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BASHH SAS Conference 2026

4th – 5th September 2026

Conference Aston

Conference Information

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Conference Fees

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Friday 4th September

Time	Session	Speaker
11:30	Registration, lunch & exhibition viewing	
12:30 – 13:10	<u>CONFERENCE ROOM 1</u> Lecture: Complex PrEP: Balancing Risk, Choice and Clinical Care As PrEP use expands, clinicians are increasingly encountering patients whose needs extend beyond standard prescribing pathways. This session will explore the practical management of complex PrEP through a series of case-based discussions. Cases will be used to illustrate how current guidelines can be applied in practice while addressing uncertainty, patient preferences, and individualised care. Learning Objectives • Delegates will gain practical strategies for assessing risk, selecting appropriate PrEP regimens, managing follow-up, and supporting patients with more complex needs. • The session is designed to provide clinicians with greater confidence in navigating challenging PrEP consultations and delivering safe, person-centred care.	Matthew Page Dr Matthew Page is a Consultant in GU/ HIV Medicine in Birmingham, and is the Clinical Service Lead for HIV Medicine at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham. He combines clinical leadership with an active research portfolio focused on improving HIV diagnosis, sexual health service delivery, and innovative models of care. Following a Clinical Research Fellowship at Birmingham Heartlands HIV Service in collaboration with the University of Birmingham, he completed a PhD in Applied Health Research. His research has centred on HIV diagnostics, including evaluation of novel testing approaches, implementation of postal and self-sampling pathways, and strategies to reduce undiagnosed HIV. His wider interests include syphilis management, HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), and LGBT sexual health.
13:10 – 13:50	<u>CONFERENCE ROOM 1</u> Lecture: Hepatitis Guidelines A summary of the recently published guidelines for the prevention, diagnosis and initial management of viral hepatitis A, B, C and D. Key updates will be presented in detail. Learning Objectives • Understand screening recommendations for hepatitis B in sexual health settings • Understand recommended hepatitis vaccination strategies in sexual health settings	Lucy Garvey Dr Lucy Garvey is a Consultant in HIV and Sexual Health at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, based mainly at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington. She is currently the clinical lead for the HIV department at Imperial and part of the inpatient team at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. She completed an MD Research Degree at Imperial College exploring the cerebral effects of HIV and hepatitis C. Since then she has developed her area of interest in liver health in people with HIV; including viral hepatitis B/C and metabolic liver disease. She is lead author on the 2026 BASHH hepatitis guidelines and is part of the BHIVA liver guidelines writing group and the BHIVA Hepatitis Expert Advisory Group.
Workshops will run at 14:00 and 15:30 for 1 hour Refreshments & exhibition viewing at 15:00		
14:00 – 15:00 & 15:30 – 16:30	<u>CONFERENCE ROOM 1</u>	

	Workshop 1: Management of Recurrent Vaginal Discharge & BV Symptoms of vaginitis are a frequent presentation at sexual health clinics. Bacterial vaginosis and candidiasis are the most common vaginal infections, and both recur frequently. As a STI, recurrences of <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> are mainly due to reinfection but treatment failure can occur. This interactive workshop will use case studies to discuss the diagnoses, management, and follow up of these recurrent conditions. Learning Objectives • Understand the causes of recurrent vaginitis and the best diagnostic methods to be able to manage them • Understand why they recur and know the best evidence-based treatments for managing them • Learn about alternative treatments that can be used when first-line treatments haven't worked.	Janet Wilson Dr Janet Wilson is a Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine at Leeds Teaching Hospitals. One of her main areas of clinical and research interest is managing recurrent vaginal infections. She is co-author of several British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) guidelines and International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI) guidelines. She has been BASHH Conference and Communication Secretary and Vice-President in the past, and was BASHH President 2012 to 2014. She has also been on the World Executive Committee of the International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI) since 2007 in the posts of Assistant Secretary General, Secretary General, and President-Elect. She was President from 2019 to 2023.
14:00 – 15:00 & 15:30 – 16:30	<u>MEETING ROOM 127</u> Workshop 2: Urology in GUM Learning Objectives • How GU infections gravitate towards Urological presentation: Surgical Anatomy & Pathophysiology • Urological complications of GU Infections • Management of GU infections with Urologist's Hat On	Sudanshu Chitale Consultant Urological Surgeon Honorary Associate Professor UCL Medical School. MBBS MS (Gen Surg) FICS FRCS (Eng) Dip Urol (Lon), DNB (Urol), FEBU FRCS (Urol) FAcadMED
14:00 – 15:00 & 15:30 – 16:30	<u>MEETING ROOM 123</u> Workshop 3: Complex Syphilis	John McSorley
14:00 – 15:00 & 15:30 – 16:30	<u>CONFERENCE ROOM 3</u> Workshop 4: Emerging Infections This workshop explores the evolving landscape of emerging infections within sexual health. We will examine the rise of Trichophyton species causing sexually associated fungal infections, including shifts in transmission patterns and the clinical challenges these dermatophytes present. Participants will also review emerging antimicrobial resistance across key STI-related pathogens, including <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> and increasing reports of treatment-refractory scabies linked to reduced permethrin and ivermectin susceptibility. Learning Objectives	John Saunders & Elisha Peter John is a consultant in genitourinary medicine with nearly 20 years of experience in the field. Based at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), John leads a team that supports the translation of data and evidence into practice with the aim of improving public health outcomes and reducing health inequalities in relation to blood borne and sexually transmitted infections (BBSTIs). He is an honorary associate professor of sexual health at University College London and the UKHSA lead for the National Institute for Health and Care Research Health Protection Research Unit in BBSTIs at UCL. His research has informed public health strategies across the UK and he has contributed to

