**New BASHH website is now live!**

The new BASHH website is now live! BASHH hope you find the new website look fresher and easier to navigate with improved course booking and online payment options.

The website now includes the new BASHH guidelines app (which can also be found at [www.bashhguidelines.org](http://www.bashhguidelines.org)) we hope the website and app will make it much easier to find the BASHH Guidelines / Patient information Leaflets you need during a busy clinic or while out and about via smartphones and tablets.

The BASHH clinic finder has been updated, however we rely on clinics providing up to date information on their services. Please check your service's entry and send any updates to admin@bashh.org

Dr Martyn Wood, BASHH Webteam Chair

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### QR Codes

With the launch of the new website, we have included a QR code on your profile page which will be used, in addition to the barcodes on your membership cards, to register your attendance at Scientific Meetings and certain other BASHH events.

If you misplace your membership card on the day, log into the website on your smartphone and present the QR code at the registration desk to register your attendance.

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**BASHH Elections 2017 –2019**

**Call for Nominations**

There are a number of posts on the BASHH Board and Clinical Governance Committee due for election in the Autumn of 2016 to serve for two years (2017 and 2018).

BASHH depends on Members and Fellows to offer their time and expertise to keep BASHH developing and responding to the needs of all those interested in the specialty. Therefore, please get involved and consider standing for these posts. [Click here](#) for further information

The completed nomination form must be returned by 24th October 2016 to the BASHH Secretariat, Chester House, 68 Chestergate, Macclesfield, SK11 6DY.

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**BASHH Membership 2016/17**

The subscription renewals direct debit requests went out on 1 August and we have had a good response. If you have not received a reminder and wish to continue in membership, please contact [admin@bashh.org](mailto:admin@bashh.org)

Please remember that the subscription can be written off against your tax liability.
BASHH Help Wanted

BASHH MSM SIG vacancies: Chair and Doctor in Training Representative
The BASHH MSM SIG is seeking applications for a new Chair on completion of the term of the current postholder in January 2017 and a doctor in training representative from October 2017. Applications for the post of chair are welcomed from existing SIG members or from BASHH members who are not currently members of the group. Please contact Dr Tristan Barber (treasurer) t.barber@nhs.net or Dr Andy Williams (secretary) Andy.Williams@bartshealth.nhs.uk for further details in the first instance.

HIV SIG – seeking new members
The HIV SIG (including hepatitis) is seeking new members from across the MDT. As well as doctors we currently have a community and a pharmacist rep, and have a call out currently for a new trainee rep via the HIV TC.

We’d encourage expressions of interest from smaller, as well as from larger units, from anyone working with patients with HIV and/or viral hepatitis. We are particularly looking for representation from the following groups:
Nurses
SAS doctors
Psychologists
Health Advisers

Please send a paragraph with your reasons for wanting to join the HIV SIG, along with a short CV, to t.barber@nhs.net by 8 October

Recruiting a member to the BASHH Genital Dermatology SIG
We are looking for motivated volunteer to join the Group. The duties would include attending SIG Meetings, helping with writing guidelines, organising courses, organising/presenting at Scientific meetings, liaising with other SIGS, conducting surveys, producing educational material etc. BASHH members who have sufficient time at their disposal to contribute to the SIG activities are requested to send a short CV to Dr PN Sashidharan (parameswaran.sashidharan@homerton.nhs.uk) and Dr Christine Bates (Christine.Bates@rlbuht.nhs.uk). CV should include details of qualifications/experience in Dermatology/Genital Dermatology. Please indicate how you could help the SIG.

Call for nominations for BASHH outstanding achievement award
This is a call for nominations for the prestigious BASHH outstanding achievement award.
The nominee must be a BASHH member and may be nominated by any BASHH member.
The nominees should be seen to have made an outstanding contribution to the work of BASHH, or an outstanding contribution to the field of sexual health. In many cases, individuals receiving these awards will have made a major contribution in both areas, although this is not essential. There is no link to length of service or proximity to retirement, nor any association with specific posts held within BASHH.

Nominations should be sent by email of citation (max 150 words) to BASHH secretariat admin@bashh.org and with a copy to the General Secretary elizabeth.foley@solent.nhs.uk by 1st December 2016

NURSES AND HEALTH ADVISORS
I know lots of services are going out to Tender and that the subsequent changes are difficult to manage. I think would be useful to put together some hints and tips about transferring services once contracts have been awarded from the Nurse/Health Advisor perspective. Processes like transfer of patient data to a different Trust, different patient management systems, integration of staff and training programmes. Please email me with anything you think might be useful to others and I will put it on the website.

Kate Day k.day@nhs.net
BASHH Newsletter

BASHH News

BASHH STI/HIV course grants

The BASHH STI/HIV course has secured an Education Grant from VIIV of just over £13,000 which is great news! We are therefore able to offer funded places to other experienced allied healthcare professionals e.g. Clinical Nurse Specialists with own patient cohorts and Specialist HIV Pharmacists who are Independent Prescribers.

This is a great opportunity for these other very experienced HCPs as well as hopefully creating more depth, discussion and learning for all. Please can you all make any experienced CNS or HIV Pharmacist aware of the funded places for the HIV Module of the course on 9-11th November 2016 and email Ngozi Dufty directly on ngozi.dufty@nhs.net in order that she can forward the form to allocate the funded place. Your staff need to benefit from this funding and excellent training!!

