Aim and Terms of Reference

Set up as a sub-group of ASIG July 2010

Aim:
The Sexual Violence (SV) group, recognizing that sexual violence is part of sexual health, will consider all aspects of female and male sexual violence, including sexual assault, domestic violence, sexual trafficking, all forms of sexual exploitation, sex work and female genital mutilation.

The group’s aims are
• To review services, training and standards within genitourinary medicine clinics, with reference to the associated aims, and in liaison with other agencies and institutions
• To promote and improve education and training of healthcare professionals in all areas related to sexual violence
• To raise the profile of sexual violence by carrying out research, submitting work for publication and organising training
• To raise public awareness and improve the care of patients alleging sexual violence.

Terms of Reference:
As a sub group of ASIG the SV group falls under the above terms of reference. In addition –
1. The group shall consist of 6 minimum and 12 maximum members with multidisciplinary representation, if possible.
2. The group will consist of a chair (tenure 3 years, renewable), secretary (tenure 3 years, renewable) and members (tenure 3 years, renewable annually)
3. The chair and secretary will be appointed by the group
4. The chair must preside at each meeting
5. Automatic resignation will ensue following non-attendance at three consecutive meetings, at the discretion of the chair.
6. Frequency of meetings – 3 per year (face to face or teleconference, if feasible)
7. Agendas, minutes and other papers will be prepared by the secretary for approval by the chair before distribution
8. Members are asked to put forward any request for an agenda item (2 weeks before the scheduled date of the meeting)
9. To review existing and new documents and health policies that impact SV, and make appropriate responses
10. To keep abreast of existing patterns and priorities of SV, research and training in UK and make recommendations
11. To raise the profile of SV by carrying out research, submitting work for publication to medical journals and organizing workshops
12. Encourage and improve education in SV through training and signposting to clinician and patient information leaflets and resources
13. Liaise with other health organisations and consider educational issues of mutual concern.