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to highlight their activities over the year.*

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

In my final year of the two-year term of BASHH presidency we have accelerated the pace of change needed within the organisation. As usual, it has been an incredible year with so much to be positive about, meeting, working, and collaborating with the best people within BASHH, Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) and across the sexual health and HIV sector. That said, there are still huge challenges to face together to overcome the barriers to delivering and receiving the best care possible for people needing sexual health and HIV care.

In the last year we commissioned M+F Health to manage our social digital media strategy, developing, managing, and delivering activity across all our social media channels. We have regular updates on social media activity, including involvement from BASHH media group on developing and mediating content. Over the next 2 years we aim for all special interest groups to have engaged with the social digital media team, highlighting the exceptional work they deliver on behalf of members, the team, and the service users.

We have commissioned M+F Health to deliver a large scale and multi-year GUM trainee recruitment campaign: #LoveGUM. The M+F Health team are working with the Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) chairs, Dr Sarah Schoeman and Dr Andy Williams in conjunction with Dr Katia Prime, Dr Nadia Ahmed and the Student and Trainee Association of Sexual Health and HIV (STASHH) team. Plans are being developed and will be shared with the membership once we have next steps.

On the subject of workforce, BASHH Board are acutely aware of the pressures within sexual health services affecting all staff, doctors, nurses, health advisers, support workers, management and administration staff. The impact these pressures have on the membership and therefore on our service users is deeply worrying. I outline here some of the approaches I have taken, supported by board, this list is not exhaustive and is by no means all that we will continue to try to deliver.

I am co-chair of the HIV Action Plan: Implementation Workforce Task and Finish group. I chair this group with Professor Jonathan Corne, the GUM Associate Dean. We are developing recommendations to put into the Action Plan. This addresses all the workforce needs to support delivery of the Action Plan and ultimately help us meet the ambitious target of meeting zero new transmissions of HIV by 2030.

These recommendations work across all professions that support delivery of HIV care, PrEP and prevention delivery in community, across the NHS, sexual health services and HIV services. We are working very closely with the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health (FSRH) to ensure we do not have gaps where service users, in particular women, may present for care. Dr Janet Barter, FSRH president is working very closely with me to ensure we stay focused on making sure both GUM and Community Sexual and Reproductive (CSRH) posts are part of the solutions. I am incredibly grateful for the positive and co-operative relationship which prioritises all the needs of our service users.

FSRH and GUM are beginning to develop recommendations to support the drive coming for the new NHS Workforce plan which we hope will draw some much-needed attention to recruitment issues in both GUM and CSRH.

We are working with English HIV and SH commissioners to look at driving some of this work and focusing on ensuring standards for workforce are at the heart of any investment within commissioning. BASHH should provide leadership for the GUM/STI workforce and work with professional bodies to ensure high standards are maintained.

Alongside the work on workforce within the HIV Action Plan Implementation group, I co-chair the Low Prevalence Task and Finish group. Both of these groups feed into the HIV Action Plan led by Professor Kevin Fenton. We continue to work with the multi-organisation multi-professional organisations as part of this work which is vital to meet the 2030 target.

We have striven to improve the delivery for members, both by improved functions of our secretariat and providing support for social media and communications. We have also agreed to support the Clinical Effectiveness Group and Clinical Standards Unit. We must deliver guidelines and standards, these are at the heart of what BASHH stand for. We have commissioned a medical writing company, Scinopsis to support the Chairs, Professor Margaret Kingston and Dr Dawn Wilkinson to deliver the guidelines and standards that the sector as whole look to BASHH to deliver in a timely way. We will turbo charge the delivery of this work over the next two years.

PRESIDENTS REPORT *continued*

The BASHH 2023 annual conference in Llandudno was an incredible conference spent learning, networking and connecting with colleagues. Dr Chris Ward, conference chair delivered a fantastic event and is pushing forward with the conference team to make conference more inclusive than ever. BASHH approved for the first year ever to support a multi-professional delegation to attend the International Society for Sexually Transmitted Diseases Research (ISSTD) international conference on the study and research in STIs and provide a feedback event to the wider membership. This was delivered in September 2023 and is available as an online webinar on the website.

