaluating EHR System Improvements in UK Sexual Health Services: A Comparative Analysis of 2022 and 2025 Survey Data – <i>Jonathan (Jack) Shaw & Howard Gees</i></p> <p>07: Show me the money! Does Sexual Health spending correlate with late HIV diagnosis? – <i>Sam Carney</i></p>		<p>010: Picking up the cost of non-STI and non-contraceptive prescribing within integrated sexual health services – <i>Hannah Reynolds</i></p> <p>011: Chlamydia trachomatis conjunctivitis: a 10-year retrospective of the incidence, clinical presentation, diagnosis, management, outcomes and epidemiological trends at a tertiary referral centre in London. – <i>Alice Milligan</i></p> <p>012: Evaluating the clinical utility of a multiplex genital ulcer pathogen polymerase chain reaction diagnostic test in the diagnosis of Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV). – <i>John Golden</i></p> <p>013: High prevalence of sexually transmitted infections in pregnancy in a women's prison – <i>SY Chan</i></p> <p>014: The continuing picture of clade IIb mpox in England: A descriptive analysis of cases in 2023 to 2024 – <i>Celine El Hakim</i></p>	
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p><i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i></p>			
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Pentland Auditorium</p> <p>Herpes and the law</p> <p><i>Chair: Emily Clarke & Marian Nicholson</i></p> <p>STIs (including HSV) and the law – a legal view – <i>David Potter</i></p> <p>HSV and shedding – what does the latest evidence show? – <i>Rajul Patel</i></p> <p>Reducing HSV transmission – a review of the evidence and practical evidence for patients – <i>Elizabeth Foley</i></p>	<p>Fintry Auditorium</p> <p>10 steps to a greener sexual health and HIV clinic</p> <p><i>Chair: Ceri Evans</i></p> <p>Rachel Drayton</p> <p>Bridie Howe</p>	<p>Harris Suite 1</p> <p>Moderated Posters</p> <p>Prevention, Health Promotion & Outreach Care; HIV testing, new diagnoses & management; Contraception & Reproductive Health</p> <p><i>Chairs: Susanna Currie & Matthew Page</i></p> <p>MP001 – MP010</p>	
14:05 – 15:00	<p>Pentland Auditorium</p> <p>SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM: ViiV Healthcare</p> <p>PrEPping for the Future: The Era of Choice</p> <p><i>In line with ABPI Compliance this session is reserved for UK HCPs only.</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Michael Ewens</i></p> <p>Kirsty Abu Rajab</p> <p>Dwayne-Wilson Hunt</p>			
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Refreshment Break</p> <p><i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i></p>			



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15:30 – 16:20	Pentland Auditorium Oral Presentations: Sexually Transmitted Infections <i>Chairs: Anne Oliver & Julia Bilinska</i> 015: Nowhere near! Sexual Health Services in Manchester: demand versus supply ... – <i>Amber Rafferty (Pre-Recorded Presentation)</i> 016: Oropharyngeal gonorrhoea infections among women: prevalence, characteristics and impact on local genital gonorrhoea prevalence – <i>Nell Freeman-Romilly</i> 017: Diagnostic assays in use in the United Kingdom for chlamydia screening: Single target assays an Achilles heel? – <i>Penelope Cliff</i> 018: Private sexually transmitted infection testing providers in the United Kingdom: British Association for Sexual Health and HIV members' perspectives and impact on sexual health services – <i>Sophie Nash</i> 019: Increased detection of Hepatitis B and C through opt-out testing in a UK sexual health clinic – <i>Matthew Valentino</i>	Fintry Auditorium Oral Presentations: Prevention, health promotion and outreach care <i>Chair: Imali Fernando & Elisha Peter</i> 020: Assertive Sexual Health Outreach for Women from Inclusion Health Populations: An example of partnership working across experts by experience, sexual health and Inclusion Health outreach teams and housing and drug services to meet the needs of the most marginalised women – <i>Binta Sultan & Tanya Edwards</i> 021: "Oh! How Modern! And... Are You Ok with That?": Consensually Non-Monogamous People's Experiences and Preferences When Accessing Sexual Health Care – <i>Chris Campbell</i> 022: The United Kingdom's first fully British Sign Language (BSL) accessible sexual health clinic pilot: a service evaluation – <i>Rose Balazs</i> 023: Gaining a partnership perspective among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) in the UK: evidence from the 2023 Reducing inequalities in Sexual Health (RiiSH) survey – <i>Elizabeth Fearon</i> 024: Sexual violence in male, transgender/non-binary & commercial sex worker (CSW) victim/survivors: a one-year analysis across four large sexual health services (SHS) – <i>Beth Selwyn</i>
16:25 – 17:55	Pentland Auditorium Friday Afternoon Clinic: MDT <i>Chairs: Rachael Jones & Chris Ward</i> Complex vulvovaginal candidiasis – <i>Clare Wood</i> HIV testing decliner in pregnancy – <i>Margaret Kingston</i> Recalcitrant and resistant herpes simplex – <i>Suneeta Soni</i> Child STI case and phone call from SARC – <i>Elizabeth Okecha</i>	16:25 – 17:00 Fintry Auditorium BASHH EGM Follow-Up <i>Chair: Cara Saxon</i> An update on what's next following January's BASHH Extraordinary General Meeting on addressing the systemic issues linked to the deterioration of sexual health outcomes in the UK. – <i>Matt Phillips, BASHH President</i>
18:00 – 19:00	Welcome Reception Including an address from Gregor Smith, CMO, Scottish Government Hosted in the Exhibition Hall <div data-bbox="2119 1675 2715 1816"> Kindly sponsored by: INFORM HEALTH  </div>	

