BASHH Annual Review

Branches
Special Interest Groups
Other Groups of BASHH

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This is a stand-alone review that allows the individual Branches and Groups to highlight their activities over the year.
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Prison subgroup  
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Revalidation group  
Sexual Health Advisor group  
Web Team

**Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**  
Adolescent and Sexual Violence groups  
Bacterial group  
Clinical development group  
Doctors in training group  
Genital dermatology group  
HIV & blood borne viruses group  
HPV group  
HSV group(no report)  
Mentoring group  
MSM group  
Nurse group  
SAS group  
Sexual dysfunction group  
STIF Foundation group  
STIF competency working group  
STI & HIV course group

**Regions**  
Ireland  
Northern  
Oxford  
Scotland
South West
Thames – North West
Thames – South East
Thames – South West

Trent
Wales
Wessex
West Midlands
Yorkshire

Committees with BASHH representation
British Federation against STIs
JSC for Genitourinary Medicine
Specialist Advisory Committee
UEMS Dermatovenereology Committee

Journals with BASHH representation
International Journal of Sexually Transmitted Diseases & AIDS
STI Journal
Prizes and programmes

BASHH Undergraduate Prize Winners

**Undergraduate Clinical Prize**
Mickey Chong won this prize for HIV Testing in a Medical School Curriculum

**Undergraduate Research Prize**
Rebecca Marlor won this prize for “Highly sensitive C-reactive protein and CD4/CD8 ratio are independently associated with reduced bone mineral density in people living with HIV-1 infection”

**Honorary Life Fellowship Lecture**
None

**Cathy Harman**
Dr Claudia Estcourt won this prize for “The Chlamydia Online Clinical Care Pathway: Development, implementation and evaluation of an online remote clinical management service within an eSexual Health Clinic”

**Honorary Life Fellow**
Dr John Green

**Outstanding Achievement Award**
Dr Keith Radcliffe

Scientific programme

**October 2014 – Afternoon Scientific Meeting (OGM): Male Sexual Dysfunction**
- Sexual function problems among men and women in the British population: Evidence from the latest National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles NATSAL3
- Cardiovascular disease and sexual dysfunction
- The use of hormones in sexual dysfunction
- Premature Ejaculation. A Case Presentation - Sexual Health Perspective
- IPM Perspective
- A Psychology Perspective
- A Urology Perspective
- A Physiotherapy Perspective
- Panel Discussion & Questions

**October 2014 - Evening Scientific Meeting (OGM): HIV inpatient care provision and implications for training**
- HIV inpatient care provision and implications for training
- A 'pre-HAART' London consultant
- A 'pre-HAART' non-London consultant
- A 'post-HAART' London consultant
- A 'post-HAART' non-London consultant
- SpR speaker
- Patient representative
January 2015 – Evening Scientific Meeting (OGM): 4 Nations
- Annual General Meeting
- Community and prevention
- Engaging with faith organisations:
  - The Belfast experience
  - The Dundee experience
- Lessons learned from the Pan London HIV Prevention Programme:
  - The London experience
- Discussion

March 2015 – Afternoon Scientific Meeting (OGM): ‘Outstanding’ conundrums in sexual health
- What’s New in NGU?
- CTNG Test of Cure: The evidence so far (Clinical Scientist – Public Health England Sexually Transmitted Bacteria Reference Unit)
- Genital Candida infection
- The way we use azithromycin in the treatment of STIs is good - Chlamydia Screening Programme) will debate in favour of the motion
- BASHH General Meeting – Special resolution to the Articles

March 2015 – Evening Scientific Meeting (OGM): ‘Outstanding’ conundrums in sexual health
- Results from the PROUD study
- Producing a tool to assess impact and cost-effectiveness of point-of-care testing for chlamydia.
- What can chlamydia serology tell us about chlamydia and control efforts in England?
- BASHH/PHE Fellowship: creating a novel syphilis PCR
- PLWHIV - findings from Positive Voices.

June 2015 – Part 1 Scientific Meeting (OGM) Organised by the BASHH HPV Special Interest Group
- Current status of HPV vaccination for MSM
- Update on the recommendation
- Potential impact and cost-effectiveness of selective HPV vaccination of men who have sex with men via genitourinary medicine clinics
- Monitoring coverage and impact of a targeted HPV vaccination programme in MSM
- Recent developments in cervical screening - impact and influence of immunisation
Special Interest Group:
- Case presentation: Perianal psoriasis, dermatitis or ‘psoriasiform’ dermatitis
- Genital skin disease as differential diagnosis of STIs
- Update on Behcet’s disease
Overview

President’s report

We are pleased to submit the BASHH annual report for the year ended July 2015. The Association’s activities and achievements continue within a well-developed organisational framework.

BASHH has been functioning in a highly politicised external healthcare environment this year, with a UK wide general election, a devolution vote in Scotland and a strategic review of sexual health services in Wales. This second year of implementation of the Health and Social Care Act in England has resulted in changes in commissioning for sexual health, reproductive health and HIV services in England with threats to service delivery and quality evident during early implementation of novel service specifications in some areas. BASHH has intervened to alert central government and local government representative groups such as the Local Government Association when patient experience or audit data indicated risk to safe and effective care. BASHH continues to survey lead clinicians and senior officers had a very busy engagement programme with ministers, shadow ministers and influential parliamentarians to represent concerns about current and future service needs and quality standards.

BASHH has developed cordial working relations with national representative bodies in public health and local government and we hope to take forward joint educational events to improve our understanding of this new working environment. We have enhanced our collaborative work with the Royal College of Physicians in areas of mutual interest, with joint representation to parliamentarians at Party conferences in autumn 2014. We have modernised and expanded our media group with enhanced social media and website activity.

An appendix to the BASHH/MEDFASH Standards for the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections to promote practice standards for outreach services is under development from our Clinical Standards Unit with launch date expected in March 2016.

We have had continuing input into a number of important documents and consultations this year, especially around HPV vaccine for boys and MSM, the accountability mechanisms available to sexual health service commissioners and on the future of medical training. A feasibility study of a national HIV-STI audit programme as part of the Health Quality Improvement Programme led by BASHH in conjunction with BHIVA and MEDFASH was commenced this year. We were invited to contribute to the Chief Medical Officer’s campaign on Antibiotic guardianship and raised awareness of the need to regulate antibiotic prescribing for gonorrhoea via online pharmacies.

Guidance on confidentiality in sexual health, in the new commissioning environment has yet to be formally defined in the Code of Practice for health care records. BASHH, working with sister professional organisations and patient advocacy groups persuaded the Department of Health to issue interim guidance pending a binding legal framework.

Our training modules continue to expand and develop. We had a very successful Spring meeting in Glasgow in June 2015 along with many other high quality educational events across the UK and throughout the year.

We have developed a liaison group of senior officers of BASHH and FRSH to discuss matters of common concern, especially in regard to training requirements for integrated sexual health services.
In summary, BASHH is continuing to deliver excellent educational and scientific meetings, striving to influence decision makers in local and national government to promote excellence in public health and service standards and contributing to expert groups in Sexual Health and HIV. This spectrum of activity could not be delivered without the energetic and passionate involvement of our members, Officers and Trustees, to whom our thanks are again due.

Plans for the Future

During the next year BASHH will continue its normal business but will focus on the following areas:

- BASHH will continue to support members across all the United Kingdom, offering assistance with representation for all four nations to their national governments and key policy makers.
- BASHH will work closely with the Royal College of Physicians, the Association for Directors of Directors of Public Health, Public Health England and other key stakeholders to monitor and evaluate changes in clinical practice, service delivery, workforce training and recruitment consequent to the major funding challenges following transition to local authority commissioning in England.
- BASHH will continue to press for gender neutrality in HPV vaccination, and supporting opportunistic HPV vaccination for young MSM.
- BASHH will develop and expand its STIF portfolio, including new educational material and developing modules for integrated care and health advisers. We will continue to improve access to our educational meetings through rotating some of our national meetings to venues outside London, support regional meetings and work with European colleagues to enhance STI training.
- BASHH, with BHIVA, will complete the feasibility project for a national STI/HIV audit programme for the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership.
- BASHH will continue to work with sister charities and patient advocacy groups to press for legal requirement for confidentiality of healthcare and records of care in sexual health services to be included in the Code of Practice for healthcare providers.

Dr Jan Clarke
President

Treasurer’s report

Financial review
BASHH had a stable financial year and our investment portfolio contributed to an overall positive financial balance. The association increased its investment in administrative support for the delivery of its educational courses and conferences to ensure that these remain of high quality and attractive to attendees. A VAT review was commissioned examining income received from sponsorship which resulted in a small payment to HMRC.

Principle funding sources
Income for the charity comes from three principle sources – membership subscriptions, educational meetings and investment income. In view of the charity’s stable financial position, the annual membership fee was not increased in 2015. Our annual scientific conference was held in Glasgow and was financially successful. Other educational meetings were run throughout the year led by the association’s special interest groups and these were generally cost neutral or generated a surplus.
Reserves policy
The Trustees reviewed the reserves policy and renewed its intention to maintain the level of reserves at an amount sufficient for the Association to function for at least two years in the event that it does not receive any further income. This will mitigate the financial risk associated with running large conferences and ensure that BASHH’s existing contractual obligations can be met. The Association also wishes to have sufficient reserves available to respond rapidly when required to commission new sexual health guidelines or standards documents, or respond to external consultations.

Investment policy
The investment policy was reviewed by the Trustees with agreement that sufficient funds to allow the association to function for at least one year will be retained in accounts which permit access within a maximum of three months. The balance of reserves is invested after taking professional financial advice and adopting a low to medium risk approach. Investments are currently held in funds split equally between Saracens Investment Managers and St. James Management.

Plans for future periods
BASHH plans to continue providing a lead for those delivering sexual health and HIV services, and to promote high quality education and training in this area. During a time of rapid change in sexual health commissioning and the proposed use of different service models, the association has sufficient funds to develop independent high quality guidelines on the management of sexually transmitted infections and the delivery of appropriate clinical services. The annual scientific conference in 2016 will be held in Oxford and planning for this meeting is ongoing.

Professor Jonathan Ross
Treasurer

Clinical Governance Committee Review

Membership
Alain Tang Chair
Sophie Brady Secretary
Branch Chairs
Nurse, Health Adviser, SAS and Doctors in Training representatives
Clinical Effectiveness Group
Clinical Standards Unit
National Audit Group Chairs

Objectives:
- Implement strategies and policies of BASHH as approved by the Governing Board
- Set and monitor standards and specifications
- Identify areas of best clinical practice and promote them for adoption where appropriate whilst recognizing local differences
- Identify regional and individual clinic difficulties
- Explore solutions to issues and suggest action plans
- Co-ordinate a peer review system as required or in response to a member’s request
Spotlight discussions were held during committee meetings focussing on development of services under the new commissioning arrangements. One discussion attempted to address the issue of realignment of clinical relationships after winning or losing competitive tenders.

The Patient Safety issue with solubility of benzathine penicillin was reported to the MHRA and practical guidance disseminated to all CGC members and on to medical and nursing leads in local services.

The Vice President gave a presentation on *Six Steps to Successful Tendering* to members of the CGC at the March 2015 meeting.

