BASHH OGM 10 January 2014
Royal Society of Medicine, London

Morning session:
Launch of the updated Standards for the management of sexually transmitted infections
10.00 - 10.30
Registration & Refreshments
10.30 - 11.00
Welcome and Introduction of why update needed
Dr Janet Wilson, President, BASHH

Process of update and stakeholder involvement
Ms Ruth Lowbury, CEO, MEDFASH

Brief overview of the updated Standards and Quality Measures
Dr Immy Ahmed, Chair CSU

How the standards can help sexual health commissioners
Liz Rodrigo, Commissioner, Leicester

11.00 - 12.00
"How can we ensure that sexual health services comply with the standards?"

Panel: Dr Simon Barton, London (Chair); Dr Janet Wilson, BASHH President; Dr Immy Ahmed, BASHH CSU; Ms Ruth Lowbury, MEDFASH; Liz Rodrigo, Commissioner, Leicester; Dr Sarah Edwards, GUM consultant, Suffolk; Professor Jane Anderson, PHE; Dr Kate Horn, Virgincare; Mr Simon Blake, Brook; Ms Jackie Routledge, Sexual Health & HIV Commissioners Group

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

Programme arranged by BASHH

Updated Standards for the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections
The updated Standards document will be available for download from the BASHH website after its launch on 10 January 2014.

It has been extensively revised and updated in an easy reference format and with updated references. Hard copies will not be available for wide circulation.

For queries please contact Dr Alan Tang, Secretary Clinical Standards Unit on alan.tang@royalberkshire.nhs.uk.

BASHH Elections 2014
An update on the BASHH elections has been sent to all members. The summary and detailed explanation documents are also available on the BASHH website http://www.bashh.org/

If you have any questions that you would like to ask please come to the Question and Answer session on 10 January 2014.

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BASHH OGM 10 January 2014 (continued)

BASHH OGM programme

Afternoon Session
Chair: Dr Mark Nelson, Chelsea & Westminster, London

13.00 - 14.30 HIV cases - from everyday to complex

14.30 - 15.00 Coffee

15.00 - 16.00 Commissioning forum: Dr Simon Barton, Dr Karen Rogstad & Jess Peck

Panel Question & Answer session

16.00 - 16.30 Inaugural lecture
Professor Sheena McCormack, MRC clinical trials unit

OGM Evening Session

17.00 - 18.00 Presentation of BASHH Outstanding Achievement Award to Dr Immy Ahmed

Followed by Question & Answer session about the BASHH elections 2014
Dr Janet Wilson & Officers

18.00 - 19.00 NATSAL data presentation
Dr Cath Mercer, UCL

19.00 CLOSE
Letter from the Presidents of FSRH and RCOG

Dame Sally Davies, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of England, has recently published a letter about the current issues around the provision of termination of pregnancy services. She makes it clear that the pre-signing or counter-signing of HSA1 forms is unacceptable and that doctors need to have taken positive steps to obtain information specific to the woman seeking a termination as part of reaching their decision.

The FSRH and RCOG are aware that some people are still embroiled in the GMC investigations on pre-signing and that there is continued uncertainty over practice which is a source of considerable anxiety and strain. The FSRH and RCOG are working to ensure that members involved in these cases receive good support and have set up an online advice centre which will address concerns wherever possible. Any bona fide healthcare professional providing this service, be they a doctor or a nurse, working in the NHS or in the independent sector, with concerns about the CMO’s letter and the implications of the revised guidance are invited to email us. You do not need to be a member of the RCOG or FSRH to access this service. The email address is TOP2013@rcog.org.uk.

Funding opportunities with the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme

The HTA Programme is interested in receiving outline applications to their researcher-led workstream, to advance existing knowledge on the clinical and cost-effectiveness of particular therapeutic interventions in the homeless population. For more information, please visit the HTA researcher-led call webpage.

The HTA Programme is also looking for research questions for its commissioned workstream. For further information please see the HTA website.

For those interested in the above topic, the Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme are seeking applications to their commissioned workstream to assess the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of integrated homeless health and care services. For more information, please visit the HS&DR commissioned call webpage.