We need to continue to evolve as a professional organisation and are continuing to look at improving our structure, beginning to seriously consider new structures including recommending a chief executive model and providing some paid time for vital roles within the organisation. We can't go on expecting hard working colleagues with other full-time jobs to deliver the best they can when they have no time to deliver for BASHH. Critically this will not drive diversity or open opportunity for a diverse representation at board level. Recommendations on how we can do this will be with members very soon with the opportunity to vote on a new model of senior structure and further examine how we can be cost effective, generate income to deliver our vital work and work more effectively and efficiently.

In addition, strengthening collaboration has been a key aspect of the last two years. I have worked very closely with Terrence Higgins trust (THT), Richard Angel (chief executive of THT) and supported BASHH to move Sexual health and HIV onto the political agenda. Working with Deborah Gold (Chair of National Aids Trust), Professor Jim McManus (Association of Directors of Public Health ADPH president), Dr Janet Barter (FSRH President), Professor Kevin Fenton (Faculty of Public Health FPH and Public Health Director of London) and others has been incredibly productive and beneficial to BASHH. Raising the issues we have as a specialty and developing plans to address them will not happen if we work in isolation. We continue to value and work hard with colleagues to move the agenda forward around training, recruitment, quality, access and innovation.

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has been incredibly supportive in developing an STI roundtable event with plans to address the increasing rates of STIs, and a syphilis summit, which I co-chaired, beginning to develop action plans to tackle the worrying rates of STIs with a focus on syphilis which requires cross organisational and cross sector work. This focused work will produce action plans over the next 6 months.

We work with other organisations to help drive improvements in sexual health services, demand increased funding and improve cross sector working. This year I have attended regular meetings with the Department of Health (DoH), Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), UKHSA, ADPH, English HIV and Sexual Health commissioners, Local Government Association, Royal College of Physicians, Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, FSRH, the World Health Organisation (WHO), HIV Clinical Reference Group (CRG), M+F Health our communications and public affairs agency, and NHS England (NHSE). I have met with leaders in the devolved nations and attend the Clinical Governance Committee (CGC) meetings to ensure I am keeping in touch with clinicians on the ground. I meet with many of the special interest groups within BASHH who describe the ongoing opportunities and challenges which BASHH can support. In addition, I have met with many of the BASHH membership to hear the incredible work being developed and delivered. Wherever we can, we will share this work and support people to seek out opportunities to propagate the examples of best practice.

The upgrade of the BASHH website, is a huge piece of work being led by Dr David Phillips, General secretary with Dr Cara Saxon, Ass. General secretary, Kaveh Manavi, Vice President in conjunction with EBS, the secretariat team. This will enable additional much needed functionality and support members to have the best access to the work we deliver collectively.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the work of all BASHH board members and in particular the hugely committed and hardworking officer team, Kaveh Manavi, David Phillips, Chris Ward, Sophie Forsyth, Cara Saxon, Rona MacDonald and Matthew Phillips.

In my final few months as president, I hope to continue to push forward essential changes along with the board and BASHH membership. I know the members will play their part and keep board informed as to how we can best drive your organisation.

Dr Claire Dewsnap
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Review

This year has seen a change in direction in relation to expenditure which affects BASHH's financial position both in year and for the forthcoming years. Notably, there has been a shift in focus in delivering activities across BASHH which include website reconstruction, sponsoring delegations to international conferences to bring back learning for the BASHH membership, commissioning events experts to manage the flagship conference and perhaps most significantly the appointment of a fixed term Chief Executive Officer. All of these activities serve to further the objectives, and all have cost significant amounts of money and will continue to do so for the next two years. This is likely to require a mobilisation of reserves.

The expenditure this year has been somewhat counterbalanced by a recovering investment portfolio and increasing conference incomes. Overall, BASHH will have a deficit in 2023. These figures are unaudited

Income £755,975 (2022 £740,731), Expenditure £771,044 (2022 £634,166).

Net gains/losses-£15,069

Surplus/Loss (including investment change) -£14,624

In relation to financial risk, funding is derived through a membership model and it has been decided that all membership categories will increase by 3% in 2024. Whilst this will represent only a small uplift in income, it is a preventative measure to protect against a very steep uplift in the forthcoming years to account for inflation and increased activity.

Structural work has occurred which means that BASHH now banks across three differing companies, the underlying assumption being that each bank insures the first £85,000 of investment and so once the three accounts have each achieved £85,000 sums, BASHH will then have a minimum of £255,000 at its disposal should there be significant shifts in the economy.

