Launch of BASHH Outreach Standards

The British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) are delighted to launch the first ever UK-wide Standards for the management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in outreach settings, designed to support the highest quality of sexual health care for at risk and hard to reach groups.

These new standards are produced by BASHH in close partnership with a range of key voluntary sector organisations, professional associations and public health bodies and represent a significant development in the delivery of outreach services and provide important guidance for commissioners, providers and healthcare professionals working in the area. Click here for more information.

BASHH Undergraduate Prizes Winner

The Research prize was won by Muhammad Azam Ismail for his entry entitled:

"Community Viral Load: A new population-based biomarker of HIV disease burden in Scotland"

The Clinical prize was won by Sanjeev Ramachandran for his entry entitled:

“How do HIV-negative individuals in sub-Saharan Africa change their sexual risk behaviour upon learning their serostatus? A systematic review”

Congratulations to Sanjeev and Azam

BASHH are pleased to announce that Laura Waters is the BASHH representative to the Halve It campaign.

BASHH Annual Conference

Many congratulations to Daniel Richardson and Jackie Sherrard and the BASHH team for putting on such a fantastic sell-out Annual Conference in Oxford this year. Next year’s conference will be held in Belfast 18th-20th June 2017.

BASHH Conference and Communications Secretary

The BASHH Conference and Communications officer post will be out for nomination and election in January 2017. This is a rewarding post: organising the annual BASHH conference, the BASHH-FSRH conference, some ad hoc meetings e.g. RCP sexual health/HIV conferences. The Conference and Communications Officer attends BASHH Officers meetings and Board meetings 4 times a year, sits on the BASHH Education Committee, commissions the BASHH column in STI and writes the letter from the Board to members.

The conferences are planned months/years in advance and there needs to be some overlap between the current Officer and future post holder. If you are interested in this post, please contact daniel.richardson@bsuh.nhs.uk.
BASHH News

BASHH Members survey

It is now 18 months since the BASHH Members Survey. We have listened to your comments and would like to update you on the changes which have been made with BASHH.

You asked for more support around tendering of services
BASHH has developed a ‘Six steps to successful bidding’ paper written by Dr Elizabeth Carlin to support members undergoing a tender. This is available to BASHH members as a document and a podcast on the BASHH website.

You asked BASHH to do more for SAS Doctor, nurse and Health Adviser members
BASHH has invited the SAS Doctors to the Doctors in Training free meeting.

The Articles of Association have been changed to allow members to chair the special interest groups and branches with BASHH and the Chair of the Dermatology group is now an SAS doctor.

The Annual BASHH Conference has been moved to a weekend to facilitate attendance for members. Nurse and Health adviser members have been offered a much reduced registration fee to support attendance and a very successful parallel session specifically designed for nurses and health advisers was organised during this year’s conference.

You said that the process of joining BASHH was too complicated and too expensive.
BASHH has revised the joining arrangements. Now this can be done simply on-line. There now only needs to be one supporting member of BASHH who can be either a fellow or a member.

In addition the membership subscription has not been increased for 5 years and there are new highly subsidised membership rates.

You said that the cost of attending BASHH courses was not significantly reduced for BASHH members.
BASHH has reviewed the pricing structures for meetings and has been able to give a substantially reduced rate for BASHH courses such as the Dermatology course and the BASHH Annual Conference.

You said too many meeting were in London and there should be at least one Scientific Meeting held outside London.
BASHH hosted the June Scientific Meeting in Manchester this year.

BASHH Social Media Members Survey

Have you completed BASHH’s social media member survey yet?

The survey has been designed to understand how BASHH members currently receive information from BASHH’s own media channels, such as the BASHH website, newsletter and social media. The results will be shared with the BASHH leadership team and media group and will help BASHH enhance communications with its members.

Complete the survey for a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W63ZP8D
STI Foundation Steering Committee

The STIF Foundation Committee is looking for a new committee member representing doctors training in sexual health as the current member is stepping down after completing the training. The ideal candidate should be familiar with the STIF Foundation Core and Plus courses, and have participated in the STIF course either as a delegate or as a faculty member. Medical education experience is a bonus. You will be expected to participate at the meetings and contribute to the revision of course materials annually.

The Committee meets twice a year in central London, currently on a Wednesday. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please email STIF@suebird.biz in the first instance by 11 September 2016, highlighting the reasons for your application.

