Dear BASHH Member

Here is the March 2013 E-Newsletter - there is plenty to digest and we hope you find it of interest. We will not be circulating a hard copy newsletter this time but all the latest information is in this e-version.

We are currently looking at ways of re-vamping the newsletter so please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions for this.

Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) - Friday 8 March 2013, Royal Society of Medicine, London

The Afternoon OGM is being organised by the Bacterial SIG and the Evening OGM is being organised by the HPA. An exciting and interesting programme has been planned for both sessions - please see the attached programmes. We hope that you will find this of interest and will be able to attend.

New support service provider for BASHH

The administration, membership and financial support services for BASHH are now provided by Kingston Smith Association Management.

This change took place on 1 February 2013 and we thank you for your patience during the transition period.

The new contact details for BASHH are:-

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68 Chestergate  
Macclesfield  
Cheshire SK11 6DY

Tel: 01625 664523  
Email: admin@bashh.org

If you have any general BASHH queries please contact Lynne Fletcher, for any membership related queries please contact Michelle Truscott, and for any accounting queries please contact Gabriella Sepp. All can be contacted at the above postal and email address.

New Years Honours List

Congratulations to Dr Richard Pattman, who was awarded the MBE in the 2013 New Year’s Honours list for services to Genitourinary Medicine in the North East.

This is a great honour and we are delighted that Dr Pattman and the specialty has been recognised in this way.
Cathy Harman 2013

As a tribute to Cathy Harman’s dedication to improving sexual health care, BASHH introduced a prize in her memory. This is a team award for innovation and service modernisation awarded to a multidisciplinary team. Further information about Cathy and the award are available on the BASHH website and in the attached document. To access the page on the BASHH website, please use the link below:-

http://www.bashh.org/education_training_and_careers/bashh_prizes_and_awards/cathy_harman_memorial_fund

Applications for this award will close on 15th March 2013 @ 12 midday. Late applications are not accepted.

Colin Roberts, Chair of Judging Panel

Expanding HIV testing - The carrot and the stick

New guidance has just been published on Indicator Condition driven HIV testing, which you may find useful when encouraging colleagues in other specialties to offer HIV testing. It outlines the rationale behind this strategy, including evidence of the prevalence rates for some indicator conditions. Further research is currently ongoing in the UK and Europe (HIDES II study). The document is attached and can also be accessed via Guidance document: HIV Indicator Conditions: Guidance for Implementing HIV Testing in Adults in Health Care Settings.

And if a stick is needed you might like to direct their attention to the Medical Protection Society opinion piece on “Failure to test for HIV infection: A medico legal question?” Please see the article (http://www.medicalprotection.org/uk/casebook-january-2013/opinion-failure-to-test-for-hiv-a-medicolegal-question) on failure to test for HIV published in January’s edition of the Medical Protection Society Casebook by Drs A Sullivan and M Rayment. Both BASHH and BHIVA are cited.

Dr Ann Sullivan

HIV prevention news: England

This is a new monthly e-mail bulletin, published by NAM as part of the DH funded national HIV prevention programme. It offers a concise update of the most important developments in the field, including the latest epidemiological data, behavioural insights, research on new prevention technologies, evaluations of interventions, guidance and policy developments. As well as research from the UK, the bulletin covers international studies that are relevant for people working on HIV prevention for gay men, other men who have sex with men and African communities in England.

The bulletin is free and you can sign up at www.aidsmap.com/hpe

Brook/FPA Unprotected Nation report

Brook and FPA have commissioned a report looking at the potential impact of any cuts to sexual health services which suggests restricted access to contraception and other sexual health services could lead to a significant increase in the number of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), the consequences of which could cost the UK £136.7 billion by 2020. The report is attached and is also available on: http://www.wecantgobackwards.org.uk/news/57/Unprotected-Nation-report-cuts-cost-UK-%c2%a31367bn
SXT - free marketing & powerful sign-posting of sexual health services

SXT has been developed to help you to market your clinic and support sexual health patients to find the right service in the right place at the right time (www.sxt.org.uk). If you type http://bit.ly/Zl2YBe into your browser you will see why you should get involved and how SXT will complement your current web site and marketing literature. Signing up is both free and quick.