Commissioned call for proposals

Applicants are invited to submit proposals on the following commissioning briefs:

Evidence synthesis

13/150 - Self-sampling for sexually transmitted infections in men who have sex with men

Closing dates, application forms and associated documents for all commissioned calls are available on the HTA commissioned call webpage.

HIV, sexual and reproductive health current issues bulletin

Bulletin 1 (Nov): Payment for patients living outside your local authority

Bulletin 2 (Dec): Commissioning sexual health services from primary care

This bulletin has been developed by Public Health England and the Department of Health with input and support from the Local Government Association, the Association of Directors of Public Health and the English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners Group. It is relevant to those commissioning sexual health services in local authorities, and to providers of services. There will be monthly bulletins addressing ‘live issues’ so keep checking the website regularly. Visit the HTA website

Proud is a UK wide study of PrEP (truvada) currently being undertaken at 13 GU clinics throughout the UK and is aiming to enrol 500 patients in the pilot phase. PrEP is part of a comprehensive risk reduction package. There are many patients who may potentially benefit from this, but may not be attending one of the study sites (see list below). If you have suitable patients please refer them. This is a really important study which will provide the evidence to inform future strategy on this intervention; importantly we already know it works, in this study we are examining feasibility and acceptability in the UK context. If you have any questions please contact ann.sullivan@chelwest.nhs.uk

Study sites: London - Barts/Royal London, St Thomas’s, St Mary’s, Dean St (C+W), John Hunter Clinic (C+W), Homerton, Kings and Mortimer Market, York - Monkgate, Sheffield - Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Brighton, Manchester Royal Infirmary and Birmingham Heartlands.

BASHH consultation for changes to GUM CAD and SRHAD

PHE in consultation with the BASHH/Faculty Combined Information Group would like to introduce some minor improvements to the GUMCADv2 and SRHAD. They include changes to allow mapping to LA rather than PCT as well as adding the codes developed by the Integrated Tariff Group. A summary can be viewed via http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1317140507115.

Please email gumcad@phe.gov.uk with your views. We would like to hear from you whether you are in favour of the changes or have any issues. Please respond by 31 January 2014.
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/1HR7kVvXKUopdlD5nmY9S6Xx6hH1KAwXCzVlxZPt7BX8/viewform

Sid=616f4408ee2c5105&token=txOd6DwBAAA.SOkPN611zKyR6Rk4DKvH_g cds-CUJyVO3TV4JUt_fVUQ

Dr Michael Rayment, Trainee Representative, BASHH National Audit Group

Survey of GUM clinics regarding Nurses undertaking Bimanual Pelvic Examination (BPE)

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BASHHSTIF-survey-BPE

The STIF team would be grateful for all clinical service leads to complete a brief survey by clicking on the above link, or to forward the link to their lead nurse for completion.

We are trying to establish how many centres train their nurses to undertake bi-manual pelvic examination and for what clinical purposes. STIF also wishes to find out if a more detailed national standardised training package for BPE (to complement STIF Competency training) would be of value. The results of the survey will be made known to members in due course.

VACANCIES TO FILL

BASHH Education Committee Junior Doctors representative required

The BASHH Education Committee is now looking for a motivated volunteer to be the junior doctors representative on the committee. The selected person will represent junior doctors and feedback any relevant education issues to the committee. They will also co-organise the yearly Doctors-in-training weekend meeting.

They are required to attend the committee meeting (3 times a year, on OGM days). The co-opted representative will have active input into BASHH educational policy at a national level and will gain important management skills which will serve them well when applying for consultant positions.

Any interested Specialty Registrar should send a short CV with a paragraph (no more than 3 sides of A4 in total) to explain why they want to be considered for the job and what they will contribute to the committee.

Applications should be sent to the BASHH Education Committee Secretary Dr Martyn Wood martyn.wood@nhs.net. For further information on the post please contact: Dr Martyn Wood Tel: 01270 612255 or Dr Emily Lord emilylord81@gmail.com (BASHH Board Junior doctors representative).