Clusters of acute hepatitis B (predominantly A2 strain) among men who have sex with men (MSM)

Since 2013, clusters of acute hepatitis B (genotype A2 pv strain) have been reported in East of England, East Midlands, Devon, Brighton, and South Wales. The clusters highlighted missed opportunities to vaccinate MSM who attend GUM services, and sexual health risks being taken by MSM who do not self-identify as gay or bisexual.

Sustaining high rates of hepatitis B vaccination uptake in GUM clinics will reduce the susceptible pool in the wider community. We would like to remind clinicians to offer hepatitis B vaccination to MSM and other service users at increased risk in line with the 2015 BASHH UK National Guideline on the Management of the viral hepatitides A, B and C (www.bashh.org/documents/UK%20BASHH%20Hepatitis%20Guidelines%202015.pdf)

We also recommend that:

Patients diagnosed with hepatitis B who present to or are referred to GUM services be interviewed using the enhanced surveillance questionnaire, which can be used in conjunction with or in lieu of the PHE/BASHH acute hepatitis reporting form for GUM clinics and shared with local PHE health protection teams. Forms are available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/acute-hepatitis-b-guide-to-national-enhanced-surveillance/acute-hepatitis-b-guide-to-national-enhanced-surveillance)..

Information on patients’ hepatitis B immunity status and the vaccinations that were administered should be recorded in GUMCADv2

GUM services regularly monitor levels of hepatitis B diagnoses, vaccination offer and uptake so that this information can be shared with local health protection teams to ensure local clusters are identified and acted upon quickly.

For further information please contact: Dr Sema Mandal (sema.mandal@phe.gov.uk)

HIV SIG chair

After over 3 years of service and 4 successful HIV Masterclasses Laura Waters from The Mortimer Market Centre, London has stepped down as HIV SIG chair and will be replaced by Tristan Barber from Chelsea & Westminster – congratulations Tristan! If anyone has any ideas about improved, or new, activities please contact BASHH.

PrEP update

Public Health England have created a PrEP ‘task & finish’ group with representation including BASHH, BHIVA, the HIV CRG, local authorities and community HIV & PrEP groups. The role of the group is to agree, and take forward, a plan for the £2 million offered by NHSE for PrEP provision and options include another clinical trial. We will keep members updated and if anyone has any PrEP questions or concerns please contact Laura Waters at lwaters@nhs.net

Mentor peer support and supervision

The Mentoring Group are running peer support sessions for mentors. This provides a confidential but informal space to support one another in the subtle art of mentoring. All sessions are facilitated by a consultant psychiatrist and are free of charge.

London, 23rd September at MRC building One Kemble Street, WC2 B4AN from 10:30 to 12:30. To register, contact Luciana Rubinstein at Lrubinstein@nhs.net

Edinburgh, at the Chalmers Sexual Health Centre on 4th Oct at 9 AM. To register, contact Imali Fernando at Imali.Fernando@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
Events and Training

**BASHH STI/HIV Modules**

This course covers the in depth knowledge of STIs, HIV and their management. It is highly recommended for those who intend to sit the Diploma in GU Medicine and Diploma in HIV Medicine exams. It is modular enabling applicants to attend some or all of the modules.

The dates for the HIV Module are:
November 7-11 (Module 3/4 – HIV and other viral infections)

We have been awarded an education grant which will allow for funded places for specialist allied health professionals working within HIV such as specialist pharmacists or Clinical Nurse Specialists. Please email Dr Ngozi Dufty on ngozi.dufty@nhs.net for details.

**eHIV-STI – newly updated elearning sessions**

eHIV-STI from Health Education England e-Learning for Healthcare is the main UK elearning resource for Genitourinary Medicine. It forms part of the STIF learning pathway for non-specialists, supports doctors in specialist training and working towards their Dip GUM and Dip HIV examinations and is approved by the Royal College of Physicians as CPD for career grade doctors (up to 16 external credits per year). There is a rolling programme of session updates, the most recent of which include First Line Antiretroviral Therapy (Laura Waters) and PEPSE (Emma Wainwright), reflecting newly published clinical guidance. Please click here for further details.