Regional reports contributed to intelligence on the outcomes of services post-tendering and innovative approaches to funding services such as integration of health and social care budgets.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

- Branch Chairs pledged support for the Halve It Coalition to reduce undiagnosed HIV infection and late presentations by disseminating information for local services on how to collaborate with testing initiatives and representations at local councils to pass motions on increasing availability of HIV testing.
- In response to the BASHH Members’ Survey and at the suggestion of the Education Committee, a Scientific Meeting outside of London was mooted, and it was agreed that the June 2016 meeting would be organised by the Northern Branch and held in Manchester.

**Future plans**

- Integrate the survey functions of the dissolved Clinical Development Group into the work of the CGC and Branches by ensuring that survey design expertise, dissemination and analysis are maintained.
- Accrue intelligence on the impact of the Public Health Grant cut on quality and effectiveness of STI services.
- Action planning from results of the Lead Clinician Survey 2015.

**Education committee review**

The Education Committee is responsible for facilitating the delivery of the BASHH’s vision, values and service priorities through education, training and development, taking into account the changing context of healthcare and educational developments, and specifically the demands related to provision of high quality integrated sexual health care across a wide geographical area and range of healthcare settings.

**The Special interest groups (SIGs)**

The SIGs are responsible for leading on development of educational materials, meetings and training needs analyses within their specialist areas. In the last year the SIGs have provided a range of courses including the microscopy course, genital dermatology course, surgical techniques in GUM course, ABC of Sexual Dysfunction course, the Diplomas in GUM and HIV revision courses and a number of regional STI Foundation courses. An e-knowledge assessment linked to the course has been developed as was piloted in year. The number of GUM nurses and Health Advisors undertaking STIF Competencies are increasing and an integrated course with additional contraceptive competencies is currently being piloted for GUM nurses working in integrated sexual health services.
Additionally the SIGs contribute to education and training by generating publications and research and reviewing and responding to documents on behalf of BASHH, and developing guidelines and recommendations in collaboration with other BASHH groups and external organisations. These achievements are detailed in individual reports available on the BASHH website.

**BASHH scientific meetings**
The EC has the responsibility of providing 4 scientific meetings annually, which are free to delegates, including invited lectures from BASHH Honorary Life Members and Professorial lectures. Six SIGs (HPV, dermatology, Bacterial, Public Health, HIV, Sexual dysfunction) put together meetings in 2014-15 and the fourth meeting covered sexual health issues in the Four Nations of the UK. These were well attended with excellent evaluation. Recent innovations include the electronic collection of evaluation, and once feedback is submitted online and then the attendance certificate can be downloaded / printed. Podcasts/webcasts of the OGM lectures has continued to facilitate access for those unable to attend in person.

**Other meetings**
The EC oversees Annual Spring Conference and the 2015 in Glasgow attracting 402 delegates, and excellent evaluation. BASHH co-hosted a meeting with IUSTI Europe in Malta in September 2014 which had 60+ BASHH delegates and included BASHH delivering a STIF course to 40 Maltese clinicians. The annual Joint BASHH /FSRH meeting in January and HIV Masterclass held in Manchester in March were again very successful. Other meetings include the Doctors in training meeting, and the SAS Conference.

**STI & HIV course**
This has now been running for the last 2 years with Modules 1 & 2 in the Spring and modules 3&4 in the Autumn. This appears to be successful with increased delegate numbers and good feedback. At present the reduction in frequency of running the modules does not appear to disadvantaging delegates wishing to sit the DipGUM but this will be kept under review.

**Further EC plans**
The role, membership and terms of reference of the EC has been reviewed to ensure it remains fit for purpose with the strategic aims of coordinating the delivery of education within BASHH and supporting clinicians in maintaining knowledge and expertise to deliver high quality services.

Barcoded membership badges are being introduced in late 2015, which will enable easier logging of attendance at events for CPD purposes. Next year’s BASHH spring meeting will be held in Oxford and preparations are well underway.

The resources committed to the October 2015 scientific meeting have been redirected to support BASHH members attending the joint BASHH / IUSTI Europe meeting in September 2015, reducing the registration fee by €100 for BASHH members. A pilot of running a scientific meeting out of London will take place in Manchester in 2016. The will be a new director of the STI and HIV course from 2016 who will undertake a review of all aspects of the course including structure and content.

*Dr Jackie Sherrard*
*Education Secretary*
Named groups

BASHH/Faculty Integrated Information Group

Membership
(Observers from IT companies in blue)

Asha Kasliwal (Co-chair)  Faculty
Danielle Mercey (Co-chair)  BASHH
Paul O’ Brien  Faculty
Alyson Elliman  Faculty
Lynne Gilbert  Faculty
Nathan Acladious  Faculty
David Phillips  BASHH
Andy Winter  BASHH
Anatole Menon-Johansson  BASHH
Huw Price  BASHH
Andrea Duncan  DH
Hamish Mohammed  PHE
Lynsey Emmett  PHE/DH
Jennifer Thorpe  PHE
Natasha Ratna  PHE (SHRAD)
Emma Hollis  PHE (CTAD)
Nicky Connor  PHE (CTAD)
Gwenda Hughes  PHE
Stephen Duffell  PHE
Alison Brown  PHE (HARS)
Cuong Chau  PHE (HARS)
Valerie Delpech  PHE
Mandy Yung  PHE
Iain Galloway  IDCapture
Alison Wooderson  CSE
Patti Green  Blithe
Ed Hulse  Mill System
Rebecca Dawes  AXSYS
Linda Lewis  Caradata
Thiyagarajan Jayaraman  IMS
Judith Ellison  HSCIC
Lily Bond  HSCIC
Catherine Faley  HSCIC
Sarah Freeman  HSCIC
Susanna Hall  Faculty

Objectives:
- To recommend strategies for IT implementation, data collection and reporting for Sexual Health Services.
- To advise on the type of information to be collected from SH services for the purposes of national audit and public health monitoring
- To respond to relevant consultations affecting service provision and data collection in Sexual Health.
- To liaise between HPA, DH, PHE and other interested parties over information issues to achieve best patient outcomes.
• To anticipate problems relating to IT and IS from new legislation or other changes which affect Sexual Health.
• To work towards IT solutions for integration of all Sexual Health Services.
• To disseminate important information to BASHH/Faculty members via organisational websites/newsletters

Significant activities
• The Group met on 3 occasions during 2014/15.
• The group has considered matters of relevance to GUM Clinics, SRH clinics and Integrated Services in particular in relation to statutory reporting through SRHAD and SHHAPT coding.
• Members of the group have taken part in meetings with the DoH to produce a guide on confidentiality in Open Access Sexual Health Services, now published.
• We have taken part in discussion regarding the new FGM reporting requirements and secured an assurance that GU services will not have to take part.
• We have helped PHE to map the SHHAPT codes to READ coding.
• We have liaised with PHE re the GUMCAD3 pilots.
• We have advised PHE on proposed changes to CTAD

Future plans
To continue to work closely with members of the Faculty, PHE, DH, HSCIC, software providers and others to ensure that we meet our objectives.

Danielle Mercey
Co-chair

Clinical Effectiveness Group

Membership
Keith Radcliffe Chair
Darren Cousins
Helen Fifer
Mark FitzGerald
Deepa Grover
Sarah Hardman FSRH representative
Steve Higgins
Margaret Kingston
Michael Rayment
Ann Sullivan

Objectives
• To update or produce new national evidence-based guidelines in accordance with a methodology accredited by NICE.
• To produce information for patients based on these guidelines.

Significant activities
• In the year 2014/15 the Clinical Effectiveness Group met three times at the Royal Society of Medicine in London: in October 2014, and in February and June 2015.
• Updated trichomonas guideline published (Sherrard J et al. *IJS* 2014; 25:541-9.)
• Sexual history guideline published (Brooke G et al. *IJS* 2014; 25:391-404.)
• Guideline on vulval conditions updated and published on the BASHH website.
• Guideline on molluscum contagiosum updated and published on the website.
• Having discussed the issue of updating guideline on pelvic pain the decision was made to weblink from the guidelines page to an excellent document produced by Prostate Cancer UK.
• Guideline on NGU updated and published on website (*IJS* 2014; 25: 979-983.)
• Guideline on management of genital herpes in pregnancy produced in conjunction with the RCOG and published on the RCOG website.
• The methodology framework for guideline production by the CEG was re-written.
• G4S national standard of clarity of information for the public (i.e patients) was obtained for the first time for the patient information produced by the CEG.
• An application was supported by BASHH to provide £30,000 per annum to fund support by professional researchers to writing groups producing or updating complex guidelines.
• The updated guideline on NGU was published online in the *IJS* (22 May 2015).
• The CEG continues to regularly liaise with the following groups:
  ➢ BNF
  ➢ BASHH Audit Group
  ➢ BHIVA Audit Group
  ➢ NICE
  ➢ FSRH Clinical Effectiveness Unit
  ➢ RCP Clinical Effectiveness Forum

**Future plans**

• To complete development of an app for mobile platforms allowing access to key information in the national guidelines.
• To work more closely with the BASHH Public Panel in order to obtain greater public/patient involvement in production of guidelines in accordance with guidance from NICE.
• To successfully obtain re-accreditation by NICE for our national guidelines.
• To develop a system of effective management of professional researchers to support production of complex guidelines.
• To complete the production of a completely new guideline on the sexual health of MSM.
• To complete updating of the following guidelines:
  ➢ PEPSE
  ➢ Genital warts
  ➢ Chlamydia
  ➢ Pediculosis pubis
  ➢ Balanitis
  ➢ Scabies
  ➢ Genital herpes
  ➢ Hepatitis
  ➢ SARA
  ➢ Candida
  ➢ Gonorrhoea
  ➢ Syphilis
To produce, in collaboration with BHIVA, a new guideline on pre-exposure prophylaxis against HIV.  
To continue to produce patient information linked to all updated/newly produced guidelines.

Dr Keith Radcliffe  
Chair

Clinical Standards Unit (CSU)

Membership:  
The CSU is chaired by a senior clinician appointed by the BASHH President. Members include Fellows appointed by the Board and representatives from health advisers, nurses, clinical effectiveness group, national audit group, faculty of sexual and reproductive health, national Chlamydia screening programme, education committee, clinical governance committee, doctors in training and Scotland. The Chair nominates a Secretary from within the group. The CSU reports to the Clinical Governance Committee as well as the Board.

Objectives:  
1. Firm up the Quality Measures and Quality Standards by providing more evidence to underpin each measure, and not solely base them on expert opinion.  
2. Align these measures with individual clinician’s performance indicators for Revalidation.  
3. Align these measures with the National Audit Group programme.  
4. Include PROMs and PREMs as measures of quality and patient satisfaction.  
5. Collaborate with the national Health Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) programme.  
6. Monitor consistency with developments in BASHH clinical guidelines being revised by the Clinical Effectiveness Group (CEG).

Significant activities  
- The Standards for STI Outreach Services Project working group was convened and work to draft these standards commenced in December 2014.  
- A professional medical writer was appointed as project support and met with the whole project group on 18 September 2015.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15  
- Recruitment of potential Chair progressed slowly through the year with dialogue and information sharing.  
- Appointment of Dr Orla McQuillan as Project Lead for the STI Outreach Standards working group.