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Tuesday 10th June 2025

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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 Platform 5, Edinburgh International Convention Centre		
08:00	Registration desk opens Arrival Tea & Coffee will be available in the exhibition hall		
08:30 – 09:30	Pentland Auditorium Oral Presentations: Nurses & Sexual Health Advisers Chairs: Belinda Loftus & Jodie Crossman N1: HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) use amongst transgender people: a four year experience. – <i>Sebastian Causton</i> N2: Will providing a sexual health clinic in an asylum seeker hotel enable the most vulnerable to access sexual health care? – <i>Susan Dyer</i> N3: Swipe Right for Doxy: Fast-Tracking Chlamydia Treatment One Text at a Time. – <i>Mike Spall-Hancy</i> N5: Mapping the provision of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis in the United Kingdom. – <i>Hasan Mirza</i> N6: The sexual and reproductive health needs of individuals with a diagnosis of personality disorder: A case series from an urban sexual health clinic. – <i>Nicole Alexiuk</i>	Fintry Auditorium Oral Presentations: Undergraduate Chairs: Elizabeth Foley & Fiona Windebank UG1: Mycoplasma genitalium: overtesting, overtreating, over it.... – <i>Ruby Hassan</i> UG2: Assessing the use of amphotericin B/flucytosine vaginal gel in the treatment of azole resistant or non-albicans vulvovaginal candidiasis: a 5 year review of prescribing – <i>Bronwyn Le Moal</i> UG3: Retrospective review of age and sex specific incidence of first episode genital herpes simplex virus type 1 and 2 in attendees at sexual health services in the northwest of England in 2016-24 – <i>Alicia Moyo</i> UG4: Uptake, acceptability and experiences among patients offered Virtual Reality (VR) headsets during intra-uterine device (IUD) or subdermal implant (SDI) procedures – <i>Jessica Collins</i> UG5: Breaking the Stigma: A Novel Peer-Led OSCE-Based Pilot Intervention to Reduce HIV Stigma in Medical Undergraduates – <i>Katie Hepburn</i>	
09:35 – 10:35	Pentland Auditorium Stranger Things: Unusual Manifestations of STIs Chairs: Sarah Alexander More than meets the eye: Ocular manifestations of STIs – <i>Alice Milligan</i> From meningitis to urethritis: Meningococcus as an STI – <i>Shamez Ladnani</i> Gut instincts: Enteric pathogens as STIs – <i>Kate Baker</i>	Fintry Auditorium Nurse and Sexual Health Adviser Symposium Chairs: Ceri Evans & Dwayne-Wilson Hunt Taking sexual health to the streets of Bradford – <i>Zac Dolan</i> Mapping the non-medical workforce - who is delivering sexual health care in the UK? – <i>Lisa Walton</i> N4: An integrated approach to support enhanced screening and management of syphilis infection in	Harris Suite 1 Moderated Posters Sexually Transmitted Infections; Sustainability; PEPSE & PrEP Chairs: Jo Gibbs & Jonathan (Jack) Shaw MP011 – MP020