Professor Matt Phillips
Treasurer

CLINICAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW

Membership

Dr Rona MacDonald *Chair*
 Mr Hu Clarke *Secretary*
 Dr Noel Connolly *Cheshire and Merseyside BC*
 Dr Serish Basavaraj *East Anglia BC*
 Dr Jane Hussey *Northern BC*
 Dr Say Quah *N Ireland BC*
 Dr John Sweeney *NW BC*
 Dr Angela Bailey *Oxford BC*
 Dr Bridie Howe *Scotland BC*
 Dr Fiona Fargie *SW BC*
 Dr Rita Browne *Thames NE BC*
 Dr Dawn Friday *Thames NW BC*
 Dr Aseel Hegazi *Thames SE BC*
 Dr Malika Mohabeer *Thames SW BC*
 Dr Hayley Wood *Trent BC*
 Dr Darren Cousins *Wales BC*
 Dr Sangeetha Sundaram *Wessex BC*
 Dr Lisa Goodall *W Midlands BC*
 Dr Emma Street *Yorkshire BC*
 Dr Lindsay Henderson *DIT Rep*
 Mr Hu Clarke *HA rep*
 Hasan Mohammad *Pharmacist rep*
 Mr Alan Haskell *Nurse rep*
 Dr Hannah Leng *SAS rep*

Ex-officio members

Claire Dewsnap *President*
 Kaveh Manavi *Vice President*
 Matt Phillips *Treasurer*
 David Phillips *General Secretary*
 Chris Ward *Conferences and Communication*
 Sophie Forsyth *Education Committee*
 Margaret Kingston *CEG*
 Vanessa Apea *NAG*
 David Phillips *Information group / Mentoring group*
 Emily Clarke *Clinical Standards Unit*
 David Phillips *Web team*

Objectives

This committee consists of regional representatives from all of the branches in England, and a representative from the UK devolved nations: Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In addition, there are professional group representatives from Nurses, Health Advisers, Pharmacists, Staff & Associate Specialists, and Doctors in Training. Other Groups within BASHH feed into this committee: The Clinical Effectiveness Group, the Clinical Standards Unit (CSU), the National Audit Group (NAG), and the BASHH/FSRH Integrated Information Group.

- To implement strategies and policies of BASHH as approved by the Governing Board
- To oversee, set and monitor standards and specifications relating to BASHH
- To identify areas of best clinical practice and promote their adoption whilst recognising local variation in capacity, infrastructure and policy
- To identify regional and individual clinic difficulties and support such services to explore solutions to issues, mobilise support and suggest action plans.

Significant activities / Outputs 2022-2023

- 3 virtual meetings and 1 face to face meeting during Spring Conference
- Supported BASHH Mpox response
- Ongoing input to National PGD
- Formalised roles and responsibilities for representatives

Future plans

- Develop new BASHH website to better support regional and national sharing of information
- To support BASHH in assessing workforce numbers
- Support BASHH with promoting GU training and recruitment
- To support BASHH to lead on the development of coherent holistic sexual health strategies for all four nations in the UK

Dr Rona MacDonald
Chair Clinical Governance Committee

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REVIEW

Membership

Dr Sophie Forsyth *Chair*
 Dr Kanch Seneviratne *Secretary*
 Ms Ceri Evans *Health Advisor Representative*
 Dr Stuart Flanagan *HIV/BBV SIG Chair*
 Dr Georgina Morris *Dermatology SIG Chair*
 Dr Toni Masters *Doctors In Training Representative*
 Dr John McSorley *Public Health SIG Co-Chair*
 Dr Chris Ward *BASHH Communication and Conference secretary*
 Dr Ngozi Dufty *BASHH STI/HIV Course Director*
 Dr John Evans-Jones *eHIV-STI Clinical Lead*
 Dr Jane Ashby *Adolescent SIG Chair*
 Dr Catherine Chima-Okereke *BHIVA/BASHH Mentoring Group Chairs*
 Prof Anna Maria Geretti *Journal Editor (STI)*
 Dr Jake Bayley *HPV SIG Chair*
 Dr Shalini Andrews *Sexual Dysfunction SIG Chair*
 Dr Sarah Edwards and Jodie Crossman *STI Foundation Committee Co-Chairs*
 Dr John Saunders and Dr Suneeta Soni *Bacterial SIG Co-Chairs*
 Dr Lewis Lau *SAS Group Representative*
 Dr Kaveh Manavi *BASHH Vice President*
 Dr Sally Jewsbury *GSM SIG*
 Dr Raj Patel *HSV SIG Co-Chair and RCP CPD Representative*
 Prof Matt Phillips *BASHH Treasurer*
 Dr Luciana Rubinstein *IFSHE chair*
 Dr David Phillips *BASHH General Secretary*
 Ms Belinda Loftus *SHAN SIG Chair*
 Dr Deb Wardle *Sexual Violence SIG Chair*
 Dr Mike Rayment *Journal Editor (Int Journal of STD & AIDS)*
 Dr Claire Dewsnap *BASHH President*

