The timings of the Scientific Meetings have been changed. BASHH listened to members views, as expressed in the recent members survey, and the meetings will now run from 1.00pm - 17.30pm and will be followed by a drinks reception until 18.30pm.

Please check the website for the programme which will be published soon.

BASHH Lead for Public and Patient engagement/ Chair of Public Panel

An experienced clinician with an interest in Public and Patient engagement is sought to lead BASHH’s activities in this area. The PPE Lead sits on BASHH Board, chairs our Public Panel and is a member of the Clinical Standards Group. The Public Panel meets three times a year and offers essential oversight of patient level information and clinical guidelines produced by CEG and other groups. The Chair is responsible for recruitment of lay members and for organising meetings, held on Saturdays at the RSM.

The PPE is also looking for lay members for the group, patients and members of the public with an interest in sexual health are welcome to the group.

Young people wishing to expand their volunteering portfolio are encouraged to apply - we provide evidence of participation, expenses and a small honorarium.

For further information, please email Jan Clarke at President@bashh.net for more details.

ACCEA 2015

It is anticipated that the 2015 round for National ACCEA Awards will go ahead. BASHH plan to review the applications requesting national BASHH support in early July so forms will need to be filled in May/early June. Please look out for an email to your registered BASHH account for application details and BASHH website for further information.

Dr Angela Robinson
BASHH ACCEA Secretary

News from BASHH

- All members have been sent an email requesting that they update their information which is held on the BASHH database;
- BASHH have a new cancellation policy, which should be used for all BASHH events, please go to this link for further information;
- BASHH committees and groups can use the BASHH teleconference facilities for BASHH meetings, please use this link to access the form to request teleconference details,
- Members should consider holding a teleconference rather than face to face meetings, if possible, when fewer than 10 members are attending the meeting;
- BASHH will be looking for a new lay representative to the Board, to replace David Roberts Jones, who has helped BASHH move forward during his tenure. Any member who can suggest a suitable person or require details of the job description, should email BASHH at admin@bashh.org;
- There will be a number of board posts for election later this year including BASHH President, Vice-President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Health Advisor Representative and Fellows to the board as well as a number of regional CGC representatives. Please consider whether you would like to stand for any of the posts. A call for nominations will be made in September. Please contact the current incumbents or Elizabeth Foley, BASHH General Secretary for further information
- BASHH are currently investigating online membership applications and online expenses claims forms – watch this space for further information;
- The BASHH Board recently approved an Election Statement of key priority areas for action and policy development in sexual health for the incoming administration. Details here;
- The BASHH President, Jan Clarke, has written an article in this month’s MEDFASH eFeature on the impact of commission changes in England, please use this link to access the feature http://www.medfash.org.uk/efeature
BASHH Newsletter

BASHH News

11.00-16.30 Royal Concert Halls, Glasgow, Scotland Preceding the BASHH Spring Conference 1st-3rd June 2015

Attending a Doctors in Training day is a compulsory part of training so please come and join us in Glasgow for a very exciting programme of speakers, and the chance to socialise with your colleagues. The conference is free, as is dinner afterwards. Our programme and more information can be found on the Doctors in Training pages of the BASHH website.—LINK

BASHH CONFERENCE NEWS

BASHH Conference Glasgow 1-3 June:

Early Bird registration ends on 15th April. Make sure you register before to get the discount.


Future Conferences:
BASHH 2016 OXFORD 3-5 April 2016
BASHH 2017 BELFAST
BASHH-BHIVA 2018

Please note, conference venues are selected by interested local hosts bidding for the conference.

BASHH statement on HPV vaccination and MSM

The BASHH statement on HPV vaccination and MSM has been published and is now available at http://www.bashh.org/documents/BASHH%20Statement%20on%20HPV%20vaccination%20and%20 MSM%202015.pdf

Please send comments to Ann.Sullivan@chelwest.nhs.uk

Joint IUSTI-BASHH meeting, Sitges 24-26 September http://www.iusti2015.com/

There will be NO September Scientific meeting, instead we have arranged reduced registration rates for BASHH members

Abstract Deadline is 20th April

Early Bird registration is before 30th June http://www.iusti2015.com/index.php/welcome

Introducing mandatory reporting for female genital mutilation: a consultation

The consultation paper, ‘Introducing mandatory reporting for female genital mutilation: a consultation’, was published on 5 December 2014. Its purpose was to enable the Government to scope and explore fully how to introduce a mandatory reporting requirement for cases of female genital mutilation (FGM).