**Update in management of HIV—26 September 2016 at RCP, London**

This 1-day medical conference will provide a convenient update on the current management of and issues in HIV infection. The interactive and case-based programme is designed to be clinically-applicable and delegates will leave the day with greater confidence in testing for and managing new HIV infection, as well as clearer guidance on current prevention strategies available. Click here for more information

Programme highlights will include:
- Current HIV prevention strategies
- HIV vaccines: where are we in 2016
- HIV testing in the acute hospital setting
- Diagnosing and managing primary HIV infection
- Endocrine disease and HIV
- Cardiovascular disease and HIV
- Renal disease and HIV
- Managing stable patients at arm’s length
- Tailoring HIV treatment

**Janssen Challenges in HIV Meeting—Thursday 29th September 2016 at the Hilton London Paddington**

**Dr Chloe Orkin** (Royal London Hospital) and **Dr Laura Waters** (Mortimer Market Centre)

Invite you to join an expert faculty of HIV and general medicine (GM) specialists to:
- Refresh your knowledge of GM presentations that are commonly seen in the HIV clinic as well as appropriate tests to run and how to manage abnormal results
- Discuss how HIV might influence GM conditions and their treatment
- Review best practice for managing opportunistic infections (OIs) in people living with HIV
- Identify strategies to help you discuss OIs with people living with HIV
- Take part in open discussions with colleagues and experts

All healthcare professionals specialising in HIV are welcome but places are limited so please register at:

[www.ChallengesinHIV.co.uk](http://www.ChallengesinHIV.co.uk)
More Events and Training

Physician Leadership and Management Skills Workshop – A Co-learning Event for Consultants and Senior Trainees at the Kings Fund, presented by the St Stephens AIDS Trust

Following on from the highly lauded Eagles and Kestrels programs, St Stephens AIDS Trust are delighted to present a follow-on course in medical leadership for senior trainees and consultants, in association with the Kings Fund, and supported by an unrestricted educational grant from ViiV. Two parallel workshops will run, in addition to co-learning sessions and social events for both groups throughout the program. With speakers from a convened faculty plus the Kings Fund, topics will include research and innovation, NHS structures, commissioning, tendering and competition, and physician leadership. The course is free to attend but subject to selective entry, and places are strictly limited. The venue is the Kings Fund, Cavendish Square, London. Accommodation is provided for those living outside London and travel expenses will be covered. The trainee program is aimed at ST5/6 doctors, and will run from 23rd - 24th November 2016. The consultant program will run from 24th - 25th December 2016, and will be suitable for consultants at any career stage who are now entering into leadership roles. For a copy of the program and an application form, please email linda.connor@ssat.org.uk before 1st October 2016.

Talk Change – Change Talk in Motivational Interviewing Study Day
(Advanced communication skills for practitioners in sexual health)

The Society of Sexual Health Advisers are providing a training day on Talk Change – Change Talk in Motivational Interviewing. This will take place on Friday 28th October 2016 on the 4th Floor, Unite the Union, Belfast Office, 26-34 Antrim Road, Belfast. BT15 2AA.

This will cover:
- Pillars of Motivational Interviewing
- Righting Reflex
- OARS
- Engaging
- Identifying Change Talk
- Engagement within your setting

Cost: SSHA Member £70  Non SSHA Member £80

Further information and booking form can be found at www.ssha.info

SAVE THE DATE - Mentoring skills training for Sexual Health / Reproductive Health / HIV Consultants and SAS doctors

The BASHH/ BHIVA Mentoring Group are running a one-day workshop in central London on Friday 9th December to equip doctors with the knowledge and skills to take on a mentoring role to other doctors. It will also be a useful update for doctors already in mentoring roles wishing to refresh their knowledge and skills.

There will be an opportunity to explore the roles of both mentors and mentees and to discuss ideas and models that you will be able to put into immediate practice.

Time: 10:00 - 16:00
Registration will be through Mediscript / BHIVA and will open shortly. For further information contact Dr Emma Fox at emma.fox@kentcht.nhs.uk

Emerging Themes in Safeguarding young people

Date: Thursday 17th Nov 2016 9am – 5pm
Venue: National Council for Voluntary Organisations, Society Building, 8 All Saints Street, London N1 9RL

BASHH Adolescent Specialist Interest group is hosting an exciting Educational day which will update Clinicians on the current issues in safeguarding young people.