	- Identify emerging infections relevant to sexual health, including the clinical presentation, transmission patterns, and diagnostic considerations for Trichophyton species associated with sexually transmitted dermatophytosis - Evaluate current evidence on antimicrobial resistance trends across STI-related pathogens, with a focus on evolving resistance in Neisseria gonorrhoeae and emerging treatment-refractory patterns in scabies - Apply updated, evidence-based management to address emerging infectious threats within sexual health	several national guidelines. John's work bridges the gap between academia and practice, ensuring that scientific insights lead to measurable improvements in health outcomes. - Elisha is a former London GP and current Specialty Doctor in GUM and HIV at 10 Hammersmith Broadway, part of Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust. She is passionate about teaching and is a College Registered Trainer for the College of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (CoSRH) and a member of the BASHH SAS committee.
16:40 – 17:20	<u>CONFERENCE ROOM 1</u> Lecture: Genital Dermatology	Imali Fernando Dr Imali Fernando is a GUM and HIV consultant based at the Chalmers Sexual Health Centre, Edinburgh. She runs the specialist sexual health dermatology clinic at the Chalmers Centre and also provides input to the specialist Vulval skin clinic at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. She is a member of the BASHH Genital Dermatology Special Interest Group and one of the authors for the 2026 BASHH guideline on the management of balanoposthitis, the 2024 BASHH guideline on vulval conditions and the 2021 BASHH guideline on genital molluscum.
17:20 – 18:00	<u>CONFERENCE ROOM 1</u> Lecture: Contraception Update Find out what is new in contraception including a summary of changes within the new UKMEC 2025 and expanding your knowledge of newer oral options. Learning Objectives - Understand key changes to the UKMEC 2025 - Expand your knowledge of pill types and when to use them - Be up to date in new developments in contraception	Georgina Forbes Dr Georgina Forbes is a Specialist Doctor in Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare based in South Wales and is the Chair of the FSRH Wales Committee. She works in an integrated service providing contraception, abortion care and sexually transmitted infection care. She specialises in medically complex contraception and is passionate about widening access to Long acting reversible contraception. Georgina is passionate about the essential role of SAS doctors within the NHS and is vocal about encouraging SAS doctors to progress clinically and undertake leadership roles.
19:15 19:45	Evening Function – Conference Aston Drinks Reception Call for Dinner	

Saturday 5th September

Time	Session	Speaker
08:45- 09:30	<u>CONFERENCE ROOM 1</u> Lecture: STI Update This update will cover the most recent developments in the epidemiology, diagnostics and clinic care of the STIs and related conditions most relevant to the vital backbone of the UK's Sexual Health Clinics: SAS doctors! Learning Objectives • What should be in my differential diagnosis in 2026 when it comes to discharge, rash, ulcers and systemic syndromes presenting to the sexual health clinic? • What is the best way to test for and confirm these diagnoses? • Which current and new treatments should I turn to for the best results in specific conditions?	John White Dr. John White is a Consultant Physician in Sexual Health & HIV working in the Western and Northern Health & Social Care Trusts, Northern Ireland as well as Donegal and Sligo, Republic of Ireland. His previous clinical work in Sexual Health includes over 30 years working in Sydney, Edinburgh and London and for 11 years he was Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of STD & AIDS. His clinical and research interests include bacterial STIs, gbMSM sexual health and diagnostic tests for HIV/STIs. He has authored several BASHH UK guidelines including for LGV and doxyPEP and is lead author of the 2025 European guideline on the management of Chlamydia trachomatis infections. He also works part time as Executive Medical Director for Preventx Ltd, the UK's largest remote sexual health testing diagnostics company and has led the development of their digital PrEP service.
09:30 -10:00	<u>CONFERENCE ROOM 1</u> AGM / National SAS Audit	Karl Hollows SAS Committee Chair Manori Bandara National Audit Group SAS Rep
Workshops will run for 1 hour at 10:00 and 11:30 Refreshments and exhibition viewing at 11:00		
10:00 – 11:00 & 11:30 – 12:30	<u>CONFERENCE ROOM 1</u> Workshop 1: Complex Contraception An opportunity to look at some complex contraception cases with open discussion. Learning Objectives: • Develop an understanding of when contraception becomes complex • How guidelines can support your decision making process • When do patients need to be referred to a specialist?	Suzanne Jewell Dr Suzanne Jewell is a consultant in Community and Sexual Reproductive Healthcare based at Umbrella sexual health covering Birmingham and Solihull. She specialises in complex contraception care across the reproductive ages, and she is the Contraception Service lead, SRH lead for Young people, and the SRH lead for education at Umbrella. She is a member of the

