Outline Programme for Centenary Scientific Meeting

Three themes:
1. Innovation in Service Delivery
2. Innovation in Diagnostics
3. Preparing for the future of HIV Care

1. Service Delivery
Innovation in service delivery - (online, self-testing, asymptomatic booths and standard services) – Dr Keith Radcliffe
What does the future hold for STI services - Dr Gwenda Hughes
Message from Prof King K Holmes (tbc)

2. Diagnostics
What should we be doing today with today's diagnostics – Dr John White
What is the future for STI diagnostics — Dr Tariq Saddiq
Possible extra lecture (HiF)
Message from Prof Christopher Fairley

3. HIV
Shaping HIV services for the future – what should we be doing- Dr Laura Waters (tbc)

There will be more information on the website nearer to the date.

Annual Subscriptions to BASHH from August 2017 for Doctors in Training

BASHH are delighted to let you know that we have revised the annual subscription rate for Doctors in Training members of BASHH and we will be reducing the current rate.

There will be a special annual subscription rate of just £95 for a maximum 4 year period.

To qualify for this new reduced rate you need to do the following:

- Email admin@bashh.org before 1 JUNE 2017 to let us know you are eligible, so the rate can be altered for your renewal in August. Please subject title your email 'DIT subscription'
- Please state your year and place of training AND attach a letter of confirmation from your educational supervisor

It is important that these criteria are met to allow the rate to be altered.

After you have completed your 4th year of training, the rate will be automatically increased to the standard 'Doctor member' rate.

Consultants/Fellows

Please could all Doctors who have become Consultants (Fellows) during the last year, please advise admin@bashh.org by 1 June 2017, in order that we can update our database before the subscription renewals are sent out.

National ACCEA awards 2016

Claudia Estcourt was successful in gaining a Silver award in the 2016 round. We congratulate her on her success and apologise for accidently omitting her name in the February Newsletter announcement.
Celebrating 100 years of good sexual health

As you know, this year marks 100 years of the Venereal Diseases Act. To get the word out there, a team from the public panel are putting together a short (2 minute) film which to be disseminated online. We would like to know what BASHH members consider to be the key achievements of the specialty/field over the last 100 years. Send your ideas, links to video clips, photographs etc. and we'll consider them for inclusion in the film.

Deadline for ideas is mid-April, so please send things along to publicpanel@bashh.org as soon as you can.

Public Panel Recruitment

The panel has healthy representation from third sector organisations and a core of lay volunteers who are working hard to make sure that BASHH considers the views of patients and the public in its work.

We are looking to expand involvement from service users, and ask if service leads could arrange for a new poster (designed by panel members) to be distributed in clinics, shared via clinic twitter accounts (and any other way you would like to get it out there!).

If you are able to help, then please drop a line to publicpanel@bashh.org

Introducing.... the BASHH research panel

Organisations that fund research often require patient and public involvement (PPI) to be part of the projects they choose to fund. The key principle is that the general public and/or people affected by the research topic are involved throughout the research, ensuring it is appropriate and acceptable.

The first stage of the research process is to develop a research proposal and bid for funding. It is important that PPI is included at this stage, as this can help ensure that the research design is relevant to the target population and that the researcher is able to communicate their ideas and intentions in a way that is meaningful to the general population. However, finding individuals to be involved at this stage can be a challenge in the sexual health research field. This is why BASHH and THT are collaborating to set up this lay research panel, made up of members of the general public, who will review research proposals and feedback to the researchers on their proposals.

If you are planning a research project and would like to find out more about using the panel to assess it, then please contact publicpanel@bashh.org to find out more or to request an application form.

Reporting Illicit Drug Reactions (RIDR) – the new online reporting system

RIDR (Reporting Illicit Drug Reactions) is a new online system, developed by PHE & the MHRA, to help improve our knowledge of the harmful effects of new psychoactive substances – this is very much targeted at all frontline staff including professionals in sexual health clinics

The UK-wide easy-to-use system allows frontline workers to record information about the effects of NPS using an online portal. Data will be analysed by experts to identify patterns of symptoms and harms. This will be used to inform treatment guidance and help staff deal more quickly with unknown substances to improve patient safety.

If you wish to register on RIDR or report a reaction please visit: https://report-illicit-drug-reaction.phe.gov.uk

For further information please contact ann.sullivan@chelwest.nhs.uk

Call for new members for the Bacterial Special Interest Group

The Bacterial Special Interest Group are inviting applications for membership. Applicants should have a special interest in STIs and should send a short CV (2 pages) accompanied by a letter expressing the reasons for applying and the skills you will bring to the group. Please send to the BASHH secretariat at admin@bashh.org by end of May 2017.

