

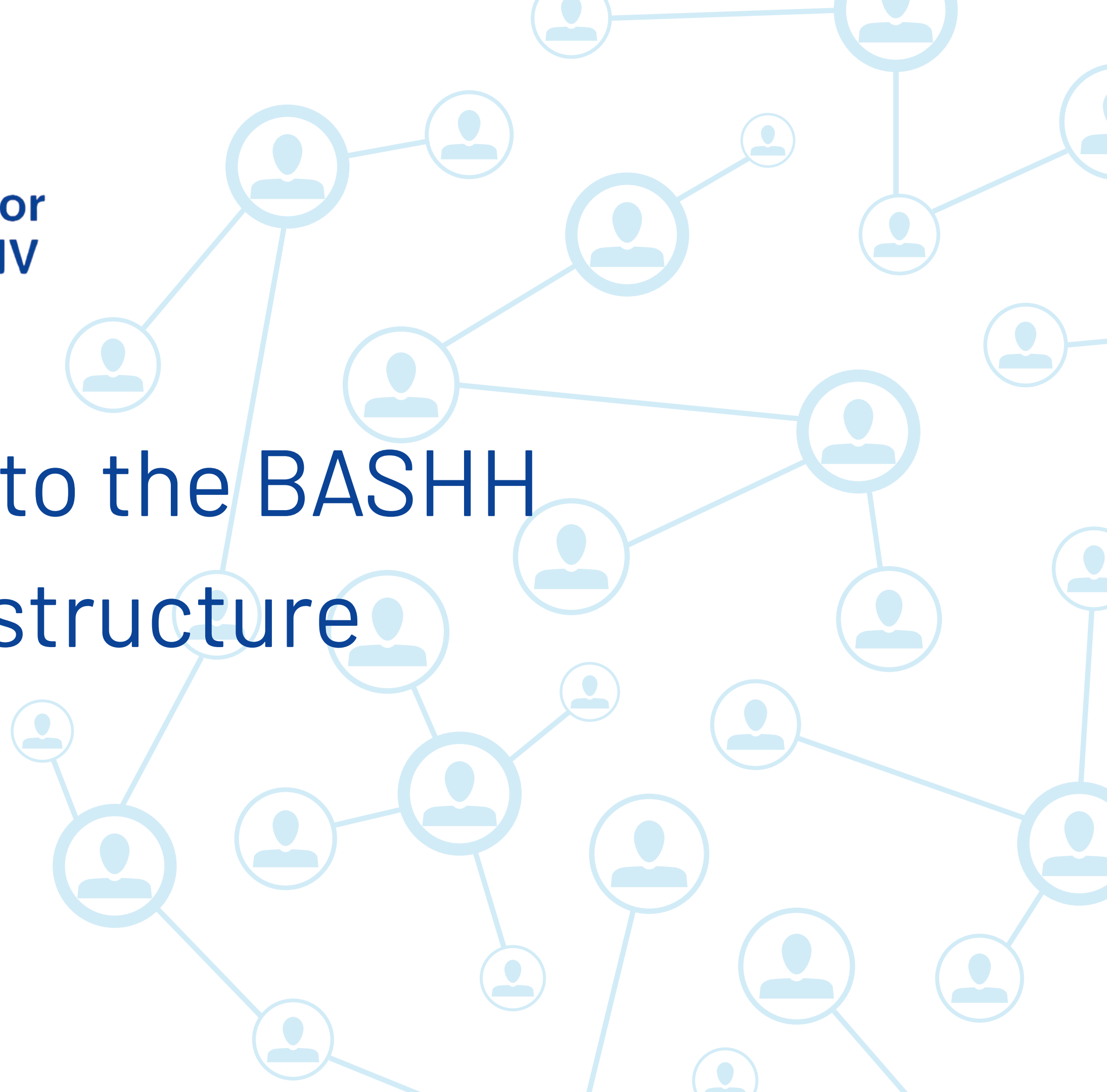
**BASHH**



**British Association for  
Sexual Health and HIV**

# Planned updates to the BASHH membership fee structure

June 2026



## Reasoning and principles underpinning proposed changes to the membership

1. Respond to member feedback on issues with current membership structure
2. Support and strengthen multi-disciplinary representation in the BASHH Fellow category
3. Increase the spread of fees to mean we can keep them lower for all in the long-term
4. Support parity of esteem through consistency of approach
5. Take a career progression approach that also translates to a member journey through BASHH

A new **five tier** structure for membership categories and fees

# Tier 1

| <b>Profession</b>                                     | <b>Eligibility</b>  | <b>Annual fee (no journal access included)</b> |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Student</b>  | Medical, nursing, and allied health students in full time undergraduate education and not working in a related role | <b>Free</b>                                    |
| <b>Honorary Life Fellow (includes journal access)</b> | Honorary Life Fellows   |  |