If your Trust is using Internet Explorer 7 or older then you will need to accept the Google Chrome plug-in solution for SXT to work or just use a non-NHS computer with any modern browser. The plug-in does not require the Trust IT Departments' permission to be installed. If you have any questions please contact Anatole Menon-Johansson at anatole@sxt.org.uk.

Dr Anatole Menon-Johansson

Young Persons' Leads in GUM/HIV clinics

In view of the profile being given to Child Sexual Exploitation and the need for GUM services to have an active role in raising awareness and participating in the recommendations of the recent Local Government and Barnardo's report we would like to have the names and e-mail addresses of the Young Persons'/Adolescent Lead for young people from all clinics across the UK. For devolved nations it's useful for surveying practice if we need to know whom to contact.

If there is a different Young Persons'/Adolescent Lead for HIV please also provide that person's name and contact details.

The information will be kept as a spreadsheet and part of the CGC data to be used for BASHH purposes for communication. Please can each clinic nominate someone to respond to this giving the name of the clinic, BASHH region where the clinic is sited and the relevant people’s details and send the information to admin@bashh.org and copy to Alan Tang as secretary of the CGC. If you lead for more than one clinic please make this clear on your e-mail. Thanks.

Dr Angela Robinson
Chair of Adolescent SIG

Full of innovative ideas about how IT will change how we practice medicine? Passionate about GUMCAD? Curious about SRHAD?

We are looking for new clinicians to join the Integrated Sexual Health Information Group. We meet 3-4 times a year in London and have worked on coding issues, tariffs, sexual history taking and behavioural surveillance amongst other areas. We have recently joined up with the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health to create a single group.

If you can commit to attend (or join remotely) several times a year, as well as working outside the group between meetings we would like to hear from you. To learn more please contact Danielle Mercey (acting chair for BASHH) at d.mercey@ucl.ac.uk

Dr Danielle Mercey
Acting Chair of Information Group
Public panel of BASHH - New Lay Members needed

The public and patient engagement panel is looking for new lay members. Patients and members of the public with an interest in sexual health are welcome to our group, which reviews all BASHH patient level information and clinical guidelines. Young people wishing to expand their volunteering portfolio are particularly encouraged to apply - we provide evidence of participation, expenses and a small honorarium. A recruiting flyer for clinics is attached. Anyone interested should contact Dr Jan Clarke at jan.clarke@leedsth.nhs.uk

Dr Jan Clarke
Chair of Public Panel

BASHH National Audit Group (NAG) Trainee Survey

The BASHH National Audit Group (NAG) identifies, implements and disseminates national audits in GU Medicine on behalf of the organisation. The group is keen to understand how it could best support the needs of doctors-in-training in all specialties affiliated to BASHH. To do this, we would be very grateful if you would spend three or four minutes answering this brief questionnaire.

If you have any further comments, not covered by the questionnaire, please feel free to email Michael Rayment, Trainee Rep on the BASHH NAG at michaelrayment@nhs.net. Thanks for your time.

Please click on the link to commence the survey: http://bit.ly/Y3lacz

If the tiny URL does not work, the alternative link is: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HR7kVyXKUopdjD5nmY9S6Xx6hH1KAwXCzVlxZPl7BX8/viewform?sid=616f4408ee2c5105&token=txOd6DwBAAA.SOkPN611zKyR6Rk4DKvH_q.cds-CUJyVO3TV4JUt_fVUQ

Dr Michael Rayment
Trainee Rep, BASHH National Audit Group

The Public Health SIG

The Public Health SIG is developing a short course in Public Health for senior practitioners (Consultant level or equivalent and non-medical). We would be grateful if you could access a brief survey on the link below, to inform us as to what format and timing the course should take, and how many people would be interested in attending.

Please click on the link to commence the survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WTNQLNG
Call for Proposals / Fellowships

European Commission

We would like to draw your attention to the following from the European Commission in case you are not already aware.

