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BASHH Scientific Meeting

Organised by BSIG & HPV SIG

9th October 2026

Online Event | Zoom

CPD Pending.

Programme

Time	Session	Speaker
12:30	Registration Opens	
13:00	Welcome Address	Matthew Grundy-Bowers
13:05 – 14:35	Session 1: Bacterial Special Interest Group <i>Session Chairs: John Saunders & Suneeta Soni</i>	
13:05 – 13:35	Emerging STIs	Elisha Peters
13:35 – 14:05	Multiplex Testing	Suneeta Soni & Sophie Nash
14:05 – 14:35	Frequency of testing for chlamydia and gonorrhoea in asymptomatic GBMSM update	Helen Fifer & John Saunders
14:35	Refreshment Break	
14:45 – 16:15	Session 2: HPV SIG <i>Session Chairs: Jake Bayley & Diarmuid Nugent</i>	
14:45	HPV Seroprevalence Data	Marta Checchi
15:05	NHS England changes to cervical screening program in women LWHIV	Elizabeth Noble
15:25	Screening for anal cancer in high risks groups – experiences from France	Valentine Ferrie
15:45	Alternative therapies for HPV clearance	Caroline Hedley
16:00	Update on SEPAC trial	Richard Gilson
16:15	Event Close	

Speakers

Marta Checchi	Speaker biography pending
Valentine Ferrie	Speaker biography pending
Helen Fifer	Dr Helen Fifer is a Consultant Medical Microbiologist at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). She has a particular focus on antimicrobial resistance in bacterial STIs, including <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> and <i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> , and provides specialist laboratory and epidemiological expertise for outbreak investigations and public health responses. She also leads the UKHSA Syphilis Task Force and advises the NHS Infectious Diseases in Pregnancy Screening Programme. She contributes to several BASHH STI management guidelines. Internationally, she has contributed to WHO and US CDC guideline development and serves as an Editor of the Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy.
Richard Gilson	Speaker biography pending
Matthew-Grundy Bowers	BASHH Education Committee Chair. Consultant Nurse/Visiting Professor (HIV/Integrated Sexual Health) Matthew has worked in HIV/Integrated Sexual Health since 1994 and in advanced practice roles since 1997. He became a consultant nurse (HIV/Sexual Health) at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust in 2005, Trust Lead for Advancing Practice in 2018. He was one of the first tranche of the National Institute for Health Research doctoral clinical fellows in 2010, his PhD research explored sexual risk-taking among HIV negative gay men. Matthew is Visiting Professor of HIV and Integrated Sexual Health at University of Greenwich, and is on the editorial board of the journal Sexually Transmitted Infections. He is the new chair of the Education Committee and Officer to the board of the British Association of Sexual Health & HIV. He is a former STI Foundation chair and executive member of the National HIV Nurses Association. In 2020, he was awarded the prestigious Fellowship of the RCN for his contribution to HIV/Sexual Health, advanced clinical practice, and interdisciplinary education.
Helen Fifer	Speaker biography pending
Caroline Hedley	Speaker biography pending

Sophie Nash	Speaker biography pending
Elizabeth Noble	Speaker biography pending
Elisha Peter	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.
John Saunders	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 several national guidelines. John's work bridges the gap between academia and practice, ensuring that scientific insights lead to measurable improvements in health outcomes.
Suneeta Soni	Dr. Suneeta Soni is a Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV in Brighton, and an Honorary Associate Professor at Brighton and Sussex Medical School. For BASHH, she is co-Chair of the Bacterial Special Interest Group and is a member of the Clinical Effectiveness Group. Her interests are antimicrobial and diagnostic stewardship and she has authored national guidelines including N. gonorrhoeae and M. genitalium.