The Education Committee is responsible for facilitating the delivery of the BASHH's vision, values and service priorities through education, training and development. The Educational committee (EC) and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) develop and maintain educational programmes providing high levels of specialist training and skill, whilst embracing a wider, more integrated sexual health remit across a wide geographical area and range of healthcare settings.

The COVID pandemic brought new challenges in delivering education and training and our members have continued to adapt to teaching online ensuring that events are interactive and inclusive. We have held more in person events again this year (albeit affected by rail strikes in some cases!) as well as hybrid events while recognising the benefits in terms of accessibility of virtual meetings.

The Special interest groups (SIGs)

The SIGs lead on the development of educational materials and meetings within their specialist areas. They develop and deliver educational programmes and courses. They also contribute to education and training by generating publications and research, developing guidelines and recommendations in collaboration with other BASHH groups and external organisations, and reviewing and responding to documents on behalf of BASHH. Individual reports detailing specific contributions are available within the BASHH Annual Review.

This year the SIGs provided several well-established courses online, hybrid and in person such as Genital dermatology, SAS Doctors conference, HIV masterclasses and the Diplomas in GUM and HIV revision courses. The Gender and Sexual Minorities SIG has been re-established in the past year and has already led a symposium at the spring conference and has great plans for future projects and educational events.

Dr Ellie Crook has continued to lead the Student and Trainee Association for Sexual Health and HIV to great achievement and has handed over the reigns Dr Ellie Cochrane as Ellie Crook is now a consultant. STASHH was formed to improve recruitment to Sexual Health & HIV medicine by facilitating clinical & academic opportunities for medical students & Pre-specialty Trainees. They have membership from the majority of medical schools and deaneries and put on monthly webinars and also contributed to the Spring conference.

BASHH scientific meetings

The EC has the responsibility of providing regular Scientific meetings, which are free to BASHH Members. SIGs take it in turn to organise these meetings and they often take a two-part structure, organised by two individual SIGs. They have mostly been held virtually over the past year with one hybrid meeting in March with excellent attendance figures and good audience participation via chat.

October 2022 saw the prison SIG lead the virtual BSM for the first time in a few years, presenting work done by the BASHH educational fellows and with moving and inspiring testimony from prison SIG members with lived experience of prison healthcare. The HPV SIG also presented new BASHH wart guidelines.

The January meeting was led by the RMC SIG for the first time as well the HSV SIG. March saw our second hybrid BSM with the newly renamed Sexual Function and Wellbeing SIG and Adolescent SIG informing and entertaining audiences both at the Royal Society of Medicine and many more around the UK and beyond on Zoom. It was an honour and a delight to have Prof Rak Nandwani in person to receive his Honorary Life Fellowship and inspire us with his tales of a life in GUM. Podcasts/webcasts of the lectures are available on the BASHH website for members to access in their own time if they were unable to attend the meeting.

Scholarships, Fellowships and Travel awards

The Education Committee has secured BASHH funding for a remunerated fellowship for the coming year to ensure equity of access for all BASHH members and we look forward to appointing this fellow in the near future.

The Undergraduate Essay prize winners in 2023 were Rebecca Coltart (University of Glasgow) for her essay 'How many Sandyford HIV PrEP patients will require TAF-based PrEP according to draft BASHH/BHIVA guidelines?' and Aishah Hagan-Bezgin (University of Liverpool) for her entry 'Preterm Birth in Pregnant Women Living with HIV: The Role of Neutrophils'.

We look forward to ever more informative and inspiring educational events in 2023-4 be they virtual, in person or hybrid.

