**BASHH Newsletter**
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**BASHH elections 2017-2019 Now Open**
The election for BASHH board and elected Clinical Governance posts is now open.
http://www.ersvotes.com/bashh

Please look out for an email which has sent to your BASHH registered email address (or postal address for those who requested) from the ERS (electoral reform services) with details of how to vote.

The following posts are contested:
- Fellows to BASHH board
- Doctors in training representative to BASHH board
- Nurse representative to BASHH board
- North West Thames representative to the Clinical Governance Committee

All members are entitled to vote.

**Closing date 20th December 2016**

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**BASHH Scientific Meeting:**

**BASHH HIV Special Interest Group and BASHH HIV Special Interest Group**

**HIV and GUM for MSM:**
Lessons from the past, is the future bright?

**Chairs:**
- Andy Williams (MSM SIG chair)
- Tristan Barber (HIV SIG chair)

**Provisional Programme**

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**BASHH AGM**
The next annual general meeting will be on Friday 13th January at 17.30. Full details will be emailed to members or sent to your registered address or Click here. The AGM will be followed by a Drink’s reception at 18.00

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**BASHH Administration**
The accounts department for BASHH have moved offices to Ground Floor, 4 Victoria Square, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 3TF. Financial correspondence can be sent to this address.

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The President and the trustees of BASHH wish all our members a very enjoyable festive season and very best wishes for a happy and successful 2017.
BASHH News

BASHH Undergraduate Prize
We would like to draw your attention to the BASHH Undergraduate Prize which has a closing date for submissions of the 31st Jan 2017. This is an essay competition open to all UK undergraduates, which offers a £200 reward for the best entries in the research and clinical essay categories. Please see the BASHH website for further guidance and submission requirements: https://www.bashh.org/education-careers/prizes-and-awards/undergraduate-prize/

Congenital syphilis alert
Colleagues at Public Health England have alerted us to a possible increase in cases of congenital syphilis. These cases are occurring across the country but with several in the North East and the infants are born to mothers who may not have obvious risk factors and who have had negative serology for syphilis at booking. We will continue to work with PHE and other relevant organisations and will keep members updated. We would like to take the opportunity to remind colleagues when managing pregnant women found to have positive syphilis serology that we have developed the Syphilis birth plan to make the vital communication regarding maternal and neonatal management as straightforward as possible and it is available at https://www.bashh.org/guidelines. This is designed for GUM doctors to complete and to send to the team managing the woman and her baby (midwives, obstetricians, paediatricians and the GP).

As part of the increased surveillance of congenital syphilis it is very important that all GUMCAD data is accurate. Please remember to add the pregnancy trimester codes of PR1, PR2 and PR3 for all syphilis diagnosed in pregnant women. Congenital syphilis remains a rare condition in this country, and when a case of congenital syphilis is identified and managed it is also important to code this using the A7A code.

We are happy to answer any questions regarding this, our details are:
Margaret Kingston; Margaret.kingston@cmft.nhs.uk
Patrick French; Patrick.french@nhs.net
Janet Wilson; Janet-d.wilson@nhs.net

Change of date of Summer scientific meeting at the Kings Fund
Members are asked to note a change in date of the Summer BASHH scientific meeting in 2017. The date of the meeting has been changed from Friday 12th May 2017 to TUESDAY 6th June 2017 to co-incide with a special centenary event later that day.

Further details regarding that event will follow.
The scientific programme is on Service delivery and Innovation.

Switchboard LGBT+ Helpline posters
Switchboard is one of the UK’s longest running LGBT+ helplines. Our confidential and impartial phone and instant messaging services provide information, support and referrals for lesbians, gay men, bisexual and trans people as well as anyone considering issues around their sexuality and/or gender identity.

To help promote our services to your patients and service users we are offering a free downloadable poster advertising our services. To download this poster or request a printed version, please contact admin@switchboard.lgbt or download from www.switchboard.lgbt/poster
Help wanted and News

Vacancy - Doctor in training representative for Education committee

A vacancy has arisen for a doctor in training representative on the BASHH Education committee. The commit-tee meets 3 times a year in London, and is involved in planning the educational meeting and the annual con-ference. This is a great opportunity to get involved in educational aspects of the specialty. Please send a brief (1 page) CV in support of your application to jackiesherrard@doctors.org.uk (chair of com-mittee) by 30 December 2016.

Undertaking Research in Non-NHS Provider Settings

Clinics run by non-NHS providers are anecdotally reporting difficulties when trying to undertake research, often because a lack of support from their employing organisation. The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is keen to qualify how large this problem is, and to identify potential solutions. If you work for a non-NHS provid-er and either are, or have tried to be, involved with a research study they want to hear from you via this link https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H6LYLJY.