Future plans  
- Consultation phase of the Standards for STI Outreach Services in January 2016.  
- Completion of final version of the Standards for STI Outreach Services for publication in March 2016.  
- Confirmation of members of the CSU to begin on a third revision of the Standards.

Alan Tang  
Interim Chair
Media Group

Mark Lawton - Chair-elect
Mags Portman - Secretary-elect
Simon Barton
Elizabeth Carlin
Jan Clarke
Claudia Estcourt
Stuart Flanagan
Colm O’Mahony
Rak Nandwani

Keith Radcliffe
Angela Robinson
Karen Rogstad
Liat Sarner
Verity Sullivan
Steve Taylor
Helen Ward
Olwen Williams
Janet Wilson

Objectives:
- To provide suitable information to the public and healthcare professionals in an appropriate and engaging way.
- To establish BASHH as the ‘go-to’ organisation for media requests relating to sexual health.
- To keep sexual health on the agenda by engaging with traditional and social media, responding to relevant publications and policies, and providing articles and interviews where appropriate.

Significant activities
- Ongoing media work regarding topical sexual health issues, sexual health promotion, public health budgets, and other media opportunities.
- Continued media output relating to HPV vaccination for boys and MSM, including an article in The Guardian.
- Media output in response to PROUD study results and supporting PrEP.
- Coverage regarding concerns about online pharmacy treatment of STIs including 30 minute segment on BBC Radio 5 Live’s ‘5 Live Investigates’ programme.
- There has been a particular focus on strengthening the twitter activity from BASHH and we now have 3000 followers.
- BASHH media group training was held in March 2015, facilitated by Jeremy Laurance, former health editor at The Independent.

Future plans
- Provide a resource for BASHH to communicate sexual health messages and information to the public and healthcare community.
- To keep sexual health on the agenda and extend the progress made in becoming the ‘go-to’ organisation for sexual health matters.
- Expand BASHH’s social media activities in conjunction with the Web Team.

A very successful year of media output on behalf of BASHH, with good support from Munro & Forster, during which a framework of key media contacts have been established that will help with onward activity.

Shortly after the 2014-15 year end Peter Greenhouse announced his intention to step down from his position as Chair of the Media Group. We would like to thank Peter for his tireless work for BASHH and recognise his huge contribution to the media group, his many successes and the generous sharing of his invaluable skills.

Dr Mark Lawton
Chair
(succeeding Peter Greenhouse)
National Audit Group

Hugo McClean            Vice Chair
Vanessa Apea            Honorary secretary
Anatole Menon-Johansson  Director of Development

NAG Aims:
- National audits of clinical practice in sexual health/genitourinary medicine clinics against the BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group (CEG) National Guidelines
- A forum to discuss national and regional audit programmes
- Response to requests for national audits by the British Association of Sexual Health and HIV
- Provision of Questionnaire proformas for use as audit tools for the common genito-urinary conditions, using the clinical guidelines of the CEG as the standard of care

Significant activities
- Annual BASHH audit: 2015 Audit of the management of under 16s attending sexual health services. Clinical level reports have been circulated and results presented at the 2015 BASHH Conference.
- Support of ongoing HQIP feasibility study, including feedback from NAG on topic prioritisation
- Secured financial support from the Board to obtain expert audit support to co-ordinate and enhance the National audit programme, and provide the administrative support for NAG meetings. Currently provided by Hilary Curtis
- Setting BASHH CEG Guidelines’ auditable outcomes
- Collaborative working with NCSP
- Working with Helen Bailey to develop a tool to collect individual level audit data for revalidation
- Collaborating with a number of stakeholders to produce HIV PN standards, and with Mike Rayment to develop an online data tool (funding agreed by Board)

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
- Audit presentation by Emma Street at BASHH Conference
- Final drafts of HIV PN outcomes and standards document and HIV PN audit paper

Future plans
- Provision of the BASHH 2016 National audit
- Ongoing work with MedFASH, BHIVA, PHE and HQIP to report the feasibility study and develop a new National HQIP audit
- Work led by Hilary Curtis to confirm accurate list and contact details for all level 3 UK services

Prison Subgroup

Membership
Network of BASHH members who provide sexual health and/or HIV services to prisons

Objectives:
- Develop national quality standards for STI, HIV and BBV management in prisons in conjunction with Clinical Standards Unit and partners in related organisations.
Significant activities
- Alan Tang continued his role within the Blood Borne Virus Opt Out Testing Task and Finish Group to advise on the launch and monitoring of this Public Health England programme to increase HIV and Hepatitis testing among prisoners.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2013/14
- The penultimate draft of paper on HIV health care survey by Jackie Sherrard, Alan Tang and Mark Pakianathan was handed over to Stephen Kegg for completion and submission.

Future plans
- Recruit a new national lead and active members to the Group
- Stay active in the Sexual Health in Prisons Network.
- Submit paper for publication.

Alan Tang
Outgoing National Lead

Public Health Group

Membership
Gavin Dabrera  Co-chair
Shamela de Silva  Co-chair
Jackie Cassell  Advisory panel
Gwenda Hughes  Advisory panel
Helen Ward  Advisory panel
Shamela de Silva  Secretary

Objectives
- To support BASHH and its members in engaging with the public health agenda, providing leadership, advocacy and advice.
- Works with the Education committee to ensure appropriate delivery of public health training in the specialty, and to make recommendations for the agendas and content of general meetings and conferences.

Significant activities
- Developing a Public Health course for senior GU physicians - due to the commissioning changes in the specialty, and to align with BASHH meetings, this has been adapted to become a symposium at the annual BASHH conference in 2016

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
- BASHH OGM 2014
- Suggestions for future educational meetings and activities would be welcome.

**Public Panel**

**Membership**

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**Objectives**

The aim of the Public Panel is to promote a positive and proactive approach to Patient and Public Involvement across BASHH and to ensure that Patient and Public Involvement is a key feature within all BASHH’s activities and incorporated into all BASHH strategies.

**Significant activities**

The key roles and activities of the panel within this year included:

- Reviewing public material produced by BASHH – not only paper leaflets, but all electronic forms of information.
  - Leaflets and guidelines on hepatitis, Chlamydia, NGU, and herpes were discussed.
  - Lay assessment of the updated BASHH document “Standards for the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections for outreach services” was provided.
- Working with Martyn Wood, BASHH webmaster discussed further developments of the website with improved signposting round the site to leaflets for downloading.
- The panel discussed the further development of the HQUIP sexual health audit bid
- Recommendations about supporting and maintaining a common list of sexual health and GUM clinics, either through BASHH or via NHS Choices or other organisations have been passed to the Board. The group also discussed communication with patients of their results, and suggested a common national template for texts.
Meetings were held in November 2014 and March and June 2015. Future meetings will be planned alongside the workstream of the Clinical effectiveness Group to ensure CEG products are considered in a timely way, and we utilise the valuable time of our lay members most effectively.

This marks the last PPE report I make as Chair. My thanks to all lay members who made the time to attend and contribute so effectively. In August 2015 I hand over to Craig Tipple and wish him and the group well for the future.

Dr Jan Clarke
Chair, Public Panel

Revalidation group

Membership
Dr Immy Ahmed-Jushuf
Dr Janet D Wilson

Objectives:
- To provide specialty based advice and support to the RCP revalidation team
- To provide support for BASHH members in matters related to revalidation
- To develop specialty specific guidance to support members wishing to revalidate
- To ensure that the specialty specific advice is kept updated and remains current.

Significant activities
- Specialty specific advice developed and uploaded on to the BASHH website and the RCP revalidation section
- Supporting the RCP to develop specialty specific clinical outcomes

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
- The RCP specialty advisers met on 2 occasions during 2015.
- Proposals for developing specialty specific outcomes framework being developed.
- BASHH Board nominated Dr Janet D Wilson to help support the outcomes development group.

Future plans
- It is expected that a limited number of specialty specific outcomes will be developed for validation during 2016.

Dr Immy Ahmed
Revalidation adviser in genitourinary medicine

Sexual health advisor group

Objectives
- To promote and encourage Sexual Health Advisers joining BASHH and to promote their BASHH. To promote and encourage the inclusion of Sexual Health Advisers in SIG, committees, Guideline Working groups etc
• There have been 3 very successful STIF courses run with BASHH Health Adviser involvement in 14/15 (2 in Malta and 1 in Spain)
• BASHH/SSHA STIF Health Adviser competencies are due to start being trialled at a number of GU clinics
• Sexual Health Advisers given reduced delegate fees to encourage attendance at BASHH national yearly conference
• Eligibility for Sexual Health Advisers to apply for a Conference Scholarship by being the first author of the accepted abstract (either oral or poster presentation)

Future plans
• Health Adviser rep to BASHH Board will be Jonathan Roberts from 2016 who will continue our aims.
• SSHA/BASHH will be rolling out national “complex” coding programme in 2016. This is aimed at capturing the complex work of Sexual Health Advisers in GU clinics and will be audited in 2017.

Ceri Evans
Senior Sexual Health Advisor

Web team

Membership
Dr Martyn Wood Chairman
Dr Nick Theobald
Dr Kaveh Manavi
Dr Alan Tang
Dr Selina Singh
Dr Ade Apoola
KSAM web team
BASHH Secretariat

Objectives
• To improve the ease of access for BASHH members to educational content on the BASHH website.
• Improve and update public areas of the website.
• Increase the use of Branch website areas to increase engagement with local branch activities.
• Enhance channels of communication with BASHH members using website members area and social media

Significant activities:
• STIF website has gone live
• Increased use of On-Line registration and payment for BASHH events
• Social Media policy / declaration developed – New BASHH tweeters signed up

Future plans
• Website Re-brand and optimisation for mobile and tablet devices
• Improved members only website area
• Working with public panel to provide high quality information for the public
• Working with Clinical guidelines group to develop a guidelines “app” for smartphones and tablets.

Dr Martyn Wood
Chair
Special interest groups (SIGs)

Adolescent and Sexual Violence groups

**Membership**
Dr Dawn Wilkinson  
Dr Sophie Forsyth  
Dr Kimberley Forbes  
Dr Laura Mitchell  
Dr Jane Ashby  
Dr Ellen Dwyer  
Dr Selena Singh  

Chair
Secretary
Co-ordinator for external consultations
Treasurer/ Educational events coordinator
Web co-ordinator
Trainee Representative
Trainee Representative

**Members:**
Dr Karen Rogstad  
Dr Katia Prime  
Dr Ceri Slater  
Dr Rebecca Adlington  
Dr Elizabeth Hamlyn  
Dr Alan Tang  
Dr Angela Robinson  
Dr Laura Mitchell  
Dr Sarah Edwards  
Dr Fiona Fargie  
Dr Rita Browne

**Sexual violence Subgroup:**
Dr Rachel Sacks  
Dr Daniela Brawley  
Dr Rachel Caswell  
Dr Michelle Carroll  

Chair
Secretary
Trainee Representative
FFLM representative

**Members:**
Dr Charlotte Cohen  
Dr Katherine Coyne  
Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan  
Christine Donohue  
Dr Carol Emerson  
Dr Praveen Jayadeva,  
Dr Emma McCarty  
Dr Ali Mears  
Dr Rimi Shah,  
Dr Kate Shardlow  
Dr Deborah Wardle
The Adolescent special interest group consists of clinicians working in sexual health and with an interest in issues related to the sexual health of young people. The Sexual Violence subgroup consists of clinicians working in GUM, HIV, SRH, GP practices and an FFRLM representative, with interests in issues related to sexual violence.