*Dr Sophie Forsyth
Education Committee Chair*

PRIZES AND PROGRAMMES

BASHH UNDERGRADUATE PRIZE WINNERS

Clinical prize

Rebecca Coltart (*University of Glasgow*) – Supervisor Dr Ceilidh Grimshaw

Research prize

Aishah Hagan-Bezgin (*University of Liverpool*) – Supervisor Dr Charlotte-Eve Short

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Virtual Scientific Meeting – 13th January 2023

Programme Organised by the RMC and HSV Sigs

13.00- 14.45	Racially Minoritised Communities SIG
14.45- 16.00	Herpes Simplex Virus SIG

Hybrid Scientific Meeting – 24th March 2023

Programme organised by Sexual Function and Wellbeing SIG

13:00	Sexual Function and Wellbeing SIG
13:00-16:30	Adolescent SIG

Virtual Scientific Meeting 13th October 2023

NAMED GROUPS

BASHH/FSRH INTEGRATED INFORMATION GROUP

Membership

Dr David Phillips *Co-chair BASHH*
Dr Evelyn Kerr *Co-chair FRSH*
Dr Jonathan Shaw *BASHH Rep. & EPR lead*
Dr Nathan Acladius *FSRH Rep.*
Dr Darren Cousins *BASHH Rep. Wales*
Mr Howard Gees *BASHH Rep.*
Dr Susannah Hall *FSRH Rep.*
Dr Asha Kasliwal *FSRH Rep.*
Dr Usha Kumar *FSRH Rep.*
Dr Rona MacDonald *BASHH Rep. Scotland*
Dr Anatole Menon-Johansson *BASHH Rep.*
Dr Achyuta Nor *BASHH Rep.*
Mr Cuong Chau *UKHSA HARS*
Dr Hamish Mohammed *UKHSA GUMCAD*
Mr Stephen Duffell *UKHSA GUMCAD*
Ms Kate Thurland *UKHSA*
Ms Helen Leake *UKHSA*
Ms Helena Andrews *OHID*
Ms Judith Ellison *HSCIC*
Ms Sarah Freeman *HSCIC*
Ms Kate Jervis *Brook*
Mr Charles Hewitt *Pathway Analytics*
Observers from software companies
Ms Shafeda Mohammed *RIOMED*
Mr Thiagarajan Jayaraman *IMS*
Mr Iain Galloway *IDCapture*
Mr Andrew Denman *Inform Health*
Ms Cathy Butler *IDOX*
Mr Colin Kowlessar *RIOMED*
Ms Liz Lovell *IMS*

Objectives

- To recommend strategies for IT implementation, data collection and reporting for the spectrum of Sexual Health services (ranging from non-integrated services to fully integrated services).
- To liaise between DHSC, HSCIC, UKHSA and other agencies regarding information issues to achieve best outcomes for both patients, the public and public health.
- To advise on the type, quality and format of information to be collected from Sexual Health services for the purposes of national audit, public health monitoring and monitoring of service performance.
- To respond to relevant consultations affecting service provision, data collection and information governance in Sexual Health.
- To receive and respond to queries and concerns from members relating to IT and information governance, including data protection and confidentiality rules.
- To anticipate issues relating to IT and information governance from new legislation, commissioning or other changes that affect Sexual Health.
- To disseminate important information to BASHH/FSRH members via organisational websites/newsletters.

Significant activities / Outputs 2022-2023

- The Group met on 3 occasions during 2022-23
- The Group continued its work, responding to the Mpox virus outbreak by liaison with services and UKHSA to develop and rapidly deploy intuitive and practical Mpox activity, diagnostic and vaccination codes – expected to pave the way for accurate capture of epidemiology data, vaccine delivery and service provision aligned with tariff algorithms.
- The Group continued to work with DHSC and NHS Digital to produce the consensus statement for confidentiality in Sexual Health Services (following the lapse of the NHS STI regulations).
- The Group responded to numerous questions posed by BASHH members regarding data management, information governance and statutory reporting for sexual health services.
- The Group advised UKHSA on matters arising including GUMCAD and HARS
- The Sexual Health – EPR (Electronic Patient Record) working group finalised and launched the standardised specification for EPR.
- The group, and EPR working group, supported services impacted by the sudden closure of Mill Systems
- The EPR group concluded a national survey evaluating sexual healthcare practitioners' experience of EPR systems, the result of which were presented at BASHH 2023 winning best Poster prize.

