



BASHH Scientific Meeting Friday 10th October 2025

Agenda

Session 1 – HSV SIG – 1pm - 2.45pm – Dr Wai Lin Htun		
13.00	Introduction and welcome	Professor Matthew Grundy-Bowers
13.05 – 13.25	Disseminated HSV in pregnancy - a systematic review of cases	Dr Bethany Harrison - IMT-1 doctor at the Royal Liverpool Hospital
13.25 – 13.45	Sexual health clinic attendance in people diagnosed with first episode genital HSV-2 in the previous 12 months - should we suppress at diagnosis?	Dr Courtney Murray - Resident doctor, currently working as an F1 in Liverpool
13.45-14.05	12 months of questions on complex cases to the HSV SIG	Dr Emily Clarke - Consultant in GUM in Liverpool and Chair of the BASHH HSV SIG
14.05-14.25	Normalise herpes to prevent suicide	Marian Nicholson - Director Herpes Viruses Association & Shingles Support Society
14.25 -14.35	Questions to the panel	
14.35 – 14.45	BREAK	
Session 2 – Sustainable healthcare SIG – 2.45pm – 16.10pm Dr Mindy Clarke and Dr Rachel Drayton		
14.45 – 15.30	Climate of Health: Fixing Our Future.	Dr Jonny Groome - Consultant in Paediatric Anaesthesia at The Royal London Hospital, and Honorary Associate Professor of Sustainability at UCL.
15.30 – 15.40	Patient and staff wellbeing exemplar	Bridie Howe - Consultant in GUM and HIV and clinical lead for sexual health and HIV for NHS Highland.

15.40 – 15.50	Digital PrEP exemplar	Dr Jennifer Whetham - Dr Consultant in HIV & Sexual Health and Lead Consultant in HIV at University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, Brighton, Sussex.
15.50 – 16.00	Reusable tourniquet exemplar	Joanne Hammond Charge Nurse at HSHS
16.00 – 16.10	Q&A Session	Dr Mindy Clarke and Dr Rachel Drayton
16.10	Close	

Speaker Biographies

Dr Bethany Harrison

Dr Beth Harrison is an internal medicine year 1 doctor with experience as a clinical research fellow in genitourinary medicine and is currently working at the Royal Liverpool Hospital.

Dr Courtney Murray

Dr Courtney I am a newly qualified resident doctor, currently working as an F1 in Liverpool. I completed my student-selected component in sexual health at the Axess centre earlier in the year, having the opportunity to partake in research with the BASHH Herpes Special Interest Group. Sexual health is of great interest to me along with women's health, having published a previous study on the public perceptions of infertility during my time as a student as well.

Dr Emily Clarke

Dr Emily Clarke is a consultant in GUM in Liverpool and Chair of the BASHH HSV SIG. She is co-author of the BASHH and IUSTI Europe Herpes guidelines and lead author of the BASHH HSV in pregnancy guidelines.

Marian Nicholson

Marian Nicholson MBE runs the Herpes Viruses Association, an independent charity that provides patient-friendly, accurate information on herpes simplex. It runs a website, a helpline, Zoom chats twice a month, and offers many patient resources. She is a member of the BASHH SIG for herpes simplex.

Dr Jonny Groome

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Consultant in Paediatric Anaesthesia at The Royal London Hospital, and Honorary Associate Professor of Sustainability at UCL.

Subspecialising in paediatric anaesthesia Jonny is concerned about the future of the patients he serves, and the impact healthcare and other industries are having on our planet. 9 years ago, he set up The Greener Healthcare & Sustainability Project (GHASP), a national multidisciplinary group working to reduce the environmental impact of healthcare in the UK and beyond. Over time GHASP has grown to a be group of over one hundred dedicated volunteers from all over the world working out of four domains; education, improvement, advocacy, and consulting.

In 2021 GHASP were voted the [Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action Team of the Year](#) at the British Medical Journal (BMJ) Awards.

Jonny is the Associate Medical Lead for Sustainability at Nuffield Health, the UK's largest healthcare charity. He has extensive experience working alongside healthcare organisations, suppliers, professional bodies, and the building industry helping them towards a future of net zero emissions.

Jonny is the Climate Director of the Creative Climate Collaborative, an organisation working to empower communities into positive and ongoing climate action, through creativity.

Bridie Howe

Bridie Howe, Consultant in GUM and HIV and clinical lead for sexual health and HIV for NHS Highland. She has an interest in environmental issues relating to healthcare and is part of the BASHH/BHIVA SusSIG. She is an editor for the Oxford handbook of Sexual health, GUM and HIV, and section editor for the Oxford Clinical Guidelines.

Dr Jennifer Whetham

Dr Jennifer Whetham is Consultant in HIV & Sexual Health and Lead Consultant in HIV at University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, Brighton, Sussex.

Joanne Hammond

Joanne Hammond is a registered nurse and has worked in sexual health since 1997. She is currently a Charge Nurse at HSHS with an interest in sustainability and environmentally friendly practice.