We meet quarterly for our separate and joint meetings, and plan research studies, training and educational meetings; respond to related national consultations and develop and contribute to guideline development in related fields of young people’s sexual health and sexual violence.

Over the past year we have continued to focus on addressing the needs of those working in related fields in managing patients disclosing a history of sexual violence (SV) with a particular focus on management of domestic abuse and safeguarding children and young people from child sexual exploitation.

Significant activities

- Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse, Launched May 2015 [2nd edition] with input from BASHH ASIG members on the STI working group. Includes chapter on STIs as a marker of abuse and section in Good Practice chapter on testing for STIs. Poster submitted to World Conference on HIV and STIs, Brisbane September 2015, with ASIG involvement acknowledged.

- Spotting the Signs outputs:
  - Poster presented at the International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare, April 2015
  - Development of a Tool to Detect Child Sexual Exploitation K Rogstad, G Johnston, S Forsyth, D. Wilkinson, L. Mitchell R Adlington, Z Cameron, A Elliman, C Manchester on behalf of the Spotting the Signs Task Board and Working Group BASHH Adolescent Special Interest Group, Brook, Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare and Royal College of General Practitioners
  - Incorporated into the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AMROC) report Child Sexual Exploitation: Improving Recognition and Response in Health Settings September 2014
  - RCP guidance for physicians on the detection of child sexual exploitation: Karen Rogstad, Dawn Wilkinson and Sophie Forsyth This is a practical resource intended to support physicians to recognise potential cases of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and seek support to protect vulnerable children and young people. https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/update/new-guidance-physicians-help-tackle-child-sexual-exploitation
  - Brook e-learning Tool Combating CSE: an online learning tool for health professionals http://cse.brook.org.uk/story.html (Karen Rogstad on Advisory Board)
  - Article for Clinical Medicine on Adolescent Health on behalf of the RCP Young Adults and Adolescent Health (Sophie Forsyth / Karen Rogstad)

- BASHH Spring Conference, Glasgow invited speaker on Domestic Abuse Dr Rachel Sacks [June 2015]

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15

- Chapter written for the ABC of Domestic and Sexual Violence [2014]; Dr Mears
- Response to consultation on impact and cost-effectiveness of a targeted programme of vaccinating MSM, in GU and HIV clinics (ASIG and SV groups) [Nov 14]
- BASHH ASIG Response to Home Office consultation on FGM mandatory reporting duty; coordinated by Kimberley Forbes [Jan 2015]
• BASHH / HPE fellowship study led by Chris Ward on GC, CT and TV as markers of child sexual exploitation. ASIG member network used as resource for clinical data collection. Study presented as oral at BASHH Spring Meeting, Glasgow June 2015 and abstract submitted to World Conference on HIV and STIs, Brisbane September 2015
• SV Group response to NICE domestic violence quality standard consultation [July 2015]
• Invited speaker on Domestic Abuse at the following centres: Mortimer Market Clinic, Croydon University Hospitals, CNWL Trust; Dr Rachel Sacks [Aug 2015]
• BASHH ASIG stakeholder response August 2015 - NICE Call for evidence on Harmful sexual behaviour among children and young people [coordinated by Kimberley Forbes]
• SV group response to BASHH CEG Sexual Assault Patient information leaflet

Attendance at Events
• Barnardo’s, NatCen and UCL Seminar on Boys, young men and sexual exploitation November 2014 (Dr Karen Rogstad). professional workshop discussion to take forward ways of working with boys and young men: research and policy implications www.barnardos.org.uk/what_we_do/our_work/sexual_exploitation/sexual_exploitation_of_boys_and_young_men.htm
• PROTECT stakeholder workshop, [February 2015]: PROTECT team have conducted research to inform the NHS response to human trafficking. Workshop used the expertise of frontline health professionals and other key stakeholders to inform the future development of training materials for the NHS [Dr Karen Rogstad]
• DoH Launch: Brook e-learning Tool Combating CSE: an online learning tool for health professionals http://cse.brook.org.uk/story.html March 2015 [Dr Dawn Wilkinson]
• RCPCH launch of Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse, May 2015 [Dr Karen Rogstad]
• Attendance at launch of the young people’s Petal FGM Web app http://petals.coventry.ac.uk/; Dr Ellen Dywer [July 2015]
• Attendance at Forced Marriage Event UCL, Dr Rachel Sacks [July 2015]
• Facilitated workshop at the ASM of the British Association for Community Child Health on ‘The role of STI investigations in child protection’, Leeds. Dr Michelle Carroll [Sept 2015]
• Women’s Aid and Public Health England roundtable on ‘Supporting survivors of domestic abuse within sexual and reproductive health services’ – Dr Rachel Sacks [Oct 2015]

Future plans
• SV subgroup - Writing up the national survey of facilities for complainants of Sexual Assault for IJSA in final draft by Dr Rageshri Dhaiyawan
• ASIG - Updating the BASHH guidance on the Management of STIs in children and young people 2010 – supported by BASHH CEG
• SV subgroup - Writing national document on how to implement Domestic Abuse enquiry in GU services in final draft stage
• Child Sexual Exploitation: A primary care perspective” for Clinical Focus [ in progress] [Dr Jane Ashby]
• SV Subgroup – Dr Rachel Sacks commissioned to write an STI journal editorial on Domestic abuse
- SV group working towards their OGM (joint with Sexual Function SIG) [Oct 2016]
- ASIG group working towards half day refresher on safeguarding procedures with a focus on CSE [Oct 2016]
- SV group to update the BASHH Sexual Assault document

Dr Dawn Wilkinson and Dr Rachel Sacks
Chair of ASIG and SV Groups

Bacterial group

Core Group
Cathy Ison                  London, Chair
Frances Keane              Truro, Secretary
S. Uthayakumar             London, Microscopy course coordinator
Sarah Alexander            London, Joint webmaster
Suneeta Soni               Brighton, Joint webmaster
Michael Perry              Cardiff, OGM organiser
Treasurer post is vacant

General Membership
Elizabeth Claydon          Barnstaple
Rachel Drayton             Cardiff
Kirstine Eastick           Edinburgh
Helen Fifer                London
Justin Gaffney             London
Phil Hay                   London
Paddy Horner               Bristol
Bavithra Nathan            London
Achyuta Nori               London
Nigel O’Farrell            London
Sheel Patel                London
Tariq Sadiq                London
Amanda Samarawickrama      London
John Saunders              London

Resignations
Catherine Lowndes          London

Objectives:
- To promote communication between microbiologists and clinicians involved in the diagnosis and treatment of bacterial sexually transmitted infections by: offering courses in specialist areas e.g. microscopy course, production of educational material and organisation of symposia on new areas of interest.
**Significant activities**

- The BSIG organised its annual OGM on Friday 13th March 2015 which was held at the King’s Fund.
- The BSIG organised two microscopy courses on 11th October 2014 and 16th May 2015.
- Development of an APP to replace the DVD on Microscopy of STIs is being progressed.
- Sales of the DVD on Microscopy of STIs continued.
- Collection of specimens and testing for the feasibility study to determine the time taken for NAATs tests to become negative following treatment for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in men and women was completed.
- The BSIG website was updated.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**

- The BSIG organised the March OGM led and chaired by Michael Perry on the theme ‘Outstanding conundrums in Sexual Health’ which was very well attended and received excellent feedback. There were three talks given by:
  - Dr Jørgen Jensen, Statens Serum Institut, Copenhagen, Denmark: What’s New in NGU?
  - Dr Elizabeth Johnson, Public Health England, Cardiff: Genital Candida infection.
  - There was also a debate on ‘The way we use azithromycin in the treatment of STIs is good’ where Dr John Saunders (Public Health England, London) spoke for the motion and Dr Paddy Horner (University of Bristol) spoke against.
- Two Microscopy courses were held during 2014-15 led by Dr S. Uthayakumar and Dr Elizabeth Claydon and continue to be oversubscribed and well received. The content of the course continues to be updated in response to feedback.
- A request for provision of services to develop a mobile APP to replace the DVD on Microscopy of STIs was prepared by Dr Frances Keane and Prof Cathy Ison and circulated to three companies. Following a short listing process two of the companies presented their proposals to a full meeting of the BSIG in March 2015. After independent scoring and further consideration a business plan has been prepared and sent for approval to the board.
- Data from the Research project has been collated in preparation for publication.

**Future plans**

- Plans for programme for the March 2016 OGM are is being led by Michael Perry.
- The Microscopy course is planned for October 2015 and May 2016.
- It is planned to produce a mobile APP on Microscopy of STIs, depending on approval by the BASHH board.
- Dr Tariq Sadiq and Dr Helen Fifer will take the lead on revision of the Management guidelines for gonorrhoea.
- Completion of manuscript to be submitted for publication on Time to test of cure.
- Further development of the website will be undertaken by Dr Suneeta Soni

Professor Cathy Ison
BSIG Chair
Clinical Development Group
(Previously known as British Collaborative Clinical Group)

Dr Phil Kell Chair
Dr Uday Joshi Secretary

The Members are from various regions all across the UK including Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. They liaise with clinical leads in their respective regions through elected members of the regional branches of BASHH CCG.

Objectives:
To investigate areas of current interest in clinical practice. This is done by questionnaires which are distributed through a network of regional representatives (see list above). The results of these questionnaires are then published.

Significant activities:
One meeting was held during the year. This coincided with the Spring OGM. These meetings were less well attended than in previous years the reason being given pressure of the clinical services.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
  Philips M, Joshi U, Kell P, Goorney B On Behalf of the Clinical Development Group

Poster Presentation BASHH Spring Meeting 2014
- A national survey of nurse led and delivered services within sexual Health across United Kingdom
  H Wiggins1, P Kell2, U Joshi3, S Rajamanoharan1 and British Collaborative Clinical Group.
  International Journal of STD & AIDS 0(0) 1–4

Future plans
The group has been subsumed with Clinical effectiveness Group.

Dr Uday Joshi
Secretary

Doctors in Training

Membership
Anna Hartley Doctors in Training representative to the BASHH Board
Emily Clarke Doctors in Training representative to the Education committee
Helen Wiggins Chair of BASHH T-CARQ

Objectives
- To represent GUM junior doctors within BASHH, with representatives to the Board, Education Committee and other special interest groups
- To deliver additional education and training resources to GUM trainees
- To facilitate communication of training issues to GUM trainees around the UK
**Significant activities**

- **Doctors in Training Workshop**
  - This one-day workshop was held in Glasgow prior to the BASHH spring conference and was attended by 30 GUM specialist registrars and 3 speciality doctors.
  - There was a variety of talks delivered by experts in the fields of HIV and GUM as well as a training update, with a networking dinner held in the evening.
  - The day received excellent feedback from trainees.