The consultation closed on the 12 January 2015 and the link to this document sets out a summary of the responses and outlines the Government’s next steps of a new mandatory reporting duty through amendments to the Serious Crime Bill. The proposed duty will:

- Apply in cases of ‘known’ FGM
- Be limited to victims under 18
- Apply to all regulated healthcare and social care professionals, and teachers
- Require reports to be made to the police within one month of initial disclosure/identification

Failure to comply with the duty will be dealt with via existing disciplinary frameworks.

Joint BHIVA/BASHH One-day Revision Course for the Diploma in HIV Medicine

We are pleased to inform you that BHIVA and BASHH are running a joint revision course to support and offer guidance to candidates who are taking the Diploma in HIV Medicine exam in September 2015.

Programme: A Provisional Programme is available to view; please click here
Registration: Online Registration is now open and you can register here
BHIVA and BASHH strongly recommend for all candidates who are taking the exam, to register for this revision course.

New Nurse Representative to the Board
I have taken over from Colin Roberts. I work in GUM/Sexual Health in East Kent. Please contact me with anything you want me to raise, or just to introduce yourself, as I am not sure how many of Nurses are members of BASHH. I hope to come to the Spring Meeting in Glasgow, where there will be a BASHH stand. I know most Nurses will not be able to attend, so here are my contact details, please get in touch.
A survey to the nurse members will be circulated shortly, please see the BASHH website for further details.
Kate Day k.day@nhs.net 07795 841192

Gonorrohea Treatment Failure Statement
Gonorrhoea is at risk of becoming an untreatable infection due to the ongoing threat of antimicrobial resistance. The identification of treatment failures is central to controlling the emergence of resistance and extending the useful life of current treatments. Case definitions for confirmed and probable treatment failure have been developed (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reporting-gonorrhoea-treatment-failure). All GUM clinics are advised to have a low threshold for reporting any clinically suspected treatment failures, regardless of any antimicrobial susceptibility testing results. Suspected treatment failures can be reported via Public Health England's HIV/STI web portal (https://www.hpawebservices.org.uk/HIV_STI_WebPortal/Login.aspx). All clinics will be contacted within 7 days of making a report.

Home Office Report on Tackling CSE and Information Sharing letter, 3rd March 2015
This report sets out how the government is dealing with child sexual exploitation and responding to the failures that were identified by Professor Alexis Jay and Louise Casey in their recent reviews into child sexual exploitation in Rotherham. It includes a comprehensive and targeted set of actions for all parts of the system including healthcare, social care, education, law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.

Given the poor multi-agency working, information sharing and risk assessment have led to the major failures in Rotherham, Greater Manchester and elsewhere and the fact that police in Rotherham were forced to seek information from the Freedom of Information team in the council rather than accessing it directly from the social workers themselves, a letter signed by all Secretaries of State makes it absolutely clear when and how personal information can and should be shared with other agencies for the purposes of child protection.

eHIV-STI moved onto a new Learning Management System (LMS) on 24th March 2015. Electronic Learning for Healthcare (eLFH, Health Education England) now have development control over the new platform, having previously used an external provider. It is hoped that this will improve function, in particular ease of navigation.

As the new clinical lead I would appreciate any feedback you might have on the clinical content of the programme. Sessions will continue to be updated, in particular as new BASHH/BHIVA guidelines are published. Please direct any feedback you might have on the system design or technical difficulties to the eLFH support site.

Dr John Evans-Jones, Clinical Lead eHIV-STI, john.evans-jones@nhs.net
**ISSTDR (Ison) Travel Fellowship 2015**

The next biennial ISSTDR meeting will be held as part of the World STI & HIV Congress in Brisbane, Australia between 13 – 16 September 2015.

Applications for the BASHH/ISSTDR Travel Fellowship for 2015 to this major international meeting will be open to microbiologists or to clinical trainees with an abstract with strong microbiology content.

Full details will be available on the BASHH website ([http://www.bashh.org/BASHH/Education/BASHH_Prizes_and_Awards/ISSTDR_Travelling_Fellowship_2013.aspx](http://www.bashh.org/BASHH/Education/BASHH_Prizes_and_Awards/ISSTDR_Travelling_Fellowship_2013.aspx)).