Deadline for submission will be on Friday 03/01/2014.

ASIG

The Adolescent specialist interest group is looking to recruit new members. The group is made up of clinicians with an interest in issues to do with young people and in developing young people’s services.

Specialty trainees, consultants, specialty doctors, nurses and health advisors are all invited to apply. Please apply via an email to Dr Rita Browne at ritabrowne@nhs.net.

The closing date is Friday 24th January 2014.

STIF Foundation Steering Committee

The current member of the Committee representing doctors training in sexual health, is stepping down and the Committee is looking for a replacement who is familiar with the STIF Core and Plus courses, and maybe has participated initially as a delegate and later as a faculty member. The Committee meets twice a year in central London, currently on a Wednesday.

If you are interested in joining the Committee, please email STIF@suebird.biz in the first instance.
Comment on the CSEGG Report

‘If only someone had listened’ the final report of the 2 year inquiry led by Sue Berelowitz the Deputy Children’s Commissioner for England was published in Nov 2013. It highlights the extent of sexual violence among young people especially in a gang or group victims of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and services to engage with young people. It emphasises a list of risk indicators for CSE and details the new ‘See me, Hear me’ evidence based framework for protecting children and young people from CSE.

The framework emphasis that young people should be seen, heard and supported, the need for a joined up approach and to develop nationally and locally agreed information sharing protocols between all agencies which look after young people. It is a must read for all clinicians working in sexual health services.

Dr Rita Browne, Secretary ASIG

http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/publications/content_743

Recognition and telling - a report on a project from the Children's Commissioner

Please go to http://www.bashh.org/documents/members/ It Takes a lot to build trust . Recognition and Telling EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.PDF and http://www.bashh.org/documents/members/ It takes a lot to build trust . Recognition and Telling, developing earlier routes to help for chi.PDF to find a report we published in October 2013 on young people’s perspectives concerning routes to getting help when they are in need of protection and support.

Jenny Clifton, Principal Policy Adviser (Safeguarding) Office of the Children's Commissioner

My Care My Voice: Everything people living with HIV need to know about health and care services

NAT has launched a new resource to help empower people living with HIV to get the most from their health and social care services. My Care My Voice http://mycaremyvoice.org.uk/ can be found on NAT’s website www.lifewithhiv.org.uk - just click on the logo on the top right-hand corner.

My Care My Voice http://mycaremyvoice.org.uk/ explains the new NHS arrangements and sets out the rights and entitlements people living with HIV have when using NHS and social care services.

The resource draws extensively on the BHIVA Standards of Care as well as relevant clinical guidance and presents this information in an accessible format, to help patients become true partners in their care. It also gives tips on how people living with HIV can shape their services and influence decision-making in their local area.

NAT hopes that My Care My Voice http://mycaremyvoice.org.uk/ will be a useful resource for both individuals living with HIV and the care teams who support them and NAT would welcome feedback on the resource, please email: info@nat.org.uk

Sarah Radcliffe Policy & Campaigns Manager NAT (National AIDS Trust)

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 please contact Dr Jan Clarke at jan.clarke@leedsth.nhs.uk

Partnership working with NAZ for Latin/Hispanic communities

London sexual health and HIV services have seen large increases in patients from Southern Europe and Latin America over recent years.

Chelsea & Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is collaborating with NAZ Project London to conduct a mapping exercise of clinicians within London, who specifically cater for this population of patients by offering sexual health services with Spanish or Portuguese speaking clinicians.

If you are a London based clinician who currently conducts sexual health, reproductive health or HIV consultations in Spanish, Portuguese or both languages, and would be happy to share your details with us, please send Charlotte.Cohen@chelwest.nhs.uk the following information.

- Are you a Doctor/Nurse
- Name of Clinician
- Type of service offered
- GUM/HIV/Reproductive health
- Language spoken
- Spanish/Portuguese/Both
- Place of Work & Borough
- Contact email
**STIF Intermediate Competency has been updated!**

STIF Intermediate Competency has recently been updated taking into account the feedback we have received from the trainees and trainers who have completed this module. The updated programme will be available for use from 6th January 2014.