Please see attached a link for the EU Health Programme - Call for Proposals which is on the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers’ website http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/news/news193.html. Of particular interest may be Call 1 "Improve access to early diagnosis of HIV/AIDS and timely treatment and care of most vulnerable groups and in priority regions.

The Call for Proposals invites applications for funding for projects, operations, joint actions and conferences, which is based on the workplan for 2013 published on 8 December 2012 - http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/documents/health/calls/2013/HP_work_plan_for_2013.pdf

BASHH/HPA Honorary Joint Training Fellowships

Applications are now being sought for BASHH/HPA Joint Training Fellowships for physicians in higher specialist training in genitourinary medicine.

Details of the background, how the Fellowships will work and how to apply are detailed in the attached documents.

Applications should be submitted to BASHH at admin@bashh.org and should also be copied to Professor Cathy Ison (catherine.ison@hpa.org.uk; catherine.ison@phe.gov.uk - from 1 April 2013)

Applications should be received by 22 April 2013. Successful candidates will be informed by 1 June 2013 with a view to starting in the summer/early autumn of 2013.

Gilead UK and Ireland Fellowship Programme 2013

The aim of the Gilead UK and Ireland Fellowship Programme is to award financial grants (or support and contribution to joint working initiatives between the NHS and Gilead or the NHS, Gilead and the third sector) to generate and promote best practice in the delivery of patient-centred care through innovative and reproducible models in defined disease areas. In addition to the traditional Fellowship areas - HIV, invasive fungal disease (IFD) and cystic fibrosis (CF) - from 2013, the new viral hepatitis topic encourages applications for both hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) projects.

All grant or support requests will be assessed against clear criteria and, as in 2012, we expect this will be a highly competitive process. Applications (online only) will be accepted until midday on 25 March 2013 and we anticipate awards being made by the end of May 2013. Each project’s funding will be awarded in instalments which are contingent on demonstration of satisfactory progress and successful completion by spring 2015 at the latest.

Gilead is committed to supporting local initiatives which ultimately improve patient care and we look forward to receiving completed applications. For more information on the Gilead UK and Ireland Fellowship Programme, details of how to apply and the assessment criteria, please visit the Gilead UK and Ireland Fellowship Programme website www.ukifellowshipprogramme.com or contact admin@ukifellowshipprogramme.com.

Gilead UK and Ireland Fellowship Programme Administrator
Forthcoming Meetings

BASHH Microscopy - 18 May 2013
Please contact Cathy Taylor at Palm Training for further information on this course - palmtraining@tesco.net
http://www.bashh.org/events/491_bsig-microscopy-courses

BASHH Spring Meeting - 15-17 May 2013, Bristol
Please see the BASHH website for further details.

BASHH Sexual Violence Training Day - Friday 21 June 2013, RSM, London
Run by the Sexual Violence ASIG group to raise awareness and update management about victims of sexual violence and exploitation.
There is limited capacity so please book early to avoid disappointment. Cost £100. To register please email: sue@suebird.biz
Please see the attached flyer and timetable for further information.

STI & AIDS World Congress - 14-17 July 2013, Vienna
This is a joint meeting of the 20th Meeting of the International Society for Sexually Transmitted Diseases Research (ISSTDR), and the 14th World Congress of the International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI). Further information is available via http://stivienna2013.com/

ABC of Sexual Dysfunction - Thursday 17 October 2013, RSM, London
This educational meeting aims to provide an introduction to the latest information on common sexual problems relevant to doctors, nurses, health advisers and psychologists working in GU Medicine and other sexual health services. Please see the attached flyer for details.

European Society for Infectious Diseases in Obs & Gynae meeting London - 24-27 Oct 2013
The 8th European ESIDOG conference will be held in London on 24-27 October 2013 at The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, Regent’s Park, London, NW1 4RG, UK. Please see the attached ESIDOG prospectus for further information and contact details.

HIV Resistance Workshops 2013
The dates for the 2013 HIV and Hepatitis Resistance and Pharmacology Workshops have now been released and further information is available from Cathy Taylor on palmtraining@tesco.net