Patient Confidentiality Posters
BASHH have produced three new posters for sexual health clinics to promote the importance of patient confidentiality.

These have been produced following the Department of Health’s recent update and strengthening of the laws on confidentiality, after the passing of the Health and Social Care Act. As you may be aware, at the time of the update BASHH surveyed over 4000 patients to find out their views: Over 90% of patients said that confidentiality was a key reason that they attend sexual health clinics.

Given that some patients may be wondering what has happened following the review, and to promote the message that confidentiality remains a fundamental aspect of sexual health services, we have produced these posters for you to display.

The posters will be circulated electronically with this Newsletter as PDFs for you to print and put up in your service. Alternatively, we have also attached amendable PowerPoint versions to which you can add your logo or other text as desired.

The posters are designed to be used in conjunction with a patient confidentiality leaflet, a template of which can be found at Annex 1 of the new 2013 BASHH guidelines on Sexual History Taking - see: http://www.bashh.org/documents/Sexual%20History%20Guidelines%202013%20final.pdf

If you have any questions regarding these posters, please do not hesitate to contact simon.whalley@munroforster.com

ACCEA National Round 2013
The ACCEA national round for 2013 is now open. Please note the closing date is 5.00pm Friday, 27 September 2013.

Of those who applied for BASHH support, if you have decided not to submit an application, please let Dr Simon Barton and Dr Angela Robinson know asap at: Angela.Robinson11@nhs.net and simon.barton@chelwest.nhs.uk
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NAT HIV and Injecting Drug Use Report

The report provides a detailed account of the emerging trends in injecting behaviour and new health risks. It gives recommendations for how to respond to these newer injecting behaviours, in particular injecting of newer drugs by gay men, as well as continuing health problems amongst people who inject drugs.

Of key importance is improving the range and quality of services for people who inject drugs in relation to HIV risk, including the continuing provision of harm reduction programmes such as Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) and Needle and Syringe Programmes (NSPs).

The report can be accessed via the following link:
HIV and Injecting Drug Use

BASHH/BHIVA national audit of HIV partner notification

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent HIV PN audit.

The data are currently being analysed and we plan to have the initial findings available in October, with clinic level reports being available subsequently.

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Over 80 local authorities have signed up to participate and the first 3Cs & HIV training events began in July.

For more information visit the National Chlamydia Screening Programme website:
http://www.chlamydiascreening.nhs.uk/

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The matrix includes national and UK-wide networks and provides an overview of some of Scotland’s regional groups. It also includes HIV associations such as SHIVAG, BHIVA and EAGA. A basic description is given for each of the networks, and contact details can be found below.


If you would like printed copies and have not already placed an order, please complete the order form by following this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MatrixOrderForm

The matrix will be reviewed periodically. If you have any networks you would like us to consider, or if your network details change, please contact Sarah Freeman by email on sarah.freeman@hivscotland.com or by telephoning 0131 558 3713.

BASHH News

BASHH Guidelines

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Newly updated STIF Core and STIF Plus programme

The STIF Core and STIF Plus programmes have been updated following feedback from last year’s STIF Course directors.

More information is provided on the STIF Course Providers tab to be found under the STIF menu on the BASHH website:

http://www.bashh.org/BASHH/STIF/STIF_Foundation/For_STIF_Course_Providers/BASHH/STIF/STIF_Course_Providers

Public and Patient Engagement Panel of BASHH

New 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.

If you are interested you should see the attached flyer and/or contact Dr Jan Clarke at jan.clarke@leedsth.nhs.uk

Sex, Drugs and MSM

A one day educational event coordinated by the BASHH MSM Special Interest Group

Date: 1st November 2013
Time: 9.30 - 17.00
Venue: Aston Business School Conference Centre (suites 2 and 3)
Registration: Community representatives £25
Healthcare workers £50
Consultants £75
Programme: Please see BASHH website or attached flier for full programme
Link for registration, accommodation and venue details: http://www.bashh.org/Core/Events/eventdetails.aspx?iKey=MSM01&TemplateType=A

JN1 journal

JN1 (the Journal of n=1) is a web-based journal dedicated to STI, HIV and hepatitis-related case reports. All cases are peer-reviewed by an international editorial board and after relaunch we will apply for an impact factor.

The relaunch will be at the EACS conference later this year so if you have any interesting cases that you would like to share then please check the website at http://jn1.info/journal/.

Please note (unlike some journal-based case reports) there are NO COSTS involved!
Laura Waters, Editor-in-Chief (laura@jn1.info or lwaters@nhs.net)

CALL FOR INTERESTING CLINICAL CASES!

The BASH HIV Focus meeting is on Friday 13th September 2013 at the RSM in London.
If anyone (particularly trainees) is interested in submitting a clinical case for presentation and discussion please email Laura Waters at lwaters@nhs.net Deadline Friday 23rd August.

ESIDOG (European Society for Infectious Diseases in Gynaecology) Conference

at the RCOG, London, 25-27 October 2013

Following my efforts at this year’s BASHH Spring Meeting in Bristol, I have taken on local organization of this clinically-oriented conference which features some of the world’s leading experts on STIs in women, such as Jorma Paavonen on PID & HPV, Jack Sobel on Candidiasis, and Steven Witkin on STI Immunology.

I would particularly urge you to interest your junior staff in attending and/or submitting abstracts, as the attendance fees are relatively low (150 Euros for trainees), and we are happy to accept work (oral or poster) previously presented elsewhere - as long as it has not yet been published: This is because relatively few gynaecologists go to STI conferences, and there is very little cross-over of STI research into mainstream gynaecology conferences.

Please see the attached flyer for more information, or check out: http://www.esidog-conference.org/ or contact me at: peter.greenhouse@nhs.net
DIARY DATES

SAS Conference - 6-7 September 2013 - University of Warwick (Coventry)
For further details on this event, please go to the BASHH website

HIV Prevention Stakeholder Event - 11th September 2013

Microscopy Course for STIs - Saturday 5th October 2013, Imperial College London
See BASHH website for further details

BASHH OGM - 11 October 2013, RSM, London
“Young people and Sexual Health Risks”

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 BASHH website for further details.

European Society for Infectious Diseases in Obstetrics & Gynaecology (ESIDOG) 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, http://www.esidog.com

BASHH Genital Dermatology Course 2013 - 26 October 2013
Being a popular course, those interested in attending are requested to apply as soon as the flyer is downloaded on the BASHH website - so please look out for this.

Sex, drugs and MSM - 1 November 2013
Aston Business School Conference Centre, Birmingham. Please see the BASHH website for the full programme.

Diploma in GU Medicine, OSCE Revision Course - Saturday 9 November 2013
Sexual Health Department, Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton
This course is aimed to help prepare candidates for the OSCE part of the DipGUM examination. This day course includes mock OSCE stations and a tutorial.

Workshop 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

BASHH OGM - 10 January 2014, RSM, London

STIF Competency Train the Trainer Workshop
Friday 14 March 2014, Royal Society of Medicine - Registration at 08.30, the event starts at 09.15 and finishes at 12.30 (pre BASHH OGM). To register interest at this stage, please email Sue Bird, STIF@suebird.biz

13th Congress of the European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health

BASHH Newsletter Copy Deadlines 2013
Please submit items for inclusion in the BASHH Newsletter by the following dates:

25 September & 27 November 2013