There are two main substantive changes:

- Introduction of a new competency - ‘To correctly carry out assessment of need for Post Exposure Prophylaxis following Sexual Exposure (PEPSE) to prevent HIV acquisition and refer / manage appropriately’
- Requirement to do some additional e-Learning for Healthcare modules

In addition the user guides have been reworded in places to provide greater clarity and signposting to academic credits. There is also a list of learning objectives from the STIF Core and Plus days to allow comparison with other courses which trainees might want to use as the theory pre-requisite.

Anyone who is already registered for STIF Intermediate Competency should continue to use the old documents. Anyone registering after 6 January 2014 will be expected to complete the updated module and will be given a username and password which will give them access to the new documents only. Trainers who have trainees in both cohorts will be given access to both sets of documents.

**Reduction in STIF Intermediate Competency fees for bulk registrations**

Any unit registering 5 or more trainees will receive a 10% discount on the fee for each trainee (ie £180 plus VAT instead of £200 plus VAT). Please contact Sue Bird (stif@suebird.biz) for more details.

**STIF Intermediate Competency Academic Accreditation**

Sexual Health nurses can now apply to complete STIF Intermediate Competency Assessment with academic accreditation from the University of Greenwich for 15 credits at Level 6 or 7. It is possible to undertake the STIF Intermediate Competency training and the academic element at the same time. Please read the Student Guide which can be downloaded from the BASHH web site CLICK HERE. Contact Sue Bird Stif@suebird.biz

**Change to Specifications for STIF Level 1 Competency assessment leads**

Senior band 7 nurses in Sexual Health can now register to run STIF Level 1 Competency assessments with the support of a local GUM consultant to act as mentor and provide a co-signature for certificates. This is to acknowledge that the main audience for this assessment will be nursing staff or non-medical healthcare staff delivering Level 1 sexual health services. It will also allow more flexibility for setting up an assessment locally. Please see the BASHH website for further details CLICK HERE.

To register as a STIF Competency Assessor or to register a STIF Level 1 Competency assessment please contact Sue Bird STIF@suebird.biz

**STIF Level 2 Competency pilot**

The STIF Level 2 pilot is now closed. A preliminary evaluation will be carried out in the next 2 months. The module will then be available for use via the BASHH website with a registration fee of £200 plus VAT. Please contact Sue Bird (stif@suebird.biz) to register interest.

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**STIF Competency Train the Trainer Workshop: 14 March 2014**

This workshop is recommended for GUM medical and nurse consultants, SAS doctors and clinical nurse specialists involved in training and assessing doctors and nurses within their own departments.

The sessions provide practical information and guidance about using the training tools and running STIF Level 1 Competency assessments and STIF Intermediate Competency training and assessments.

To register for this event please CLICK HERE
Contact Sue Bird Stif@suebird.biz

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**STIF courses in 2014**

Please click the link http://www.bashh.org/BASHH/STIF/STIF_Foundation/
For STIF_Course_Attendees/BASHH/STIF/
STIF_Course_Attendees.aspx to see details of STIF courses in 2014 or contact Sue Bird at STIF@suebird.biz

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**Ordinary General Meetings (OGMs) in 2014**

- Friday 10 January;
- Friday 14 March (will also include AGM);
- Friday 20 June;
- Friday 17 October
Joint RCP/BASHH and BTS one day meeting
Practical management of tuberculosis - diagnosis, inpatient and outpatient care
Tuesday 21 January 2014 at the Royal College of Physicians, London

This one-day conference will explore the epidemiology and risk factors for tuberculosis (TB), reviewing the varied clinical presentations of pulmonary and extra-pulmonary TB and giving clear protocols for the investigation of TB in varying clinical situations. Topics include:-

- Laboratory tools for the diagnosis and surveillance of TB and drug resistance.
- Diagnostic approaches in pulmonary and extrapulmonary TB.
- TB - HIV co-infection and clinical dilemmas.
- TB treatment: What to use - management of complications and drugs.
- Contact tracing and incident management.
- Novel treatments in TB.
- Where are we with TB vaccines?