- **BASHH Trainees’ Collaborative for Audit, Research & Quality Improvement (T-CARQ)**
  - The idea for this collaborative was proposed to the BASHH Doctors in Training Group by Helen Wiggins, East of England trainee, and has since been launched as a subgroup of the Doctors in Training Group. The aim is to provide a portal where GUM trainees can work together to design, lead and complete multi-centre research, audit and quality improvement projects.
  - The first project, a study of how the tendering of sexual health services has affected GUM trainees, is in process.

- **Shape of Training**
  - The Doctors in Training Group coordinated feedback from GUM trainees regarding the proposed changes to the internal medicine curriculum. This helped guide the BASHH and GUM Specialist Advisory Committee’s response to the JRCPTB.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/2015**

- Doctors in Training workshop 31st May 2015
- Launch of BASHH T-CARQ

**Future plans**

- To organise a Doctors in Training workshop in July 2016, prior to the BASHH spring conference
- To improve the communication between the Doctors in Training Group and trainees, via social media and the BASHH website
- To further develop BASHH T-CARQ, completing and presenting the tendering study and delivering further projects
- To improve the awareness of GUM as an excellent training option for junior doctors via various means e.g. Royal College of Physicians careers day, increased use of social media
- To ensure trainees and training issues continue to be well-represented within BASHH

Anna Hartley
Doctors in Training Representative

**Genital dermatology group**

**Membership:**

- Dr P N Sashidharan, Chair
- Dr Christine Bates, Secretary
- Dr Serish Basvaraj, Treasurer
- Dr Imali Fernando, Web representative
- Dr Sarah Edwards
- Dr Gill Pritchard
- Dr Deepa Bansal
- Dr Anna Hartley, Trainee Representative
- Dr Martina Toby, New member
**BASHH Scientific Meeting**

**NB:** Programme attached

No of sponsors: 2

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**5th Genital Dermatology Course**

**NB:** Programme & Feedback attached

No of sponsors: 6

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<td>12 June 2015, RSM, London</td>
<td>Consultants, specialty trainees, SAS doctors and clinical nurse’s specialists in Genitourinary Medicine, Sexual Health &amp; Sexual &amp; Reproductive Health</td>
<td>Excellent Structure: 3.8/5 Speakers: Dr P N Sashidharan: 3.35/5 Dr Atef Markos: 2.81/5 Prof. Farida Fortune: 3.26/5</td>
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<td>16 October 2015, RCN, London</td>
<td>Consultants, specialty trainees, SAS doctors and clinical nurse’s specialists in Genitourinary Medicine /Sexual &amp; Reproductive Health, Dermatology &amp; Gynaecology and GP’s</td>
<td>Excellent feedback received: Overall score from feedback received from 108 delegates = 4.08/5 10 % discount was offered to trainees and nurses NB: Course income- Approx: £ 9,000 (TBC)</td>
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**Other activities in current year**

- **Guidelines on Molluscum** Published - Authors: Dr Imali Fernando, Dr Jill PritchardDr Sarah Edwards
- **Guidelines on Scabies** submitted – Authors: Dr P N Sashidharan, Dr Serish Basavaraj; Dr.Christine Bates
- (UK national guideline for the management of Genital Molluscum in adults, 2014
- Dr Imali Fernando to update the SIG web page
- **A trainee survey** (Dr Anna Hartley, Dr PN Sashidharan, Dr Christine Bates) was conducted to determine whether the current training in Genital dermatology is adequate and if not, how it could be suitably modified.
  - The findings were published as a **Poster** at the BASHH spring Meeting, Glasgow, 1-3 June 2015 (Survey of genital dermatology training amongst genitourinary medicine specialist registrars. Anna Hartley, Christine Bates, & PN Sashidharan)
Annual General Body Meeting was held on 20 11 15 in Edith Cavell Room at the Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London. 8 out of 10 SIG Members attended. It was decided to have teleconferencing at the next Meeting in 2016.

Future plans
- To continue to deliver the Primary Genital Dermatology Course
- Decided to have the 6th Genital Dermatology Course in Oct 2016
- To organise a Genital Dermatology PLUS course in June 2016, for those who have attended the Genital Dermatology Primary Course to cover topics in Genital Dermatology that could not be included in the Primary Course.
- To conduct a survey on genital dermatology service delivery and training in the current commissioning climate
- Guidelines on Pediculosis Pubis
- Guidelines on Balanitis
- To publish an article depicting the advantages of having a Genital dermatology service in Sexual & Reproductive Health clinics
- To submit a proposal to BASHH Finance Committee regarding use of some of the surplus money from the course for the benefit of the SIG e.g buying a laptop.

Dr P N Sashidharan
Chair

HIV & Blood Borne Virus Group

Chair Laura Waters, Central & North West London NHS Foundation Trust
Treasurer Fiona Burns, Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust
Secretary Simon Edwards, Central & North West London NHS Foundation Trust
Members As per website

Objectives
- Provision of CPD related to HIV and other blood borne viruses to BASHH members
- To provide comment on pertinent national guidelines
- To provide representation at meetings reviewing guidelines & drugs relevant to BBV of interest to the BASHH membership

Significant activities

Meetings
- Joint BHIVA/BASHH One-day Revision Course for the Diploma in HIV Medicine, September 2014 and February 2015
- BASHH OGM January 2015 on the future of HIV inpatient care
- BASHH HIV Masterclass, Manchester, March 2015

BASHH response to consultation documents
- Several hepatitis C drug consultations
- BHIVA malignancy guidelines
- BHIVA OI guidelines
- NHSE cobicistat guidelines

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Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
- Updated HIV window period guidance
- Contribution to numerous national consultation documents
- Joint work with BHIVA to comment on new HCV drugs
- Excellent feedback from Masterclass and significant profit 2014
- Article in STI on the SIGs activity including a plea for ideas (yielding one response)

Future plans
- IUSTI OGM September 2015
- To continue the successful Masterclass meetings and continue to make these free for BASHH members to attend
- To work with BHIVA to increase CPD focused on general medical issues of interest to the BASHH
- To lead the update to the 2007 BASHH/BHIVA/FSRH guidelines for the sexual & reproductive health care of people living with HIV
- To expand hepatitis CPD and to attract ongoing sponsorship from HCV companies in the era of declining funding from HIV pharma teams
- To review membership in 2016 in line with BASHH terms of reference

Laura Waters
Chair

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Group

Membership:
Mayura Nathan (Chair until June 2015),
Richard Gilson (Secretary until June 2015; Chair since June 2015),
Zana Ladipo (Trainee member; now consultant),
Gary Whitlock (Secretary and Treasurer since June 2015),
Sylvia Bates
Kate Cushieri
Paul Fox
Cindy Gilmour (Nursing member)
Peter Goon
Charles Lacey
Colm O’Mahony
Chris Sonnex
Kate Soldan (until February 2015)
Nicola Steedman

Objectives:
- To define standards of care for patients with genital warts and to produce management guidelines,
- To devise and coordinate studies related to HPV infection including randomised controlled trials of therapies for genital warts,
- To provide a forum for education on HPV related issues for all members of BASHH
First European HRA (High-resolution anoscopy) course held in November 2014
HPV SIG – Scientific Meeting held June 2015
Further revision of the national guidelines for the management of anogenital warts completed
Continued support to research projects in HPV

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
BASHH Scientific Meeting June 2015 with four speakers covering HPV vaccination of MSM, and primary screening for HPV in the cervical screening programme.
HPV SIG worked with the MSM & HIV SIG to provide advice to the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation on HPV vaccination of MSM

Future plans
Develop competencies for HRA training in consultation with the International Anal Neoplasia Society
Revise the Surgical Techniques Workshop following results of a survey of services to identify training needs
Contribute to planning the introduction of HPV immunisation in MSM if approved by DH.

Dr Richard Gilson
Chair of HPV SIG

Mentoring group

Membership
Emma Fox Chair
Adrian Palfreeman BHIVA co-chair
Michael Rayment New consultant representative
Hellen Mullan SAS representative
Luciana Rubenstein BASHH, North Thames
Carol Emerson BHIVA
Imali Fernando BASHH, Northern Ireland and Scotland
Jessica Daniel BASHH, Wessex and South West
Jyoti Dhar BASHH, North West Yorkshire and Trent
Graz Luzzi BHIVA
Sris Allen BASHH West Midlands, Cheshire and Mersey, Wales and East Anglia

Objectives
To provide a mentoring service for new consultants to help them transition into their new role
To provide a mentoring service for SAS doctors at any time during their career
To provide mentoring support to established consultants who request it

Significant activities
This is now a joint BASHH/BHIVA Mentoring programme
Recruited new mentors to better represent doctors working in HIV and expanded the committee to include BHIVA representation.
Set up and ran new supervision sessions for mentors
Running a one day workshop ‘Mentoring skills training for Sexual Health Consultants and SAS doctors’ in November 2015
Ongoing survey of mentor / mentee pairs to quality assure / improve the scheme
Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15

- Current pool of 106 mentors and 42 current mentees.
- Excellent feedback from the Mentoring Skills Course in June 2014.

Future plans

- Development of a mentoring module for the GUM curriculum.
- Liaison with FSRHC to consider expansion of the mentoring scheme to include consultants in Community SRH.
- Assessment of mentoring supervision sessions.
- Annual training course for new mentors.
- Biannual refresher course for existing mentors.

Dr Emma Fox
Chair

MSM Group

Membership
Dan Clutterbuck, Chair
Andy Williams, Secretary
Tristan Barber, Treasurer
Achyuta Nori
Stuart Gibson
Sarah Allstaff
Gwenda Hughes
Jonathan Elford
David Asboe
Emma Devitt
Valerie Delpech
Carol Emerson
Orla McQuillan
Ann Sullivan
David Asboe
Jodie Walker-Haywood, resigned March 2015
Lisa McDaid, from March 2015
Gary Barker
Martin Fisher
John White

The BASHH MSM SIG is a special interest group of the British Association of Sexual Health and HIV concerned with all aspects of the sexual health of men-who-have-sex-with-men. Men-who-have sex-with-men (MSM) includes all gay, bisexual and all other males who have sex with other males and both cis and trans men.

Objectives:
- To addresses multiple aspects of the sexual healthcare of MSM and broader issues relating to the health of MSM with the aim of supporting clinicians and commissioners in providing effective services.
- To provide advice and education to BASHH members and others on issues relating to the care of MSM including emerging clinical issues and responses to national clinical and strategic documents.
- To improve the holistic clinical care of MSM through input to and generation of clinical guidelines, standards and strategic documents and through educational activities.

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Significant activities

- HPV vaccination: The group received feedback on JCVI discussions on HPV vaccination in MSM and subsequent implementation discussion. Members contributed to BASHH statement on HPV vaccination and have continued to link in with implementation discussion in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

- Shigella outbreak: Regular updates on increases in Shigella 2a and sonnei strains and evidence of macrolide resistance were received from PHE. The group provided clinical feedback on a number of specific questions posed by PHE, and supported PHE in training health protection staff in history taking when interviewing over the phone.

- Chlamydia Screening Programme: The group discussed inclusion of MSM in CSP activities. Dr John Saunders attended the group for discussion and provided data on attendances by MSM. PHE provided data on MSM attendances at Level 2 services.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15

- Reviewed feedback on the ‘Sex Drugs and MSM’ conference in Nov 2013. The results informed preparations for the BASHH MSM SIG 2nd Biennial Conference – ‘Sex, Life and MSM’ planned for Oct 2015. A Programme was developed and speakers and sponsors approached.