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		<p>individuals experiencing homelessness in a large metropolitan city – <i>Liz Thomas</i></p> <p>Nurses pursuing higher academic study: research opportunities and funding – <i>Matthew Grundy-Bowers</i></p>	
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>In line with ABPI Compliance this session is reserved for UK HCPs only.</i> <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>Chairs: Sophie Ross & Daniel Clutterbuck</i> Gender-affirming medical care – an overview – <i>Joe Smith</i> An Overview of Gender Affirming Care for Adults in the UK – <i>Alison Berner</i> Sexual Health and the Trans Experience in Scotland – <i>Oliver Ellis</i>	Fintry Auditorium Oral Presentations: PEPSE and PrEP <i>Chairs: Chitra Babu & Rona MacDonald</i> 025: Delivering PrEP in primary care – 2 year review of improved patient access. – <i>Wendy Cooke</i> 026: Using the Information-Motivation-Behavioural Skills model to identify barriers to HIV PrEP uptake in Black heterosexual patients: a quality improvement project. – <i>Uzochi Nwaosu</i> 027: PrEPBox: a novel online and postal pre-exposure prophylaxis service – <i>Annabel Brown</i> 028: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) uptake, persistence and missed opportunities in young gay and bisexual men who have sex with men (GBMSM) – <i>Maria Liu</i> 029: What do women want? What do women need? Awareness and uptake of PrEP amongst cisgender women in an urban integrated sexual health clinic – <i>Emma Cartner</i> 030: Pharmacy PrEP delivery: The development and implementation of a UK pilot – <i>China Harrison</i>	


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13:10 – 14:10	Lunch Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>	
14:10 – 15:40	Pentland Auditorium Keynote: Does STI prioritisation mean we accept that we have lost control of STIs in the general population? <i>Chair: Matt Phillips & Daniel Clutterbuck</i> England – Margaret Kingston Wales – Darren Cousins Scotland – Nicola Steedman Northern Ireland – Carol Emerson ROI – Fiona Lyons	
15:45 – 16:40	SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM: Gilead Sciences Chemsex in 2025 <i>In line with ABPI Compliance this session is reserved for UK HCPs only.</i> <i>Patriic Gayle – (Pre-Recorded Presentation)</i> Gary Whitlock Mark Lawton	
16:45 – 17:15	Refreshment Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>	
17:15 – 18:00	Pentland Auditorium Alternative Sex – Reframing Kink, BDSM and Non-Monogamy <i>Chairs: Alan Haskell & Naomi Sutton</i> Eduardo Peres Qaisar Siddiqui Bima Loxley (they/them)	Fintry Auditorium Enhancing partner notification through patient and public involvement: BASHH premier of short films to increase STI testing among sex partners and perspectives on co-production in sexual health care <i>Chair: Zoch Nwaosu</i> Claudia Estcourt Jennifer MacDonald Melvina Woode Owusu Taniesha Leandre
18:00	Conference Close	
19:30	Gala Dinner <i>The Caves, 8-10 Niddry Street South, Edinburgh</i> Join us for a night of mystery and elegance with our Masquerade-themed soirée.	



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Wednesday 11th June 2025

Time	Session	
08:30	Registration opens <i>Arrival Tea & Coffee will be available in the exhibition hall</i>	
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> <p>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 – Hamish Mohammed</p> <p>Supporting the implementation of public health interventions using qualitative social science: an exploration of acceptability, barriers and facilitators to Bexsero for gonorrhoea prevention among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men – Emily Jay Nichols</p> <p>Informing optimal responses to STI outbreaks: pandemic preparedness work within the HPRU – Shema Tariq</p>	Fintry Auditorium The new HIV 2024 Report and the limitations of healthcare provision to underserved communities <i>Chairs: Edu Peres & Hu Clarke</i> <p>Journey to zero HIV transmission and tackling inequalities – Tamara Djuretic</p> <p>HIV and Women: How do we address the inequity? – Elizabeth Okecha</p> <p>Treatment as prevention – improving health equity by supporting engagement in care – Rageshri Dhairyawan</p> <p>Community Perspective: Addressing health inequities – Susan Cole FRSA</p>
10:05 – 10:45	Pentland Auditorium Women’s health and the role of genitourinary medicine (GUM) in addressing inequities in access and inequalities in outcomes <i>Chair: Matt Phillips</i> <p>Dame Lesley Regan</p>	Fintry Auditorium ViiV Parallel Session: Panel Discussion – PrEP Implementation <i>In line with ABPI Compliance this session is reserved for UK HCPs only.</i> <i>Chair: Steph Katiyar</i> <p>Valentina Mazzotta</p> <p>Ellie Chisholm</p> 
10:45 – 11:15	Refreshment Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall</i>	
11:15 – 12:00	Top 5 Papers: HIV and GUM <i>Chairs: Michael Rayment</i> <p>Laura Waters</p> <p>Matthew Page</p>	11:15 – 12:15 Digital PrEP pathways: co-designing equitable online services as part of broader sexual health care north and south of the border <i>Chair: Grant Sugden</i> <p>Why place matters in digital sexual health service innovation – Mary Darking</p>