BASHH member are invited to comment on the  NICE HIV testing: Quality standard consultation

Members are invited to review the HIV testing consultation and send their comments to help form the BASHH response. https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/GID-QS10040/consultation/html-content-2

Please send any comments to admin@bashh.org by Thursday 13th April 2017
More news

BASHH /Public Health England
Honorary Joint Training Fellowships for Physicians
Taking Higher Specialist Training in Genitourinary Medicine 2017

BASHH and Public Health England (PHE) run a programme of honorary joint Fellowships for physicians in higher specialist training in genitourinary medicine. Fellowship applications are now open for 2017.

The fellowships provide opportunities for clinicians to develop interests in epidemiology or public health for part of their higher specialist training through an attachment with PHE, usually for a day per week over a year. With support from a relevant PHE mentor, the fellows undertake a project relating to some aspect of genitourinary medicine, that is also of value to the mentor and public health in general.

More details about the fellowships and the application requirements can be found here.

Closing date for applications is 21st April 2017.

RCP launches full version of new specialty service planning resource

The Royal College of Physicians, in partnership with the UK’s medical specialty societies, has launched the full version of its first ever web-based planning resource for medical specialties. The website rcpmedicalcare.org.uk will help those involved in the planning and provision of services get a clearer picture of the specialty services that need to be in place to provide great patient care.

Additionally, the RCP will be launching our updated research toolkit which follows on from our 2016 report Research for all. The toolkit is an example of RCP’s commitment to support physicians of all career stages, working across all specialties to become more involved in all aspects of academic medicine and medical research.

Congratulations go to:

Peter Greenhouse has been awarded the Honorary Life Fellowship, which will be presented at a future scientific meeting.

Jackie Sherrard has been awarded the Outstanding Achievement award and this will be presented at conference.
Even more news

**BMA MEDFASH prize - now open for applications**

The 2017 BMA MEDFASH prize for improving the quality of HIV and/or sexual healthcare foundation is now open for applications. The prize awards £1,000 in recognition of work that has improved the quality of HIV and/or sexual healthcare in the UK.

The prize is open to any health or social care professional or organisation actively involved in the delivery of HIV and/or sexual healthcare in the UK. Applicants do not need to be doctors or a member of the BMA.

Applicants may be nominated or self-nominated and should be currently working in HIV and/or sexual healthcare in the UK.

For more details on the prize, the assessment criteria and terms and conditions, please see click here.

To apply please email your application documents to researchgrants@bma.org.uk by Friday 9 June 2017. Please ensure that when you send your application through you use the subject heading ‘BMA MEDFASH APPLICATION’ in your email.

**ISSTDR Board and Conference Nominations**

The International Society for the Sexually Transmitted Disease Research (ISSTDR) is seeking a host for its conference in 2021, for more information, please contact bvanderpol@uabmc.edu and the closing date is 15 June.

They also require nominees to join the ISSTDR Board. If you are interested, please contact bvanderpol@uabmc.edu for further information and the closing date is 15 May.

The deadlines for both requests is 15 June.

**Psychosexual questionnaire**

We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete this survey which should take between 5-10 minutes to complete. We are looking to build a picture nationally of the service provision for people with sexual difficulties seen with sexual health and related services. If there are any queries, please contact Jane Ashby (jane.ashby2@nhs.net) or Nadia Ahmed (nadia.ahmed2@nhs.net), on behalf of the BASHH Sexual Dysfunction SIG. The survey will close on 21.4.17.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7MQRNHQ

**RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS:**

Researchers at King’s College London are looking for people living with HIV and pain in their feet to participate in a study in London, UK.

You will be asked to complete questionnaires at home and to attend one interview appointment in person. You will receive a £20 voucher for your time; travel expenses will be reimbursed up to £15. You can find out more on the study website: www.kcl.ac.uk/theopenstudy

To discuss the study further and see if you are eligible, please contact Dr Whitney Scott: whitney.scott@kcl.ac.uk or call: 020 7188 5421

**HIV CRG**

The HIV CRG continues in its new, leaner format.

4 new cross CRG working groups have been established to cover NICE, Value, Data and Research (NIHR), with allocated leads identified from within the CRG.