- Reviewed membership and recruited new members to represent the holistic nature of the group’s remit, including clinical psychology and health, social sciences and psychology research

- Sought and received approval from the BASHH CEG for the development of a UK National Guideline on the Sexual Healthcare of MSM. A writing group was recruited and an outline structure for the guideline agreed. The group reviewed elements of the draft guideline over the year.

- Proposal for a BASHH MSM SIG Clinic Survey made in September 2014. A draft was developed and reviewed by the group for distribution via SurveyMonkey in October 2015.

- A BASHH Column ‘The BASHH MSM SIG’ was drafted and reviewed by the group, submitted March 2015.

- Feedback was collated and provided on:
  - NICE Guideline scope: Sexually transmitted infections: condom distribution schemes (June 2015)

Future plans

- The MSM SIG agreed to pursue patient representation on the group with the aim of recruiting two representatives in 2015-16.

- The BASHH MSM SIG 2nd Biennial Conference – ‘Sex, Life and MSM’ will take place on 30th October 2015.

- The MSM SIG will approach the BASHH HIV SIG to propose a joint BASHH Scientific Meeting in January 2016 on issues relating to PrEP and TaSP.

- The BASHH MSM SIG Clinic Survey results will be collated and submitted as an abstract to the BASHH annual meeting 2016.

- The group will continue to engage with BASHH members, commissioners and others to support clinicians in providing advice on PrEP provision, through the NHS and/or the purchase of generic medication.

Dan Clutterbuck
Chair
Nurse group

To represent the interests of Nurses working in Sexual Health and HIV

Significant activities
I have attended all Board meetings this year and the BASHH Spring meeting in Glasgow. I assisted at the BASHH recruitment desk in Glasgow and have written pieces for the newsletters to encourage Nurse members to contact me.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
The Nurse survey has been completed and will be discussed at the December Board meeting. There will be a Nurse Education slot at the 2016 Spring meeting, the topics and speakers are being discussed. Nurses who have contacted me during the year are anxious about the implications of Service tendering with possible job losses and transfer of contracts to the private sector. Models of integrated care and the training/education required to manage contraception and GUM client numbers is also a major concern.

Future plans
I aim to clarify how many BASHH Nurse members there are, to communicate with them regularly in order to give Sexual Health Nurses a voice at Board level, especially to promote BASHH Nurse education and training, so nurses are confident in delivering appropriate services to clients.

Kate Day
Nurse Representative

SAS group

The aim of the group is to give educational support to SAS doctors working in genitourinary medicine and to ensure that SAS doctors’ views are heard.

Executive Committee Membership
John Lee (Yorkshire) Chair, BASHH SAS Group
Helen Mullan (NW Thames) BASHH Board representative 2012 - 2015
Karl Hollows (West Midlands) Secretary, BASHH SAS Group
Conference Committee Chair
Karl Hollows (West Midlands) Conference Committee representative
Finance Officer
Deputy Chair BASHH Sexual Dysfunction SIG
Helen Bailey (Wales)
Pinky Mukherjee (NE Thames)
PN Sashidharan (NE Thames)
Rachel Sacks (NW Thames)
Kajal Verma (SW Thames)
Jennifer Dobbie (SE Thames)
Kate Thomas (Anglia)
Jane Richards (Northern)
Neil Lazaro (Northwest & Merseyside)
Lorna Sands (Oxford)
Chair, BASHH Dermatology SIG
Chair, BASHH Sexual Violence Group
Clinical Governance Committee representative
Conference Committee
Achievements during 2014-2015 include:-

**Annual Conference**
The 17th Annual BASHH conference for SAS doctors was held at the University of Keele and attracted over 150 delegates from around the UK and Ireland. Once again this educational conference was evaluated extremely highly. The conference was successful financially and the representatives of the 10 exhibition stands also rated the conference highly.

**Survey**
The Group has just completed a survey of SAS doctors’ experience of education and training; the results are being collated and will be submitted for publication as a paper or letter.

**Audit**
A national survey by SAS doctors of the management of Gonorrhoea is nearing completion; the data will be analysed and the national data submitted for publication. Participants will be provided with their own local data to compare with national data for local audit purposes.

**Meetings**
Three committee meetings were held during the year, including the AGM, which was held at the Annual Conference at Keele University.

**Publication**
SAS Doctors’ Career progression Survey. Oroz C, Sands LR & Lee JD; *Int J STD & AIDS* 2015 Mar 31

**Planned Activity for 2015 - 2016**
- Annual Conference at the University of Warwick 04-05 September 2015

John Lee
Chair SAS Doctors’ Committee
Helen Mullan
Secretary SAS Doctors’ Committee

**Sexual dysfunction group**

**Membership**
David Goldmeier
Karl Hollows
Emma McCarty
Wallace Dinsmore
Alan Tang
Pippa Green
John Green
Uday Joshi
Ali Mears
John Ewan
Jane Ashby
Objectives
- To improve the quality of care given to patients presenting to Genitourinary Medicine and HIV Clinics with Sexual Dysfunction.
- To provide a forum for education, training and research in the area of sexual dysfunction for all.

Significant activities
- BASHH OGM 17 October 2014. High grade qualitative and quantitative feedback from both Monkey survey and RCP.
- Poster at 2015 Spring meeting looking at whether trainees need to be better educated in sexual medicine, whether they want to do so (yes!) and suggestions for e learning in SpRs training via RCP. To be further discussed at our steering meeting in November 2015.
- SIG leading and heavily involved in national outcomes questionnaire for sexual dysfunction (NSOG) with multiple UK stakeholders.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
- ABC in sexual dysfunction to be held at Manchester conference centre October 2015

Future plans
- Steering meeting of SIG to be held in Manchester November 2015.
- OGM in SIG October 2016

STIF Foundation

Membership
Luciana Rubinstein, Chair - GU Physician (London)
Nick Theobald, STIF Executive
Sue Bird, Secretariat
Ushan Andrady, GU Physician (Wales)
Naomi Sutton, Doctors in Training Rep
Emile Morgan, GU Physician (Manchester)
Peter Greenhouse, GU Physician (Bristol)
Jessica Daniels, GU Physicians (Swindon)
Jenny Heathcote, Faculty of Family Planning and Reproductive Health
Jane Hutchinson, Co-opted: STIF Competency Project
Jane Richards, GU Physician (Newcastle)
Usha Kuchimanchi, GU Physician (Hull)
Adam Black, Nurse Representative
Matthew Grundy-Bowers, Nurse Representative
Jonathan Roberts, SSHA representative
Richard Ma, RCGP representative
Nicola Fearnley, GU Physician (Bradford)
Rachel Sacks, GU Physician (London)
Sophie Forsythe, GU Physician (Swindon)
Objectives
The STIF steering group is responsible for the development of the STIF theory courses and quality assurance.

Significant activities
- All course material has been reviewed following course participant and directors feedback.
- Simpler, new dedicated STIF Web site was launched in March 2015
- Web based knowledge assessment introduced to all course participants after completion of course e-learning material and course attendance

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
- Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15 - ending July 2015:
  - 49 STIF Courses with 1387 attending STIF Core. MoD STIF Core courses held in Catterick, Plymouth, Germany and Cyprus, with STIF Level1 Competency assessments.
  - STIF courses have also been run in Belize, Eire (Dublin 2).

Future plans
- On-line registration option to be piloted for STIF courses
- STIF CORE programme is being revised to cater also for the training needs of Fundamental participants who deliver level1 services only.

STIF Competency working party

Membership:
Dr Ashini Fox (Chair)
Dr Jane Hutchinson
Dr Penny Goold
Dr Nick Theobald
Mr Jonathan Roberts
Ms Miranda King
Dr Cordelia Chapman
Dr Rona McDonald
Mr Colin Roberts
Mr Adam Black
Ms Sue Bird

Objectives:
To design and implement a modular competency-based training and assessment programme in Sexual Health for a multidisciplinary clinical audience.

Significant activities
- Review and update STIF Level 1 Competency Assessments and STIF Intermediate Competency Module.
- Launch STIF Advanced Module
- Design and pilot STIF Integrated and STIF-SHA (Health Advising) Modules
- Provide training for trainers and quality assure these training modules.
Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
- Development of two new modules STIF Integrated and STIF-SHA – pilots commenced March 2015
- Launch of stand-alone STIF website

Future plans
- Train the Trainers Event: March 2015
- Launch of STIF Advanced Competency – the third and most advanced training and assessment module: October 2014
- Development of two new modules STIF Integrated and STIF-SHA – pilots commenced March 2015
- Launch of stand-alone STIF website

Future plans
- Train the Trainers Event: Nov 2015 (Out of London) and March 2016 (London)
- Review, update and roll out existing and new modules.

STI & HIV Course

Objectives
- The STI & HIV Course remains popular and well-evaluated.
- We continue to re-evaluate and improve the course content.
- The course will run once a year to ensure the course continues to be financially viable.
- The one day Diploma in GUM and Diploma in HIV (co-organised with BHIVA) revision courses continued to be successful and have received good feedback. Each course is run twice a year. The Diploma in GUM course is held in Manchester and Southampton and the Diploma in HIV course is held in Manchester and London.

Significant activities
- The STI & HIV Course, the Diploma in GUM and the Diploma in HIV revision courses have all run successfully over the year.
  - Numerous cost efficiency measures have been made.
  - Delegate numbers for 2015:
    Module 1 = 37
    Module 2 = 33
    Module 3 = 29
    Module 4 = 35

Performance/Outputs in the year 2013/14
- Successful courses have been held as detailed above.
- Surplus generated for 2015
  £6,590.00

Future plans
- Annual course
- Modules 1 and 2 in Spring
- Modules 3 and 4 in Autumn

Dr Ashini Fox
Chairperson

STI & HIV Course
Dr Candice McDonald
Lead
STI & HIV Course

Dr Laura Waters
Lead
Diploma in HIV revision Course

Dr Vincent Lee
Lead
Diploma in GUM Revision Course
Regions

Ireland branch

Membership
Dr Carol Emerson Chair
Dr Say Quah BASHH Audit lead

Significant activities
- Annual regional education and audit meeting held November 2014
- This was well attended with good discussion around management of mycoplasma, changes to our regional protocol and review of performance in regional and national audit

Future plans
- Regional BASHH meeting planned for February 2016

Dr Carol Emerson Branch Chair

Northern Branch

Objectives
- To identify areas of excellent clinical practice within clinics in the Region and promote them within Region whilst recognising local differences relating to populations and levels of workforce.
- To form a regional clinical network to aid the HIV commissioning process
- To provide peer support
- To feedback from national CGC meetings
- Continuing medical education and audit

Significant activities
- Quarterly education and business meetings
- HIV clinical network group set up with GUM, Infectious Diseases Units and Public health England

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
- Educational topics HIV and obesity, mental health and HIV.
- Audits on obesity and HIV, and antiretroviral use.
- Feedbacks from National conferences.
- Debate on extragenital swabs in asymptomatic heterosexuals
- Educational content of quarterly meetings has increased.

Future plans
- Preparation and planning of the educational component of future meetings will be shared across sites in the region.