Future plans

- To continue to work closely with members of the FSRH, National Institute for Health Protection, UKHSA, DHSC, NHS Digital, software providers and others to ensure that we meet our objectives.
- To ensure the objectives and benefits of this Group incorporate relevant issues for all devolved nations of the UK.
- To be both pro-active and responsive to upcoming matters that affect data handling and Information Governance to produce and disseminate best practice advice to BASHH & FSRH members.
- To continue to review standard EPR specification and engage with all stakeholders to promote and iteratively develop it.
- To update and repeat the national EPR survey to draw on experiences and ideas across integrated sexual health services to drive change in the market and iterate the specification.

*Dr David Phillips
Co-Chair for the Joint BASHH-
FSRH Information Group*

CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS GROUP

Membership

Dr Ade Apoola
 Dr Amy Evans
 Dr Helen Fifer
 Dr Sarah Flew
 Ms Alison Grant
 Dr Deepa Grover
 Professor Margaret Kingston *Chair*
 Dr Nick Medland
 Dr Michael Rayment
 Dr Cara Saxon
 Dr Suneeta Soni
 Dr Ann Sullivan
 Dr Craig Tipple *Secretary*

Objectives

- To produce the BASHH guidelines for the management of sexually transmitted infections & related conditions
- Production of patient information leaflets to support application of the guidelines.
- Liaison with internal and external key stakeholders including the British HIV Association (BHIVA), the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health (FSRH), The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, the BASHH Audit Group and the BASHH Public panel.
- Reporting to the BASHH Board via the Clinical Governance Committee

Significant activities

- Ongoing review of the current BASHH guidelines and patient information leaflets, production of updates and of new guidelines. This remains a key output for BASHH and sets acceptable professional standards of care, facilitates good patient care and supports healthcare professionals to make appropriate and evidence based decisions choices when managing their patients.
- Liaison with key internal and external stakeholders. This year the chair has participated in additional meetings with UKHSA concerning doxycycline pre-exposure prophylaxis, STI screening frequency and a summit convened by BASHH and UKHSA with many external stakeholders concerning the increase in syphilis cases.
- The CEG continues to meet three times per year with one a blended face to face and two virtual meetings.

- The production of the guidelines is undertaken largely by BASHH members and their colleagues in the interests of the specialty and is unremunerated. We have been working with a professional researcher to undertake literature reviews in recent years which has supported their work. This year we obtained support from the BASHH board to employ a medical writing company to work with the guideline writing teams, Schinopsis. They have refreshed the guideline template and started working with the guideline groups which should make the guideline outputs more uniform and timely, and relieve workload from the authors.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-2023

- Maintenance of the BASHH guideline portfolio including co-produced guidelines with key external stakeholders including BHIVA and FSRH
- Ongoing liaison with stakeholders
- Ongoing input into the BASHH annual conference; guidelines session
- Guidelines updated since last report:
 - 2018 BASHH guidelines for the management of Mycoplasma genitalium
- Guidelines completed since last report:
 - 2023 BASHH guidelines for the management of sexually transmitted enteric infections
 - 2023 BASHH guidelines on testing for sexually transmitted infections

Future plans

- Ongoing maintenance of the BASHH guideline portfolio including new guidelines and collaborations with stakeholders, updating guidelines in a prompt manner. New guidelines currently in production include a guideline on doxycycline pre-exposure prophylaxis and testing for HTLV in sexual health settings.
- Establish guideline output in conjunction with the medical writing company.
- Please direct all enquiries offering help with producing the BASHH guidelines or feedback to Margaret.kingston@mft.nhs.uk

Professor Margaret Kingston
CEG Chair

CLINICAL STANDARDS UNIT (CSU)

Membership

Dr Dawn Wilkinson *Chair*
 Dr Rebecca Thomson-Glover *BASHH Adolescent SIG*
 Dr Olwen Williams *Lay person and Health Education and Improvement Wales representative*
 Dr Bridie Howe *BASHH Scotland Chair*
 Dr Karla Blee *Wales representative*
 Dr Say Quah *Northern Ireland Representative*
 Ms Ceri Evans *Health Advisor Representative*
 Mr Martin Murchie *Nursing representative*

Objectives

- To develop and maintain the BASHH Standards documents
- Significant activities for 2022-2023; Dr Emily Clarke, [immediate past Chair] Clinical Standards for the Sexual Health Management of People Involved in Sex Work [2022] Publication of the new standard for the Management of Sexual Health in UK Prisons [2023]
- Topic expert input into core committee for NICE Public Health Committee for Reducing STIs Guidelines Group.