**The STI / HIV course**

Modules 3-4: Monday 4th November 2015 – Friday 6th November 2015

Venue: Etc. Venues, Avonmouth House, 6 Avonmouth Street, London, SE1 6NX

The course is in two parts over the year; delegates are welcome to apply for the whole course or some of the modules. Bookings should be made direct with the BASHH administration team on admin@bashh.org. All other general enquiries please you can contact Grace Gray on grace.gray1@nhs.net or Dr Candice McDonald candice.mcdonald@nhs.net

**RCOG/BSUG Female Sexual Dysfunction and the Pelvic Floor meeting**

**Overview:** This meeting aims to update delegates on current issues and clinical practice regarding female sexual function and to evaluate definitions of female sexual dysfunction (FSD) with respect to pelvic floor dysfunction. Approaching these issues with a holistic approach, physical, psychological, and pharmacological therapies will be reviewed. Problems in relation to childbirth, pelvic floor interventions and male sexual dysfunction will also be discussed. The varied programme includes renowned speakers and will stimulate thought and discussion.


**Condom Kitemark Open Day Brief – Wednesday, 15th April 2015**

**Venue:** Kitemark House, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4SQ

**Aims:** Promote awareness of sexual health and the role of condoms as an aid to preserving sexual health. Provide a networking opportunity for specifiers and manufacturers to assist in understanding how they can raise consumer awareness.

**Costs:** The event, contributed presentations, lunch and exhibition tables, are completely free as part of BSI’s ongoing commitment to the condom industry.

**Contacts:**
Graham Clements, Certification Manager 07500 765895 grahamclements@bsigroup.com

Share your thoughts on medical research and win an iPad Mini!

The Royal College of Physicians London is running a survey to find out about engagement in research and academic medicine, to help inform research policy across the healthcare landscape. It’s open to doctors across all specialties and career stages, including trainees and medical students. It takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and as a thank-you for your time you’ll go in the draw to win an iPad Mini. Visit [www.rcplondon.ac.uk/ramsurvey](http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/ramsurvey)

**Diploma in GU Medicine OSCE Revision Course  - 9th May 2015, Southampton**

This course is designed to help candidates preparing for the OSCE part of the examination. The course will consist of practical stations (OSCE experience, no teaching) and a laboratory session (staining, slides, microscopy, dark ground) which will involve teaching and practical experience. Group feedback and individual feedback with scores will be given at the end of the course. Please use [THIS LINK](#) for programme.

**Please book early as places will be limited!**
DIARY DATES

HIV Drug Therapy in the Americas 2015 - 16-18 April 2015, Mexico City, Mexico Website: www.hivamericas.org

BASHH STI / HIV course Modules 1-2: Monday 27th April 2015 – Friday 1st May 2015


Primary Care and Public Health at the NEC, Birmingham 20-21 May 2015

The UK Sepsis Trust ‘Sepsis Unplugged’ Conference—21st – 22nd May 2015 East Midlands Conference Centre, University Park, Beeston Lane, Nottingham NG7 2RJ

Spring Conference 2015 - Glasgow 1-3 June 2015

Decriminalisation and demedicalisation: rethinking family planning for the 21st century - 10 June 2015—RSM, London

BASHH Scientific Meeting - 12 June 2015 - RSM, London from 1.00pm


European Master Class in Sexually Transmitted Infections 2015 Vienna

June 29– 1 July 2015 Please use this link for further information

BASHH BHIVA Mentoring Course 3rd July

BASHH SAS Conference—4th and 5th September 2015—University of Warwick

The fourth Viral Hepatitis Congress will take place 10-12 September 2015 in Frankfurt www.viral-hep.org

5th EAAD Congress Riga, September 18-20, 2015 www.eaad2015riga.org

IUSTI Sitges 2015 - 24th – 26th September 2015 - Click Here for further details BASHH members will have subsidised registration fees

BASHH Scientific Meeting - 2 October 2015 - RSM, London from 1.00pm - cancelled

EADV meeting - Copenhagen 7th to 9th October 2015

ABC of Sexual Dysfunction (Hosted by the BASHH Sexual Dysfunction Special Interest Group) Thursday 15th October 2015—Manchester Conference Centre

The deadlines for newsletters in 2015

27 May; 22 July; 23 September; 25 November