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12:00 – 12:15	Prize Ceremony <i>Chairs: Chris Ward & Matthew Grundy-Bowers</i>	Digital and community sexual health service innovation in Brighton and Hove – <i>Marc Tweed</i> The Scottish ePrEP Clinic: integrating digital pathways within NHS PrEP services to address barriers to ongoing provision – <i>Ross Kincaid & Beth Bateson</i> Panel Discussion: <i>Jodie Crossman, Sarah Aston, Grant Sugden, Claudia Estcourt, Jennifer Whetham</i>
12:15 – 13:15	Unheard voices: how YOU can provide better healthcare for the largest single minority group in the UK <i>Chair: Laura Waters & Nathan Dean</i> Considering people with disabilities & special education needs – <i>Lorraine Stanley</i> Neurodiversity and Sex Education – <i>Chloë Stone</i>	12:15 – 12:45 Anal cancer screening - what should GUM/SRH physicians do given current evidence? <i>Chair: Jake Bayley</i> Screening for anal cancer precursors in people with HIV – <i>Tamzin Cuming</i> Experience of High Resolution Anoscopy provision within a HIV/GU service – <i>Diarmuid Nugent</i>
		12:45 – 13:15 4-nation update on the uptake and impact of HPV vaccination programme in GBMSM <i>Chair: Jake Bayley</i> 4-nation update on the uptake and impact of HPV vaccination programme in GBMSM – <i>Ross Cameron</i> 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>
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Pentland Auditorium BASHH Guidelines Update <i>Chairs: Margaret Kingston & Manik Kohli</i> Chlamydia Update – <i>John Saunders</i> NGU Update – <i>Megan Crofts</i> Hepatitis Update – <i>Lucy Garvey</i> LGV Update – <i>John White</i>	
15:00	Closing Address	
15:15	Conference Close	

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Moderated Poster Presentations

MP001	Emily Jay Nicholls	Understanding the acceptability, barriers and facilitators to implementing the 4CMenB vaccine (Bexsero) for the prevention of gonorrhoea in gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men
MP002	Charlotte Spurway	I couldn't confirm they were alone because they were over the phone: Safeguarding screening in remote sexual and reproductive health consultations
MP003	Helen Peters	Treatment cascade among pregnant women with pre-conception HIV diagnosis: 2017-2022
MP004	Dana Ogaz	Sexual health service access and unmet need among GBMSM and gender-diverse individuals having sex with men in England
MP005	Alex Langrish	Optimising HIV testing strategies in low-prevalence areas: identifying missed opportunities for earlier diagnosis
MP006	Jayne Ngu-Tazinya	Healthcare professional (HCP) experiences of offering virtual reality (VR) headsets to patients during intrauterine device (IUD) and sub dermal implant (SDI) procedures
MP007	Temilola Adeniyi	Barriers and Facilitators to HIV Testing Among African and Caribbean Heritage Communities: A Mixed Methods Study
MP008	Clare Fowler	Healthcare professionals' beliefs and concerns about the use of doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (doxyPEP): a systematic review
MP009	Becky Metcalfe	A retrospective analysis of secondary healthcare contacts prior to a late diagnosis of a Blood Borne Virus in Scotland – an opportunity missed for opt out testing?
MP010	John White	Online dating/hook up app and sexual health pathway collaboration in a large urban centre
MP011	Emma Callan	Multidrug-resistance in <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> : a new definition and trends 2016-2022
MP012	Elisha Peter	Efficacy of pristinamycin in the treatment of people with <i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> infections experiencing resistance-guided treatment failure: an observational study
MP013	Shoumita Bardhan	Exploring the Attitudes of Sexual Health Clinicians in Scotland towards the expansion of the Provision of HIV Pre-exposure (PrEP) in Primary Care: an interview study
MP014	Holly Fountain	The impact of different modes and motivations for accessing sexual health services on STI positivity in England, 2023
MP015	Florence Bascombe	Human Papillomavirus Type 16 E6/E7 T Cell Responses and Anal High-Grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesion Regression in Men Who Have Sex with Men
MP016	Megan Walsh	A qualitative study of the perceived sociodemographic, behavioural and attitudinal drivers of syphilis among heterosexual-identifying people in England: the NEXUS study
MP017	Natasha Ratna	How does incidence of HIV and incidence of bacterial STIs differ by HIV status and use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) in England? A prospective cohort analysis using surveillance data.
MP018	Edward James	Implementation of a Waste Reduction Initiative in a Sexual Health Clinic: A Quality Improvement Project
MP019	Daniela Brawley	Exploring the views of primary care teams on the feasibility of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) provision in primary care in the North East of Scotland
MP020	Rachel Southern-Thomas	Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) with ceftriaxone for neurosyphilis – clinical and serological outcomes

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