Future plans

- Planning of writing process for merged standards for the management of STIs, outreach, and online standards
- To support equitable geographical provision of on-line services that support high standard face to face sexual health services

Dr Dawn Wilkinson
Clinical Standards Unit Chair

CONFERENCE & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Membership

Dr Chris Ward *Conference and communication chair*
 Dr Anne Oliver *SAS Rep*
 Dr Luke Cannon *Doctor in training Rep*
 Ms Ceri Evans *HA Rep*
 Ms Jodie Crossman *Nurse Re*

Objectives

- To deliver annual national conference
- To deliver joint FSRH/BASHH conference annually
- To support other conferences significant to BASHH e.g. SAS conference
- To support BASHH column in STI journal
- To support other webinars and educational meetings e.g. IUSTI webinars

Significant activities

- Delivered annual face to face conference in Llandudno
 - 26-28th June
- Delivered virtual annual Joint BASHH/FSRH conference
 - 29th March
- Supported BHIVA with BASHH led symposium on behalf of the BBV SIG
 - 26th April
- Supported IUSTI with webinars over the year

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

BASHH conference

- Total attendees: 531, of which 425 were delegates with 106 exhibitor personnel
- 57 speakers, 187 posters and 41 oral presentations including nurses/HA/undergrads
- Surplus share from sponsorship/registration: Still awaited from BASHH accounts
- Evaluation: 31/34 sessions scored an average mark >4/5, with total range for average mark 3.90-4.76/5

Joint FSRH/BASHH conference

- Over 400 virtual attendees
- Split BASHH/FSRH program
- 4.5/5 average weighting for event
- Feedback collated by FSRH- 57% Excellent, 40% Good, 3% Average
- Good verbal feedback from delegates on the day

Future plans

- Deliver Joint FSRH/BASHH conference for around Easter 2024. Awaiting decision on if virtual or face to face
- Plan and deliver face to face Annual BASHH conference 17-19th June 2024 in Bournemouth
- Continue to support partners in IUSTI, RCP and RCGP with webinars at their national conferences
- Continue to support BASHH column for BMJ STI journal

Dr Chris Ward
Conference and Communications Chair

DOCTORS IN TRAINING

Membership

Dr Lindsay Henderson *Doctors in Training*
Representative to BASHH

Board All trainees registered as BASHH Members

Objectives

- To represent the professional interests of Doctors in Training (DiT) working in Sexual Health and HIV.
- To promote Genitourinary Medicine as a career option for medical students and pre-specialty doctors as part of the Students and Trainees Association of Sexual Health and HIV (STASHH) steering committee.
- To provide quality educational opportunities for DiTs and facilitate communication about professional and training events.
- To arrange networking and socialising events for DiTs.
- To ensure DiTs representation on BASHH Committees.
- To sit on the JRCPTB Genito-urinary Medicine Specialist Advisory Committee (GUMSAC) to represent trainees.

Significant activities

- Continued national teaching day for all GUM trainees in a concerted effort to improve access to quality teaching from nationwide speakers.
- Supporting development of a future recruitment plan for Sexual Health and HIV medicine through support of careers events and being part of the steering committee of Students and Trainees Association of Sexual Health and HIV (STASHH).
- Continued support of DiTs with the new GUM/General Internal Medicine curriculum and facilitating bidirectional feedback between DiTs and GUMSAC.
- Sitting on the conference committee to contribute to organising the annual BASHH conference.
- Increasing collaboration with the BHIVA DiT representative and HIV Trainees Association (HIVTA).

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- Teaching days were held online in September 2022 and May 2023. A new teaching timetable for 2023-2024 has been arranged with dates in October 2023, February 2024 and May 2024.
- A survey was held to establish an appetite amongst DiTs to reinstate an annual face-to-face DiT pre-conference day in June 2023. Feedback on the virtual teaching days throughout the year has been very positive with DiTs repeatedly giving a preference for online events to save on travel cost/time. However there was still an appetite for a face-to-face event to facilitate networking and socialising for DiTs who attend the conference. Therefore, a very successful face-to-face socialising and networking event was held prior to the BASHH conference in June 2023 for all trainees including pre-specialty doctors and medical students.
- Followers on the @BASHH_trainees Twitter account continue to increase with sustained promotion of recruitment events and relevant courses.