Dr Alison Wardropper Chair
**Oxford branch**

Dr Graz Luzzi, Wycombe and Aylesbury (Bucks) Chair
Dr Amy Bennett, Churchill Hospital, Oxford Treasurer

**Objectives**
- To organise two educational branch events per year;
- To provide a two-way channel for information between the branch and BASHH.

**Significant activities**
- Branch meetings were held in Oxford on 14th Nov 2014 (Guest speaker Dr Richard Turner, on male genital skin conditions) and 15th May 2015 (Guest speaker Dr Liz Vincent, on LARC developments).

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2013/14**
- Clinics in the constituent counties (Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire) contributed to the BASHH register of tenders for sexual health services and their current status.

**Future plans**
- Branch meeting planned for 6 November 2015 (Guest speaker Dr Emily Lord, topic 'The Advent of TV NAATs').

Dr Graz Luzzi
Branch Chair

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**Scotland branch**

**Membership:**
Daniela Brawley Chair (co-opted)
Deborah Wardle Secretary
Gordon McKenna Treasurer
Ciara Cunningham Audit Officer
Vickie Stewart Nurse rep
Sarah Cowper SHA rep
Syed Ali Akbar SAS rep

**Objectives:**
- To hold 2 business and educational meeting each year

**Significant activities**
- Business and educational meeting in May 2015 in NHS Grampian, content as follows for educational meeting,
  - HPV vaccination in MSM: Dr Kate Cuschieri
  - HIV PrEP debate: Dr Daniela Brawley and Dr Steve Baguely
  - CSE Proforma: Dr Fiona Fargie
  - Termination care in community integrated sexual health: Dr Gillian Flett
  - Patient feedback: Steve Baguely
- Further business and educational meeting planned for November 2015 in NHS GGC, content as for educational meeting,
Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15

- HIV testing audit in progress

Future plans

- Completion of audit and continuation of bi-annual meetings

Daniela Brawley
Chair (co-opted)

South West branch

Membership
Indrajith Karunaratne Chair
Elizabeth Claydon Acting secretary

Objectives:

- To act as a focus group for BASHH members in the South West to facilitate communication in the region and to organise educational events for BASHH members and their multidisciplinary teams.

Significant activities

- The regional South West Clinical Network/Service Improvement and Audit meeting was held on Thursday 19 March 2015 followed by an educational meeting on Friday 20 March 2015 in Exeter. These meetings were well attended and received good feedback from attendees from all disciplines. The autumn meeting will take place in Bristol on 13 & 14 October 2015.

- The South West continues to have a regional office for Sexual Health. This is a South West Directors of Public Health-led Network. The workings of the office are facilitated and disseminated by a regional board. Several BASHH members participate on this board and are involved in current work aiming to achieve reductions in sexually transmitted infections, unintended/teenage pregnancies, stigma and discrimination, health and/or social care complications associated with the above. The board provides regular information and updates for the members of BASHH South West.

- As in the preceding three years the South West BASHH branch ran a patient satisfaction survey throughout the region using the PSQ validated for use in sexual health clinics. All the clinics in the South West participated and were able to look at their comparative performance both from year to year and between clinics. Funding has been secured by Dr Rachel Challenor from Mark Piertroni the chair of the south west sexual health office.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15

As above
The South West branch plans to continue regional audit activity, and further patient satisfaction survey in 2016.

Dr Indrajith Karunaratne
Branch Chair

Thames (NW) Region

Membership Sara Day

Objectives:
- To share information about National BASHH activities
- Provide the Clinical governance committee with regional governance activity or concerns
- Provide regional sexual health service providers with support around clinical governance or tendering concerns, and where needed seeking guidance from BASHH CGC committee and escalation to BASHH board as required
- Approve new Consultant and AS grade posts in the region for the RCP.
- Coordinate regional participation of regional/national audits and lead clinician surveys
- Hold educational joint meeting with NE Thames

Significant regional activities:
- Regular regional meetings eg London Providers forum March.
- Multiple Transformation project workshops held in June and July 2015 to help devise future clinical model for sexual health service specification in London.
- Supported units anticipating tendering or facing problems after transition to new provider.
- Intelligence gathering exercise on tenders arising in region to inform BASHH guidance for service providers anticipating their own services to go out to tender
- Dissemination of advice on range CG issues eg global benzathine penicillin shortage.
- Tenders awarded to NW Thames sexual health providers – Sutton, Hertfordshire. Safe transition of latter.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15:
- Collective sexual health provider response provided to Prior Information Notice issued by London Commissioners April
- Regional participation of BHIVA audit (HIV PN) and BASHH (Under 16s) audit
- Coordinated multiple surveys for completion by regional leads

Thames (SE) branch

Membership Dr Kazeem Aderogba Chair

Objectives: Unfortunately the objective of holding an annual meeting was not met this year due to overwhelming sexual health tendering activity that meant effective planning by the branch Chair was hindered.
**Thames (SW) branch**

**Membership**
Dr Usha Natarajan - Virgin care  Chair  
Guildford GUM  
Leatherhead GUM  
St Peters, Chertsey, GUM  
Frimley Park GUM  
Crawley GUM  
Worthing GUM  
Chichester GUM  
St. Heliers and St Georges, London, GUM

**Objectives**
To represent the region in the CGC and to feedback to the region important discussions from the BASHH Clinical Governance Meetings.

**Significant Activities**
- Dr Steven Estreich – agreed to be the Audit lead for the Region  
- Contributed to the STIF course by the Eastbourne GUM earlier this year.  
- Fed back in the Surrey Network Meetings and local clinical governance meetings in Virgin care from the BASHH clinical governance.

**Future Plans**
- To arrange for another educational meeting in 2016.  
- To recruit a Sussex Representative, which will ease communication with Sussex team

**Trent Branch**

Dr Tana Green  Chair  
Dr Olufunso Olarinde  Branch Support Officer  
Dr Manjula Pammi  Audit lead

**Objectives:**
- Provide 2 educational / audit meetings per year

**Significant activities**
- Trent Autumn meeting October 2014

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15**
- As above
Future plans
- Continue to try and secure and deliver a new Sexual Health Action plan for Wales highlighting the importance of adequate funding for sexual health services in Wales by engagement programme with key stakeholders with support from Munro and Forster.
- BASHH All Wales Scientific meeting July 2016 Cardiff
- Spring and Autumn 2016 regional audit and branch meetings

Dr Carys Knapper
Branch Chair

Wessex branch

Membership
Dr Alison Blume; Consultant at Portsmouth Chair
Dr Olivia Drew; Locum consultant at Bournemouth Secretary
Dr Seema Malik; Specialty trainee at Bournemouth Treasurer

Dr Carys Knapper
Chair, Trent Branch

Wales Branch

Membership
Dr Carys Knapper Chair
Dr Meena Sethupathi Audit Chair
Dr Lucy Jones Secretary

Objectives:
- Continue to engage with Welsh members of BASHH and provide a forum to discuss key regional issues
- To raise awareness of the differences between NHS Wales and NHS England and the impact this has on sexual health services in Wales

Significant activities
- A high number attended scientific meeting held in Cardiff in July, including external speakers who discussed GC NAAT testing, HIV and drug interactions, STIF course delivery, hormone use in sexual dysfunction
- Spring and autumn regional audit and business meetings held, where results of national audits discussed, along with presentation of recent local audits including a new CSE assessment tool CSERQ, disclosure of HIV to GPs by patients, Pneumococcal vaccination in HIV patients,

Performance/Outputs in the year 2015
We have liaised with key stakeholders including Public Health Wales and Welsh Government with support from Munro and Forster. We have agreement that a new Sexual Health Plan for Wales is needed. We are working towards input into the draft of the new plan with the aim that it is to be presented to Ministers for approval.

Future plans
- Continue to try and secure and deliver a new Sexual Health Action plan for Wales highlighting the importance of adequate funding for sexual health services in Wales by engagement programme with key stakeholders with support from Munro and Forster.

Dr Carys Knapper
Branch Chair
Objectives:
- To hold 3 regional education events per year, at least one to be aimed at a multidisciplinary audience
- To coordinate an active regional audit programme
- To hold 3 Branch Clinical Governance Meetings per year
- To produce an annual branch business report

Significant activities
- 3 successful educational days held with a wide range of local and national speakers.
- 1 regional audit completed – Audit against MedFASH STIMs targets
- 1 regional audit ongoing – Management of lymphoma in HIV patients.
  - An audit of HIV PEPSE
- Regional participation in national audits:
  - Under 16s audit.
  - HIV monitoring audit.
- Regional HIV mortality meeting
- 3 Branch Clinical Governance meetings held
- 2 STIF courses annually (Dorset and Hampshire)

Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/15
- Audit against MedFASH STIMs targets
- High level of participation in BASHH and BHIVA national audits.
- Successful regional educational events with both national and local expert speakers. Good turnout and excellent feedback.
- Review of all HIV deaths in the region, with learning points disseminated to all HIV clinicians.

Future plans
- Two planned regional audits.
  - One STI, one HIV related. Topics TBC.
- Three regional educational events. One targeted at multidisciplinary audience.
- Three regional clinical governance meetings.

West Midlands branch

Membership
Dr Kaveh Manavi, University Hospitals Birmingham Chair
Dr Lisa Goodall, Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust Secretary
Dr Carolyn Murray, Burton Hospital Foundation Trust Treasurer

Objectives
- Quarterly Branch Business meetings to discuss: Chair’s feedback from BASHH’s clinical governance group, business raised by the BASHH fellows and members in the region, update on regional STI and HIV epidemiology data, feedback from audit committee, feedback from higher training committee, feedback from HIV network, feedback from HIV CRG, and feedback from nurses’ committee.
- Participation of regional members in BASHH national audit projects
- Design and coordination of annual regional audit project
Significant activities
- Completion of the third annual report on regional HIV clinical network.
- Completion of the first regional survey on HIV patients’ reported outcomes
- Complete update of the region’s webpage in BASHH website.
- Start of a new regional monthly updates in GUM/ HIV mainly for the benefit of trainee doctors
- Start of a monthly regional virtual HIV viral load clinic where clinicians from the region present complex cases and agree on a plan proposed by clinician colleagues from other HIV centres in the region.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2013/14
- Well attended regional monthly training half day events hosted in rotation in any of the five regional centres for higher GUM training
- Well attended quarterly West Midlands’ BASHH meetings

Future plans
Survey of West Midlands BASHH members on their views on continuing with the “End of Year BASHH Meetings” when the new half day training events will be held in every December as well.

To include a regional HIV mortality report session in the half day training event every December.

Kaveh Manavi
Branch Chair

Yorkshire branch

Membership
Fabiola Martin Branch chair

Objectives
- To hold at least one Branch General Meeting yearly
- To organise a regional educational day once yearly
- To share innovative clinical practice with colleagues within the region
- To share significant changes to service provision amongst delegates and with BASHH

Significant activities/ Performance/Outputs in the year 2015
- Regional educational half day together with HIV Networks in York, 9 July 2015: attended by approximately 40 delegates from a mixture of disciplines. Good range of speakers.
- Regional Annual Educational Day in York 22 October 2015: attended by approximately 25 delegates from a mixture of disciplines. Good range of speakers. Feedback was extremely positive.
- Business meeting held in York, 9 July 2015: Feedback was extremely positive.
• Continue to review the changing landscape post tender.

