



BASHH Scientific Meeting Friday 24th January 2025

Agenda

Session 1 – SHAN SIG – 1 - 2.30		
Chair – Belinda Loftus		
13.00	Welcome	Belinda Loftus
13.05	Shame and Sexual Health	Kerry Stott
13.25	Syphilis in Pregnancy Audit Results	Alan Haskell
13.45	BASHH Workforce Review Update	Lisa Walton
14.05	Service Provision	Victor Diamente
14.30	BREAK	
Session 1 – PRISON SIG 2.45 – 4.15		
Chair – Pank Sethi		
14.45	Addressing Stigma & health equity for people living with HIV in UK Prisons	Sophie Strachan & Pank Sethi
15.15	Opt out BBV testing in Scottish Prisons	Duncan McCormick & Max Wilkinson
15.45	Perinatal sexual health care in prison	Sum Yee Chan
16.15	Close	

Biographies

Kerry Scott

Kerry Stott is a mental health nurse who is currently researching toxic shame and emotional flashbacks for her Master's degree. Clinically, she has an active interest in trauma, complex trauma, and neurodiversity with a passion for collaborative working and patient centred care. This dedication to her work has resulted in her winning multiple awards for her nursing. Kerry is neurodiverse and has ADHD, dyslexia, and dyscalculia, she cites her neurodiversity as the driving power behind her being able to see and resolve problems differently from other clinicians. Kerry would like you to note that if you have got this far in her bio that she is also funny.

Lisa Walton

Lisa is a dedicated specialist nurse practitioner working at the Derby & Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Services. She has extensive clinical experience in GUM, contraception, and health advising and currently serves as the

secretary for the Sexual Health Adviser and Nurse Special Interest Group. She is currently undertaking a BASHH Fellowship mapping the roles of non-medical clinical staff in GUM/SRH clinics across the UK. Her experience includes positions on the BASHH Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse Special Interest Group, and as a Research Assistant within the E-Health Unit at the Centre for Primary Care and Public Health at UCL. She holds an MRes in Clinical Research from City University of London and previously led the Sexual Health Information and Protection Team of ANPs at Imperial College NHS Trust.

Alan Haskell

Sexual Health and HIV Nurse Practitioner & trainee ACP

A Nurse Practitioner at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital with 8 years' experience as a sexual health Nurse and 2 years' service as the nurse representative to the BASHH clinical governance committee .

Special interests include PREP and complex PREP where he has created educational material for NHVNA and local education programs for nurses and health care assistants.

Other special interest include Syphilis where he has created educational material to support local pathways. The current audit has been crucial in highlighting the local need for specialist clinics.

Victor Diamente

Victor Diamente is a Sexual Health Advisor at the John Hunter Clinic, where he provides support to transgender and cisgender sex workers from Brazil, as well as gay men seeking PrEP. Originally from Brazil, Victor is able to offer tailored support to patients from his home country. From 2018 to 2021, he helped manage the PrEP Impact Trial, which involved overseeing the study across 157 sexual health services in England. The trial aimed to assess the need for PrEP, its uptake and usage, and monitor HIV and STI rates. Participants were aged 16 and older and were HIV-negative at enrollment. Currently, Victor is pursuing studies at the Contemporary Institute of Clinical Psychology, with plans to specialize as a sex and relationship therapist, focusing on individuals struggling with substance use in the context of sexual activity, often referred to as chemsex."

Sophie Strachan

For over two decades, Sophie Strachan has dedicated her career to advancing sexual and reproductive health, with a particular focus on gender equity and the HIV response. As the CEO of the Sophia Forum, a UK-based peer-led HIV charity, Sophie leads initiatives aimed at improving the lives of women through policy advocacy, participatory research, and community-focused interventions.

In addition to her leadership role, Sophie serves as the Community Research Co-Investigator for the UK LA PrEP Preference Study (PrEP-position) in collaboration with the SHARE Collaborative. This groundbreaking work explores preferences around long-acting PrEP, contributing to the development of more inclusive and effective prevention strategies.

Sophie's commitment to sexual health extends to her role as a Sexual Health Advisor in London, where she continues to provide compassionate care and champion health equity. Her dedication to marginalized communities is exemplified by her longstanding work in prisons, which spans more than 20 years. Through peer support, research, and education, she has made a lasting impact on the lives of incarcerated individuals and the staff who support them.

With an unwavering focus on advocacy, research, and education, Sophie Strachan remains a pivotal voice in the global effort to address HIV, promote sexual health, and achieve gender equity.

Pank Sethi

Since his release from prison, Pank has become a powerful advocate for social change, earning recognition as a leading expert in education and advocacy for HIV and sexual health services within UK prisons. His lived experience fuels his passion and commitment, making him a transformative figure in the field.

Fully immersed in the sexual health sector, Pank oversees HIV and STI testing services for the London Health Prevention Program at Positive East and the GMI Partnership. As an HIV Ambassador for London Fast Track Cities and a Positive Voices Speaker, he actively promotes awareness and education, while contributing to the steering group for the HIV Confident Charter Mark, driving initiatives to reduce stigma and improve care standards.

Pank also serves as a trustee for the Shannon Trust and Revolving Doors, becoming the first trustee with lived experience of the criminal justice system. His unique perspective ensures that the voices of those both organizations aim to support remain central to their decisions and strategies.

Through his dedication to advocacy, education, and leadership, Pank continues to influence policy and practice, making a profound impact on the lives of marginalized communities and advancing the fight for equity and justice.

Max Wilkinson

Bio: "Dr Max Wilkinson is a research fellow at Glasgow Caledonian University with an honorary contract at PHS. He works on BBV testing data across a variety of settings including prisons, drug services and hospital admissions."

Duncan McCormick

Bio: Dr Duncan F McCormick is a Consultant in Public Health Medicine at Public Health Scotland. He leads on the elimination of bloodborne viruses with a focus on people in the justice system and affected by substance use.

Sum Yee Chan

Sum Yee Chan is a consultant in GUM and HIV at Central and North West London NHS Trust. She is a member of the BASHH prison SIG. She has been doing in reach sexual health clinics in a women's prison in Surrey since she became a substantive consultant. As a specialist registrar, she trained at St George's Hospital where she became interested in prison healthcare as she did sexual health clinics in HMP Wandsworth. She is a currently a member of the UKHSA Sexual health in places of prescribed detention working group