There will be discussions on vulnerabilities, behaviours and risk indicators in young people, peer on peer abuse in gangs, CSE, harmful sexual behaviour, the law relating to this and referral procedures.

Updates on the management of Gender Identity Disorders, FGM in adolescents and an overview of MASE panels; case discussions of CSE cases with GUM involvement.
More Events and Training

**STIF Competency Train the Trainer Workshops**

The next STIF Competency Train the Trainer events will take place on 24th November 2016 in Birmingham and 24th March 2017 in London. This is a practical training session aimed at how to run the STIF Fundamental, Intermediate, Integrated and Advanced Competencies training and assessments.

Please note that all STIF Competency trainers must attend the STIF Competency Train the Trainer event every five years to maintain registration. Registration fee: £70.00. To register please [click here](#).

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**19th Annual BASHH Conference for SAS Doctors Working in Sexual Health**

Places are still available for this year’s conference which is to be held at Warwick University on Friday 9th and Sat 10th September. Please see the BASHH website for online registration and conference programme. Closing date for registration August 23rd 2016

Reminder - abstract submission closing date August 12th 2016

[Click here](#) for further information

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**South West BASHH Regional Study Day 18 November 2016**

Please save the date, Friday 18.11.2016, for the South West BASHH Regional Study Day. It will be at the Flybe Centre in Exeter 09.30 to 16.30, adjacent to Exeter airport. We have confirmed some excellent speakers on topics ranging from sexual health in commercial sex workers to the role of general medicine co-clinics in HIV. We are awaiting RCP approval for 6 CPD points.

Please [click here](#) for more details and for a booking form.

There are limited places so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Contact: Nadia.khaib@nhs.net or mwhitfield@nhs.net

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**Society of Sexual Health Advisers Annual Conference 2016**

The Society of Sexual Health Advisers Annual conference has some conference places still available on Saturday the 10th of September 2016 at Unite the Union, Holborn, London.

Themes for the day are:

- Partner Notification New Tools
- Update on PEP/PrEP/TASP – ethical dilemmas
- SHA role in Chem/Sex/Alcohol
- Changing role of SHA
- PN Bureau
- Risk reduction messages in consultations

Cost: SSHA Member £80 Non SSHA Member £90

Further information and booking form can be found at [www.ssha.info](http://www.ssha.info)
DIARY DATES

Joint BHIVA/BASHH One-day Revision Course for the Diploma in HIV Medicine - 1 September in London

8th Meeting of the European Society for Chlamydia Research, Oxford 6-9th September 2016

5th International Symposium on Hepatitis Care in Substance Users - 7 September - 9 September 2016, Oslo, Norway

19th BASHH Annual conference for SAS Doctors - 9th and 10th September 2016 at Warwick University

Chlamydia update day — 9 September 2016 in Oxford

Society of Sexual Health Advisers Annual Conference 2016 — 10 September 2016 in London

UCL Research Methods Course; 12th-16th September 2016 in London

30th IUSTI-Europe Conference -September 15-17, 2016 in Budapest, Hungary

11th Congress of the European College for the Study of Vulval Disease 15th-17th September 2016 in Turin, Italy

Topics and Discussion in Sexual health and HIV – 26 September 2016 at RCP, London

Challenges in HIV Day course — 29 September 2016 at Hilton London Paddington

European Academy of Dermatovenereology (EADV) in Vienna 28th Sept to 2nd October 2016

6th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course — 7 October 2016

BASHH Scientific meeting — 14th October 2016 — Royal Society of Medicine, London

6th European Congress of Virology (ECV) 2016 19 – 22 October 2016 in Hamburg

Talk Change – Change Talk in Motivational Interviewing Study Day — Friday 28th October 2016 in Belfast www.ssha.info

3rd Advanced High Resolution Anoscopy Course and the International Anal Neoplasia Society Scientific Meeting - 09 -13th November 2016 in San Francisco. USA

ASIG BASHH Sexploitation - I day meeting 17th November 2016

National Council for Voluntary Organisations, Society Building, 8 All Saints Street, London N1 9RL

BASHH South West Educational Meeting — 18 November at Exeter Flybe Centre

Mentoring skills for Sexual Health, Reproductive Health and HIV Consultants and SAS doctors — 9th December 2016, Central London Venue

The deadlines for newsletters in 2016, please make a note in your calendar to ensure that news items are received promptly

28 September
23 November