		College of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare and registered trainer. She is also chair of the West Midlands Contraception and Sexual Health Association that delivers sexual health and contraception symposia in the region. She has a strong passion for advocating for and delivering holistic and compassionate care to women.
10:00 – 11:00 & 11:30 – 12:30	<u>MEETING ROOM 123</u> Workshop 2: Retirement/Pensions/Contracts An overview of the NHS Pension Scheme designed to help SAS doctors understand their retirement options, maximise the value of their pension benefits and avoid common pitfalls. The session will cover key retirement considerations, pension taxation and the impact of the McCloud remedy. Learning Objectives • Understand the key features of the NHS Pension Scheme and how their pension benefits are built up. • Identify the main factors to consider when planning retirement, including retirement options, pension taxation and the implications of continuing to work. • Understand the impact of the McCloud remedy and how it may affect their pension benefits and retirement decisions.	Aidan Adams Aidan is a Principal Pensions Officer at the BMA, where he advises doctors on all aspects of the NHS Pension Scheme. He has extensive expertise across the NHS Pension Scheme and supports members with complex matters including pension taxation, retirement benefits and the impact of the McCloud remedy. With a strong focus on providing clear, practical guidance, Aidan is dedicated to helping doctors understand the value of their NHS Pension and make confident, informed decisions about their financial future.
10:00 – 11:00 & 11:30 – 12:30	<u>MEETING ROOM 127</u> Workshop 3: Racial Health Inequalities This workshop explores how racial health inequalities continue to shape sexual health outcomes in the UK, highlighting that disparities in HIV and STIs are driven not simply by individual behaviour but by structural, systemic, and intersectional factors. It argues for a shift from equality to equity, emphasising culturally responsive care and service redesign to better meet the needs of racially minoritised communities. Learning Objectives: • Recognise patterns of racial inequality in sexual health presentations • Apply an intersectional approach to clinical assessment, tailoring history-taking, risk assessment, and prevention strategies (e.g. testing, PrEP, vaccination) to better meet the needs of racially minoritise patients • Identify and implement practical changes in service delivery to improve access, trust and outcomes for racially minoritised communities	Dwayne-Wilson Hunt Dwayne-Wilson (He/Him) is a London-based, Black-British Specialist Nurse working in sexual health and HIV, currently undertaking a Masters in Advanced Clinical Practice and is guest lecturer at King's College London. He works at one of Europe's busiest HIV clinics and previously chaired BASHH's Racially Minoritised Communities Special Interest Group (2021–2024). In 2022 he was awarded the RCN Rising Star Award. He's collaborated/worked with BBC, WHO, LSHTM, CoSRH and contributed to the LUSTRUM2 project. Dwayne-Wilson is passionate about improving sexual health outcomes for racially marginalised communities. Connect with him: https://linktr.ee/mistadee
10:00 – 11:00 & 11:30 – 12:30	<u>CONFERENCE ROOM 3</u> Workshop 4: Safeguarding workshop for SAS doctors - 'Policy to practice'	

	Learning Objectives: • Recognise safeguarding concerns in adult and child patients presenting to service. • Apply a trauma-informed and Think Family approach in clinical encounters. • Identify indicators of domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, coercion, neglect, and contextual safeguarding risks. • Understand information sharing, consent, confidentiality and escalation pathways. • Improve safeguarding documentation and professional curiosity.	Darren Tippetts Darren is a Safeguarding Lead for Integrated Sexual Health and HIV at Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, with more than 40 years' experience across the NHS and voluntary sector. He supports staff to deliver effective safeguarding for children, young people, and adults within sexual health services, with a particular focus on domestic abuse, and complex vulnerability. He supports the embedding of safeguarding into clinical practice, including the integration of a domestic and sexual violence support service. Darren contributes to national work as a member of the Adolescent Special Interest Group (ASIG) within the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV and is also involved in initiatives supporting Relationships and Sex Education.
12:40 – 13:20	<u>CONFERENCE ROOM 1</u> Lecture: SAS Leadership Opportunities and Challenges SAS doctors are central to NHS delivery but remain under-recognised as leaders. This talk explores the opportunities for SAS doctors to develop as clinical leaders, alongside the barriers that often limit their progression. Drawing on frontline and national experience, including the #SASSix campaign, it will offer practical insights into how SAS doctors can shape their careers, influence organisations, and drive change. Learning Objectives • Understand the key leadership opportunities available to SAS doctors within the NHS • Recognise common barriers to SAS leadership and career progression • Identify practical strategies to influence, lead, and drive change as a SAS doctor.	Imran Sheriff Imran is a Specialist in Anaesthesia at University College London Hospitals and SAS Tutor for the trust. He is actively involved in national SAS workforce development as a member of the Association of Anaesthetists SAS Committee and BMA SAS UK Committee. He is a founder member of the SAS Collective and has contributed to the #SASSix campaign, advocating for improved career development and recognition of SAS doctors. He has a particular interest in leadership, education, and supporting SAS career progression.
13:20	Lunch and departure	

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