Programme: http://events.rcplondon.ac.uk/doc/evt3131-f1bcc209-b388-4366-95f8-b36928102cb7.pdf
Contact: conferences@rcplondon.ac.uk

Upcoming IDRN event ‘How to get and stay active in infection research whilst still doing your day job’
Monday 20 January 2014, Birmingham & Midland Institute, Central Birmingham
http://www.idrn.org/events/upcoming/howtodoresearch.php

Registration (including online credit card payment facilities) is now open for this upcoming event

Chaired by Professor Jonathan Van Tam (Nottingham and Public Health England), this event aims to provide pointers for how busy professionals can fit infection-related research into their day job. It will provide information on where the funding lies, tips on how to demystify and navigate R&D and ethics, how to write for publication, information on the help and support available from the NIHR Research Design Services and Public Health England R&D, and examples from those who have managed to do all this and get involved in research alongside their routine work. We’re also inviting delegates to bring poster presentations of further examples of the research they’ve carried out.

This event will be suitable for Public Health England staff, healthcare workers, and junior and more senior researchers across academia, the NHS and Industry who are interested in infection.

It will take place in central Birmingham, start time 9:55am, finish time 4:30pm. Please see the event webpage for more information. For standard delegates, the charge is £50.09, current students, the charge is £30.09.

RCP Census 2013
The RCP census of consultants is due to close on 31 December 2013.

The census is crucial as it is one of the most valuable tools that we have to obtain manpower information. Future registrar numbers and workforce planning depends on accurate manpower details.

Many thanks to those of you who have already completed the census.

A big plea to those who have still to complete and return the census - please could you do this before the end of December. It will only take a few minutes and will help all of us in the future.

BASHH would like to thank all members for their support over the last year.

We have lots of events planned for 2014 and we hope that you will find these of interest.

Please look at the BASHH website throughout the year as events and other important information will be posted there.

Finally, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.
DIARY DATES 2014

Launch of updated Standards for the management of sexually transmitted infections - 10 January at RSM, London 10.00am

BASHH OGM - 10 January 2014, RSM, London from 1.00pm

Joint BASHH and Faculty Meeting - 17 January 2014 - RSM, London - NOW FULLY BOOKED WITH A WAITING LIST

IDRN event 'How to get and stay active in infection research whilst still doing your day job' - Monday 20 January 2014, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Central Birmingham http://www.idrn.org/events/upcoming/howtodoresearch.php

Joint RCP/BASHH and BTS one day meeting - Practical management of tuberculosis - Tuesday 21 January 2014 at the Royal College of Physicians, London For further information please contact: conferences@rcplondon.ac.uk

Domestic Violence and Young People: Tackling Teenage Relationship Abuse 23 January 2014 - Central London. Click to book online

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

BASHH OGM and AGM - 14 March 2014, RSM, London from 1.00pm

BSSVD Annual Meeting - 26-27 March 2014 in Glasgow Please see meeting website or for further information email Isabelle.Hay@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

3rd World Congress on Controversies in the Management of Viral Hepatitis - May 1-3 2014, Berlin, Germany www.comtecmed.com/chep

HIV Drug Therapy in the Americas - 7-10 May 2014 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil www.hivamericas.org


BASHH OGM - 20 June 2014, RSM, London from 1.00pm

IUSTI/BASHH Europe Conference - 'Migration, recreation & Sexual Health’ - 18-20 September 2014 For further details see http://www.iustimalta2014.org/

The Viral Hepatitis Congress 2014 - 9-11 October - Frankfurt, Germany Full details can be found on www.viral-hep.org

BASHH OGM - 17 October 2014, RSM, London from 1.00pm

HIV Drug Therapy Congress in Glasgow - 2 - 6 November 2014 Congress website www.hivglasgow.org

The deadlines for the newsletters in 2014 are:
29 January; 26 March; 28 May; 30 July; 24 September; & 26 November