Prof Jonathan Ross, NIHR Clinical Research Network Lead for Sexual Health

Sexual health in prisons lead for Clinical Governance Committee

The Chair of the CGC Dr Alan Tang would like expressions of interest by email from any BASHH member who is actively providing STI and HIV testing in prison settings to present prison governance issues at the quarterly committee meetings. The role will involve liaison with members who work in prisons and writing of quarterly re-ports on any service provision, quality or safety issues. The lead may attend in person or request the Chair or Secretary of the CGC to move their report in absentia. A spreadsheet of members who provide STI and/or HIV services will be passed on to the lead along with a summary of past projects with the Health and Justice Clinical Reference Group, Public Health England BBV Testing Pilot, Commission on Sex in prisons and other projects. If you are interested, please email admin@bashh.org

BASHH Annual Conference, Belfast, June 18-20th 2017

Registration and Abstract submission is now open for the Annual BASHH conference which is being held in the Europa Hotel in Belfast from the 18-20 June 2017.

The Gala Dinner is being held in the Titanic Museum which sits on the site where the titanic was built: numbers will be limited, so please make sure you book this when you register to get a place for this unique opportunity.

For registration, abstract submission, view draft programme and other information, go to the BASHH website at: https://www.bashh.org/events/annual-conference/annual-conference-2017/

Lectureship and prize at the Royal College of Physicians

The Royal College of Physicians have an opportunity for young research workers who feel they have made a major contribution to clinical science to apply for the Graham Bull prize and Goulstonian lecture. A £1,000 prize is available, and the winner will be asked to deliver the Goulstonian lecture at an RCP event.

Applications close on 31 March 2017, and further information can be found at https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/ graham-bull-prize-clinical-science-and-goulstonian-lectureship

Penile biopsy survey

We seek to identify current practice across different specialities involved with undertaking penile biopsies. This will help us to assess differences in practice across regions and specialities and may help guide safe practice when undertaking these procedures. We would be grateful if you could please answer our survey, which should take under 5 minutes to complete. Participation is voluntary and your identity will be kept anonymous.

Please visit the following link to take part: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YFSSRMF
Events

Annual Update: Continuing Education in Sexual Health & Reproductive Health

Kings Health Partners Training Partnership Annual update for Primary & Community Care Clinicians on Saturday 11th February 2017.

One day Annual Updating Day suitable for all health professionals working in the field of sexual and reproductive health, who are required to advise patient on wide range of issues, and who need to be fully inform about recent developments and current thinking.

Applications are welcomed from GP’s, SRH, O&G, SASGs also Nurse and other Healthcare professionals working within the Sexual Health area.

Registration is from 9.15am – 10.00am, with the programme starting at 10.00am

The program covers Contraception & STI update:
LACR Contraception, New Methods & Missed Pills, STI issues including Swabs, HIV and more (full programme to come)
Course Valid for Recertification of the DFSRH/NDFSRH

You can register for this event on our website on the http://khptp.org.uk/

BASHH HIV masterclass

The BASHH HIV Masterclass will be back in Manchester for 2017 after a very successful and highly rated programme last year. This is a 2 day meeting from the 16th-17th March focusing on HIV as it is now, and then future advances to come. As with previous years you can expect a wide range of speakers from across the country giving expert opinion on a wide range of HIV associated topics. Once again we anticipate being able to avoid registration fees so hopefully the only cost will be covering transport and accommodation if needed.

Please click here for further information.

BASHH Genital Dermatology PLUS Course: 23 June 2017


This course includes topics that are not covered in the Primary BASHH Genital Dermatology Course. In order to attend the PLUS course, it is not necessary to attend Primary Course (NB: Date for 7th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course is 20 October 2017). Details of the PLUS Course will appear on the BASHH website. Places are limited. The Programme of last Year’s course can be seen via the link.

If you have any queries, please contact Dr P N Sashidharan (Parameswaran.Sashidharan@homerton.nhs.uk) or Dr Christine Bates (Christine.Bates@rlbuht.nhs.uk)

Challenges In HIV meeting a success!

The Janssen-supported, BASHH-endorsed ‘Challenges in HIV’ meeting was held in London on 29th September. The meeting was developed and chaired by Dr Chloe Orkin (Barts Health) and Dr Laura Waters (Mortimer Market Centre). Almost 100 delegates attended to participate in workshops on topics including insomnia and dizziness and to attend lectures on OIs & abnormal blood results. The meeting was rated very highly (e.g. “One of the best educational meetings I have attended”)
DIARY DATES

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

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

**BASHH Scientific meeting**—13th January – Royal Society of Medicine, London

**Joint BASHH / BHIVA One Day Diploma in HIV Medicine**—1 February in Manchester

**Vulval Dermatology in Practice: Masterclass**—9 February in London

**12th Joint BASHH AND FSRH Conference**—10 February at RSM, London

**Continuing Education in Sexual Health & Reproductive Health**—11 February in London

**BASHH HIV masterclass** 16-17 March in Manchester

**BASHH Scientific meeting**—24th March – RSM, London

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

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

**7th Annual Anogenital and Oral Dermatology Course**—25-26 May in London

**BASHH Scientific meeting**—Tuesday 6 June – Kings Fund, London—please note date

**BASHH Annual Conference**—18-20 June in Belfast

**BASHH Genital Dermatology PLUS Course**—23 June in London

**BASHH Scientific meeting**—13 October – Royal Society of Medicine, London

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The deadlines for newsletters in 2017, please make a note in your calendar to ensure that news items are received promptly

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