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 Undergraduate Prize 2017

We would like to draw your attention to the BASHH undergraduate essay prize. This is open to all undergraduate students in the UK with a closing deadline of the 31st January 2017. The prize will be judged as two separate awards: the BASHH Undergraduate Research Prize (for original research) and the BASHH Undergraduate Clinical Prize (for clinical audit, service evaluation, systematic reviews, literature reviews or case reports). The best submission in each of the above categories will be awarded £200.

Please see the BASHH website for further details and submission criteria

Invitation to share your views on an important and timely healthcare topic

Human papillomavirus (HPV) related cancers are an increasingly prominent public health issue. We would like to invite you to take part in a study to understand health care professional’s views towards HPV vaccination for adolescent and young adult men-who-have-sex-with-men. Researchers from Queen’s University Belfast and the University of Bristol have been funded by Cancer Research UK to conduct this research. The link below will direct you to an on-line questionnaire which should take no more than 10 minutes. The questionnaire does not require any personal information and your responses will be submitted anonymously. If you are a practicing GP, and would be happy to be contacted for further input, you will be asked to provide your contact details separately.

Presentation of BASHH Outstanding Contribution Award

As announced earlier this year Professor Martin Fisher is the first BASHH recipient of this award.

Mr Chris Fisher, Martin’s father, will be presented with this award in the afternoon of the next scientific meeting on Friday 14th October.
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 funded places for specialist allied health professionals working within HIV such as specialist pharmacists or Clinical Nurse Specialists who have their own cohort of patients. Please email Dr Ngozi Dufty on ngozi.dufty@nhs.net for details.

**STIF Competency Train the Trainer Workshops**
STIF Competency Train the Trainer events will take place on 24th November 2016 in Birmingham and 24th March 2017 in London. **There are only 4 places left on the Birmingham workshop.**

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.

**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. There are two dates currently available:

Friday 28th October 2016 on the 4th Floor, Unite the Union, Belfast Office, 26-34 Antrim Road, Belfast. BT15 2AA.

Friday 11th of November 2016 at Unite the Union, Merchant Quay, Salford Quays, Salford, M50 3SG

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

**Health Education England (HEE) London & South East GUM/HIV taster day**

After the success of previous years, we are again holding the GUM/HIV taster day for Foundation Year and Core Medical Trainees interested in a career in HIV/sexual health. The day provides the opportunity for junior doctors to understand the speciality.

Day 1 - Monday 31st October - lectures in central London
Day 2 – date negotiable with matched Trust - placements in London/Brighton (limited)

We have limited capacity, particularly day 2, so please encourage people to reply and apply for study leave early. Please contact for further details: Alison Barbour abarbour@nhs.net
More Training and Help wanted

FPA Digital Hub
FPA information leaflets are now available on a digital hub. This allows information to be viewed on screen, printed and emailed directly to patients from the website. It is currently only available to health professionals with NHS email addresses. It can be accessed here.

New panel members
We are looking for new patient/lay members to join the panel. If you are able to display a poster in your service to help with recruitment, then please contact publicpanel@bashh.org. If you would like more information about the panel, then please see the public pages of the BASHH website. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Guideline writing group members
Each guideline writing group requires lay membership. Patients are paid for their time, travel and other reasonable expenses. Current opportunities are listed on the public pages of the BASHH website. If you see any patients who may be interested in becoming involved with a guideline, then please get in touch at the above email address.

6th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course
There are few seats left on the 6th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course being held on 07 October 2016 at the Royal College of Nursing, London. Registration closes on 30 September. For details please go to the BASHH home page or click on the link:

BASHH ASIG Sexploitation Educational Event Thursday 17th Nov 2016
Venue: National Council for Voluntary Organisations, Society Building, 8 All Saints Street London N1 9RL Time: 9am – 5pm
Early bird discount has been extended to 31st Oct 2016 Course fee £100. Book via the BASHH website

Aquarius Population Health Limited are currently assessing point-of-care testing pathways for common STIs in symptomatic patients attending STI/GUM clinics. In order to assess the cost benefit and benefit to patients we need to gain a better understanding of the current patient pathways - particularly for the management of Mycoplasma genitalium and Trichomonas vaginalis infection. In order to collect this data we have created a short survey for clinicians working in STI/GUM clinics in the UK. The data from the survey will be used alongside data from published literature.

Anyone who completes the survey and leaves their contact details will be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 Amazon voucher.

BASHH Guidance on the Retention and Disposal of Clinical records guideline
BASHH are due to produce this guideline later in October—keep an eye on the website
**DIARY DATES**

6th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course—7 October 2016, RCN, London

Seventh Annual BHIVA Conference for the Management of HIV/Hepatitis Co-infection *in collaboration with BVHG*—Wednesday 12 October 2016, QEII Centre, London

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](http://www.ssha.info)

BHIVA General Medicine for HIV Physicians Course—3rd November 2016, NCVO, London

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

Vulval Dermatology in Practice Masterclass—10 November 2016 at Guy’s Hospital, London.

ASIG BASHH Sexploitation - 1 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

STIF Competency Train the Trainer events will take place on 24th November 2016 in Birmingham

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

HIV and ageing - 4th national conference—16 December, RSM, London

STIF Competency Train the Trainer events will take place on 24th March 2017 in London

HIV & Hepatitis in the Americas 2017 6 – 8 April 2017 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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

- 23 November 2016
- 25 January 2017
- 22 March 2017
- 24 May 2017
- 26 July 2017
- 27 September 2017