If anyone has any issues to raise including new drugs or changes to national policies that may be relevant for the CRG to consider, please contact me (lwaters@nhs.net) or your regional CRG representative.
Events & Training

ABC of Sexual Dysfunction Study Day—Thursday 19th October 2017 at 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN (Royal College of Nursing)

We are pleased to inform you that the Sexual Dysfunction Special Interest Group of BASHH are running another ABC of Sexual Dysfunction study day. This popular educational meeting offers an introduction to the latest information on the assessment and management of common sexual problems but is also useful to update and refresh current practice. Educational content is relevant to doctors, nurses, health advisers, psychologists, sex and relationship therapists and other professionals with an interest in this dynamic field.

Programme: A provisional programme is available to view; please click here
Registration: Online registration is now open and you can register by clicking here
Due to the popularity of this meeting, please consider early registration.

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 this year as:
8th - 11th May 2017: Module 1 (Epidemiology of STIs and Bacterial Infections)
12th May 2017: Module 2 (Sexual Health and Sexuality)
6th - 7th November 2017: Module 3 (Viral infections other than HIV
8th - 10th November 2017: Module 4 (HIV Infections)

Look at the BASHH ‘Training courses’ section on the website or contact ngozi.duffy@nhs.net for further information

Advance notice of the 20th BASHH Annual conference for SAS doctors working in Sexual Health

The 20th BASHH Annual Conference for SAS Doctors Working in Sexual Health is to be held on 8th and 9th September 2017 at Keele University.

Please hold these dates for this popular educational conference aimed at SAS doctors working in sexual Health.

Online registration, abstract submission and conference programme will be available on the BASHH website in April/May.

If you are an SAS Doctor please consider submitting an abstract for consideration for an oral presentation at the conference. We are looking for original papers/audits/interesting cases submitted by SAS doctors.

BASHH Genital Dermatology Courses/Meeting

Dates for your diary:

23 06 17: Genital Dermatology PLUS Course 2017
Venue: Wesley Euston Hotel & Conference Venue, London
Next to Euston Station

Details of the Course can and the Programme can be found on the BASHH website by clicking here

NB: Places are limited on this Course. Hence please apply early to avoid disappointment

20 10 2017: 7th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course, London—click here for more information or go to the BASHH home page under upcoming events
More Events & Training

Diploma in GU Medicine OSCE Revision Course—6th May 2017, Southampton

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

STIF Foundation and STIF Competency

STIF Forum at BASHH annual conference
All STIF Course Directors and STIF Competency Trainers are warmly invited to attend a short meeting at the BASHH annual conference in Belfast.

Monday 19 June, Penthouse Suite at 14.00-15.00. This will be an opportunity to share experiences and hear your views and best practice to help us to continue develop the STI Foundation and Competency programmes. We look forward to seeing you there.

STIF Competency – Train the Trainer
The next STIF Competency Train the Trainer event will take place on 30th November 2017. This is a practical training session aimed at clinicians whom are planning to implement STIF Fundamental, Intermediate, Integrated, Advanced and Health Advising Competency 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.

DATES of future BASHH Scientific Meetings for your diary
Friday 13 October 2017
Friday 12 January 2018
Friday 9 March 2018
Friday 22 June 2018
Friday 28 September 2018
All at the RSM, 1 Wimpole Street, London

HIV and ageing - 4th national conference

HIV and ageing is an evolving issue in the management of HIV. This group has several specific social and medical aspects which need special consideration. This meeting aims to review the impact of HIV on older patients.

Objectives
- Discuss the impact of HIV on the liver, renal and lungtarchia disease
- Social and clinical issues of living with HIV
- Understand the range of medicine problems for older patients with HIV

The day will be of interest to HIV physicians and medical consultants, training doctors of any specialty, nursing staff, pharmacists and health advisors working in the field of HIV.

To book or for more information: www.rsm.ac.uk/events/seh01
DIARY DATES

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

Diploma in GU Medicine OSCE Revision Course—6th May 2017, Southampton

HIV and ageing - 4th national conference—Friday 12 May 2017 at RSM, London


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/SSStdi Conference—18-20 June in Belfast

BASHH Genital Dermatology PLUS Course—23 June in London

20th BASHH Annual Conference for SAS Doctors Working in Sexual Health—8-9 September at Keele University

Research Methods Course— 18th – 21st September 2017 in London

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

ABC of Sexual Dysfunction Study Day—Thursday 19th October 2017 in London

7th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course, London—20 October in London

STIF Competency Train the Trainer on 30 November in Birmingham

BASHH Scientific meeting—12 January 2018 in London

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

24 May 2017
26 July 2017
27 September 2017
29 November 2017