Fabiola Martin
Yorkshire Branch Chair
Committees with BASHH representation

British Federation against Sexually Transmitted Infections (BFSTI)

Objectives
This umbrella group represents a wide range of stakeholders within sexual health with BASHH, the Herpes Viruses Association, the Church of England General Synod, Medical Defence Services (formally the Royal Army Medical Corp), Brook, Family Planning Association, The Josephine Butler Society, Terence Higgins Trust among its members. It aims to act as a broadly based authoritative voice on issues regarding sexually transmitted infections.

Significant activities
The British Federation against Sexually Transmitted Infections has met once in the past twelve months and has now established its website and become an active member of HPV Action.

It has had further discussions regarding the criminalisation of STI transmission, particularly with regard to herpes simplex.

Future plans
The BFSTI will continue to develop its role in advocacy for STI prevention and care and will try to take on an organizer to allow more work to happen between meetings and to be more strategic with campaigning.

Dr Patrick French
Secretary of the BFSTI and BASHH
Representative on the BFSTI Executive Committee

Joint Specialty Committee for Genitourinary Medicine

Membership
Dr Jan Clarke  
Dr Elizabeth Foley  
Dr Imtyaz Ahmed  
Professor Jackie Cassell  
Dr Rak Nandwani  
Dr Mamatha Oduru  
Dr Angela Robinson  
Dr Gordon Scott  
Dr Belinda Stanley  
Dr Ian Williams  
Mr John Oldham  
Professor Jane Dacre  
Dr Andrew Goddard

Chairman
Honorary Secretary
Patient and carer representative
President RCP
Registrar RCP

BASHH Annual Review 2014-15
The Joint Specialty Committee for Genitourinary medicine acts as an advisory body to the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) on matters concerning sexual health and HIV. It meets twice a year and has a membership drawn from both the RCP and BASHH, including patient and carer network representation.

**Performance/Outputs in the year 2014/2015**
The group meet twice a year; this year the committee has been involved in workforce planning and training in the specialty, and in particular commissioning and tendering of HIV and sexual health services. In December 2014 we held a successful update on STIs and HIV joint meeting between the RCP and BASHH organised by Dr Daniel Richardson. The committee has also responded to a number of consultations including new treatments for Hepatitis C; the Health Education England workforce plan 2015/6 and harmful sexual behaviour among children and young people. In April this year Dr Keith Radcliffe delivered the RCP invited history of medicine Fitzpatrick Lecture on the History of HIV.

**Future plans**
The genito-urinary medicine section of the Medical care guide which is a guide to planning and providing medical services for patients is being updated by Dr Alan Tang and Dr Olwen Williams.

HEROLOGY Secretary, Joint Specialty Committee

**Specialist Advisory Committee**

**Membership of GUM Specialist Advisory Committee (June 2015):**
Dr Rak Nandwani, SAC Chair and NHS Education Scotland (NES)
Dr Katia Prime, SAC Vice-Chair and Health Education South London
Professor Sheona MacLeod, COPMed and Lead Dean for GUM
Mr David Crundwell (Lay Representative)

**Training Programme Directors**
Dr Sarah Barrett, Health Education West Midlands.
Dr Stephen Bushby, Health Education North East
Dr Andrew De-Burgh Thomas, Severn Deanery
Dr Jyoti Dhar, Health Education East Midlands
Dr Ian Fairly, Yorkshire & Humber Deanery
Dr Lisa Haddon, Peninsula Deanery
Dr Anna Hartley, Trainee representative (England & Wales)
Dr Margaret Kingston, North Western England Deanery
Dr Debasish Mandal, Mersey Deanery
Dr Sheel Patel, Health Education North West London
Dr Katia Prime, London Deaneries
Dr Say Quah, Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency
Dr Sasikala Rajamanoharan, Health Education East of England
Dr Kate Schroeder, Wessex Deanery
Dr Jackie Sherrard, Oxford Deanery & BASHH Representative
Dr Sally Wielding, Trainee representative (Scotland)
Dr Andy Williams, DipGUM External and Health Education North Central & East London
Dr Debbie Williams, KSS Deanery
Dr Kathir Yoganathan, Wales Deanery
Dr Gillian Date-Wing, Co-opted (Recruitment Lead)
Dr Chloe Orkin, Co-opted (DipHIV External)
Dr Angela Robinson, Co-opted (JSC Representative)
Dr Graham Taylor, Co-opted (Academic Lead)
Dr Melinda Tenant-Flowers, Co-opted (DipGUM Convenor)

The GUM Specialist Advisory Committee (SAC) is a sub-committee of the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB). The role of this committee is to contribute to the development of specialist training policy in GUM, and to advise on the delivery of training to standards proposed by the JRCPTB (and approved by the GMC).

Fragmented commissioning of sexual health services by Local Authorities in England, destabilisation of training programmes and uncertainty about future consultant posts has had a negative impact on GUM training and recruitment in the last 12 months. Until recently, GUM had the second highest fill rate for training posts amongst all the medical specialties (dermatology was the first). In 2015, there are a number of vacant substantive and LAT training posts following a sharp decline in doctors who have been put off entering GUM postgraduate specialty training. Only one of 29 vacant GUM training posts was filled in Round 2 recruitment in October 2015. This has major implications for trainees in rotations with unfilled posts as well as on the services themselves. The specialty will not survive if doctors do not wish to enter it.

The SAC gave evidence on the lack of accountability for specialist training to the All Party Parliamentary Group at the House of Lords in November 2014. There appears to be lack of a mechanism to co-ordinate or strategically oversee national delivery of sexual health services in England, let alone training. In May 2015, the SAC was involved in an external review visit after GUM trainees had been withdrawn. This was linked to commissioners awarding a service provider contract which was unable to deliver the required training. BASHH, BHIVA, the RCP and others are working hard to address the issues, but much more than training is currently at stake.

Against this background, BASHH issued a clear position statement on its future vision for GUM, in February 2015. GUM sees itself as a mainstream medical specialty. This formed the basis of the SAC’s response to the proposal for a flexible curriculum in Internal Medicine in August 2015. One of the aims is to ensure that GUM training continues to provide CCT holders with a range of competencies that maintain their competitiveness for future posts, including potentially in Internal Medicine as well as the specialty itself. The full response is available on the BASHH website and I would encourage you to read this if you can please: www.bashh.org/documents/FINAL%20GUM%20SAC%20response%20to%20IM%20proposal%20Aug%202015.pdf

There is now a consensus that dual accreditation leading to a joint CCT in GUM and Internal Medicine is desirable in the future, and that there should be increased experience in allied medical specialties during GUM specialty training. This is likely to include some participation in selected medical take during the programme, but there is a great deal of work being done to decide the detail. It will take at least until 2018 before such a major change is implemented across all the medical specialties. In the interim the SAC has invited Dr David Asboe to chair a working group to update existing HIV competencies in light of recent clinical developments and to shift the emphasis in GUM training away from seeing multiple rare late-stage complications of HIV/AIDS.
Once again, I am especially grateful for the enthusiasm and expertise of the SAC members (listed above) who make quiet dedicated contributions to ensure the work of the committee continues, often without formal recognition or thanks. I also need to specifically acknowledge the enormous support the BASHH Board and President have provided to support GUM training in these difficult times.

Dr Rak Nandwani  
Chair, GUM Specialty Advisory Committee  
www.jrcptb.org.uk/specialties/genitourinary-medicine

**UEMS in Dermatovenereology**

The Board has a newly elected Treasurer Dr Lawrence Scerri from Malta and a new President-elect Dr Peter Arenberger from Czech Republic.

The most recent meeting was on 09 October 2015 in Copenhagen where a number of notable items were reviewed.

The UEMS Venereology subcommittee under chairmanship of Dr Michel Janier from France has worked successfully to ensure the harmonisation of Guidelines in STI management, between UEMS, IUSTI Europe and the EBDV.

The establishment of a European wide MJC on sexual medicine was reported on – the UEMS have two representatives on this and major efforts are being made to ensure that there is clarity about the interface of venereology with urology, gynaecology and Psychosexual medicine in EU.

The European examination in Dermatovenereology was held in Frankfurt in June with 32 doctors sitting the exam, although only 8 from within EU and none from UK or Ireland. It is the stated aim of UEMS to create single specialty examinations and in some subjects these are already very successful and taken by thousands of EU doctors in other specialties. How we proceed in training in Venereology and Dermatology across Europe is the subject of much debate at present.

Prof Simon Barton  
UEMS representative of UK in Venereology
Journals with BASHH representation

International Journal of Sexually transmitted diseases & AIDS

IJSA has had another steady year, publishing 14 issues and maintaining its Impact Factor. In 2015 alone we handled 419 submissions of which 68% were original research articles. The median time between submission and first decision for original articles is 30 days. We accepted 49% of research manuscripts in 2015 and published in print or online six BASHH/European guidelines, five BASHH papers and 17 separate audits from BASHH members. We were also proud to publish the Book of Abstracts for the 29th European Conference on Sexually Transmitted Infections held in Sitges, Spain in September 2015.

The journal continues to accept a wide range of papers from all corners of the globe that we hope provide readers with a variety of interesting and clinically useful material. As Editor, I am very grateful to all contributing authors and our esteemed reviewers, as well as to SAGE Publishing for making another successful year possible.

Dr John White

Sexually Transmitted Infections Journal

Sexually Transmitted Infections has gone from strength to strength this year, with an increase in its Impact Factor to 3.401 which confirms our place as the top international STI journal. In 2014-15 we handled 435 submissions of which 62% were original research articles. The median time between submission and first decision for original articles is 34 days. A quarter of research manuscripts are accepted, and where we are able to take a manuscript forward we always offer some feedback with a view to supporting publication elsewhere.

We continue to publish a range of commissioned material of specific interest to BASHH members, including Clinical Roundup (authored by Sophie Herbert and Lewis Haddow), Educational articles (edited by Sarah Edwards), and the BASHH column (commissioned by Daniel Richardson. Even so, we would like to publish more BASHH-focussed material, and have recently updated our Instructions for Authors to reflect this. We are inviting submissions of “Guidelines on a page”, and collaborating with the Cochrane group through Prof Jonathan Ross to publish “Cochrane on a page”. Our Editorial Board has advised that Educational (How to Do It) articles could usefully supplement guidance documents, reflecting on care beyond the scope of evidence based guidelines. We welcome any suggestions for these series.

Social media is an increasingly important platform for the journal. We now have nearly 3000 followers on Twitter @sti_bmj, where we interact and promote BASHH material as well as providing news and commentary to a wide range of health professionals. Our regular blogs and podcasts have a wide audience, as does our Facebook page. Our social media presence is an important way to support authors and the BASHH community, and we are keen to receive feedback and suggestions on how we can improve this. We were also proud to be appointed as the official journal of the World STI conference in Brisbane.

As Editor, I am very grateful to BASHH, my Deputy Editors Professor David Lewis and Professor Nicola Low, BASHH Senior Editor Dr Keith Radcliffe, and to BMJ Publishing for making another successful year possible.

Professor Jackie Cassell
Editor