# Tier 2

| Profession                                       | Eligibility   | Annual Fee without journal access | Annual Fee with journal access |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Clinical Support Worker</b>                   | Healthcare assistants, assistant practitioners and nursing associates               | <b>£41</b>                        | <b>£98</b>                     |
| <b>Nurse</b>                                     | Band 5-6  |                                   |                                |
| <b>Health Adviser</b>                            | Band 5-6  |                                   |                                |
| <b>Pharmacist</b>                                | Band 6  |                                   |                                |
| <b>Doctor</b>                                    | Pre-specialty doctor, FY1/2, IMT 1-3, junior clinical fellows                       |                                   |                                |
| <b>Clinical, Health and Population Scientist</b> | Clinical, health and population scientists (unless otherwise eligible in tiers 3-5) |                                   |                                |
| <b>Community representative</b>                  | Representing a community or third sector organisation                               |                                   |                                |
| <b>Non-clinical</b>                              | Other non-clinical professional   |                                   |                                |
| <b>Retired</b>                                   | Retired   |                                   |                                |

# Tier 3

| <b>Profession</b>     | <b>Eligibility</b>   | <b>Annual Fee without journal access</b> | <b>Annual Fee with journal access</b> |
|-----------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Nurse</b>          | Band 7-8a  | <b>£98</b>                               | <b>£155</b>                           |
| <b>Health Adviser</b> | Band 7-8a  |  |                                       |
| <b>Pharmacist</b>     | Band 7-8a  |  |                                       |
| <b>Doctor</b>         | Doctor in training grade ST4+; senior clinical fellows; LAT; LAS                                   |  |                                       |
| <b>Affiliate</b>      | Consultant, Associate Specialist or Specialist Grade Doctor in another specialty (not GUM or CSRH) |  |                                       |

# Tier 4

| <b>Profession</b>     | <b>Eligibility</b>  | <b>Annual fee<br/>(Tier 4 includes journal access)</b> |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| <b>Nurse</b>          | Band 8b   | <b>£196</b>  |
| <b>Health Adviser</b> | Band 8b   |  |
| <b>Pharmacist</b>     | Band 8b   |  |
| <b>Doctor</b>         | Specialty doctor & equivalent grade; General Practitioner |  |

# Tier 5 (BASHH Fellow)

| Profession     | Eligibility   | Annual fee<br>(Tier 5 includes journal access) |
|----------------|---|--|
| Nurse          | Consultant Nurse, band 8c and above   | <b>£293</b>                                    |
| Health Adviser | Band 8c and above   |  |
| Pharmacist     | Pharmacist RCPHarm credentialed Consultant                                  |  |
| Doctor         | Consultant, Associate Specialist or Specialist Grade Doctor, in GUM or CSRH |  |

# Support in specific circumstances

|                                | Support offered                                     |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Parental leave</b>          | 50% discount on membership fees for up to 12 months |
| <b>Post-graduate education</b> | 50% discount on membership fees for up to 3 years   |

## Preparing for the change

We know that for some, this will change how much they need to pay and they will need to time to prepare.

**If you are currently a member of BASHH and you expect your membership fees to increase as a result of the changes, this will not take affect until August 2027.** You will be able to renew for this coming year (in August 2026) at your existing rate.

# Implementation timeline

1 Aug 2026

Annual renewal date

From this point, any new member will join based on the new tier structure and pay at their tier rate. Current members (joined pre-August 2026) can continue to pay at their current rate for 12 months

July 2026

EGM resolution to agree changes to BASHH Articles of Association

1 Aug 2027

Annual renewal date

Current members (joined pre August 2026) will now renew at their new tier rate so that all members are now on the new structure

**Throughout 2026/27, existing members (joined pre August 2026) will be prompted to identify their new tier or will be automatically placed where appropriate. Their fee will not change (even if they pay quarterly) until August 2027**



# Required changes to Articles of Association

To make these changes, we require changes to clause 6.4.1 of our Articles of Association. This can only happen by special resolution to be passed by members at an Extraordinary General Meeting (special resolution 1, **Thursday 9th July 2026, 5pm**).

## Current wording

*6.4.1 Fellow - open to all medical consultants, associate specialists, nurse consultants and nurses employed in positions graded at band 8 or above under Agenda for Change (or equivalent), and other persons who in the opinion of the Trustees have made and are continuing to make a significant contribution to the specialty.*

## New wording

*6.4.1 Fellow - open to all medical consultants, associate specialists, specialist grade doctors and nurse or pharmacist consultants ~~and nurses employed in positions graded at band 8 or above under Agenda for Change (or equivalent),~~ and other persons who in the opinion of the Trustees have made and are continuing to make a significant contribution to the specialty and would like to access Fellow member benefits (e.g. board roles that require Fellow membership).\**

\*This means that a senior specialty doctor, nurse or pharmacist (who are not consultants) could still apply to be a Fellow member to access fellow benefits. This is already the case but the addition makes it explicit.

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