- STASHH continuing to grow with new committee members and local ambassadors for almost all UK medical schools and deaneries. A consultant representative from the GUMSAC has also been appointed to attend STASHH board meetings to facilitate communication between STASHH and UK-wide TPDs which has been a very positive change.
- A very successful year for the 4 pillars of STASHH:
 - Education – season 2 of the STASHH podcast has been recorded and will be aired throughout the year. Monthly education webinars have resumed.
 - Mentoring – 66 mentees and 32 mentors signed up to this program. Later stage pre-specialty trainees (i.e. IMTs) are being prioritised for the mentorship program.
 - Recruitment – largely led by local ambassadors who arrange local meet-ups, disseminate STASHH updates/meetings/podcasts/educational events.
 - Project – continues to support students and pre-specialty doctors with QIP and to disseminate information about opportunities.
- Following ARCPs in May/June 2023, DiTs provided lots of helpful feedback about their experiences. This was discussed with GUMSAC and a document was created with detailed information from the chairs addressing common problems/concerns experienced by trainees at the first ever GUM /General Internal Medicine ARCPs. This document was disseminated to trainees who found it very helpful to clarify common issues e.g. expected number of assessments in General Internal Medicine.
- A 'Leaflet on Higher Specialty Training in GU Medicine' for the new BASHH website has been developed by DiT representatives to BASHH and BHIVA which includes information about GUM training with stories/quotations from current trainees.
- DiTs have contributed to the development of a survey by JRCPTB to explore trainees experience of the change in curriculum which should hopefully be disseminated soon
- A WhatsApp group of all dual-accrediting trainees nationally has been created and is very active to discuss ideas and challenges, as well as to provide peer-support, for those dual accrediting in GUM/General Internal Medicine.
- BASHH DiT representative continued to be part of the BASHH conference committee in June 2023 with the expectation that this is will be on ongoing role for future representatives.

Future plans

- Ongoing virtual teaching days dispersed throughout the year
- Annual face-to-face pre-conference DiT socialising/networking event
- Continue close involvement with STASHH with the DiT representative expected to contribute to meetings and partake in workshops and projects where appropriate

Dr Lindsay Henderson
Doctor in Training Representative

MEDIA GROUP

Public, Media and Website Activities

BASHH has continued to priorities maintaining and delivering an effective and expert-driven press office in the past 12 months, handling a range of sexual health-related media enquiries from leading national journalists and producers. Topics handled have included annually published STI data by the UKHSA- and the increasing rates of infection captured within them- Mpox vaccination, workforce reform and sexual health prevention.

Regular updates have been published on the news section of the BASHH website, helping to showcase the release of relevant educational and training resources, as well as to highlight various BASHH statements on policy and service developments. Several news items have been published each month on average, ensuring members are regularly updated and able to access pertinent educational information.

Significant engagement has also been undertaken with key stakeholders across the policy and political landscape, with the aim of continuing to raise awareness of key sexual health service pressures, and securing support for adopting solutions at national and local levels. Relationships have been strengthened with leading health representatives across the major UK political parties ahead of an anticipated 2024/25 General Election, as a result of ongoing engagement and meeting programmes.

Close working has been undertaken with allied sector organisations to develop co-authored engagement letters and calls to action around critical service delivery policy challenges. BASHH has also maintained its ability to respond effectively to relevant consultations, which in the last year has included input into the Parliamentary Women and Equalities Select Committee inquiry on reproductive health. Steps have also been put in place to ensure that BASHH is able to feed into future relevant Select Committee inquiries, including an ongoing Health and Social Care Committee inquiry on prevention.

Social and Digital Media

Building on the plan put in place in February 2022, BASHH have worked with M+F Health to implement a multi-channel social media strategy. Seeking to professionalise and refine BASHH's social media channels, an audit conducted this year highlighted marked improvement across all channels, from May 2022 to May 2023. These improvements included a notable 11% follower increase on X (formerly Twitter), a 26% increase in Instagram followers, and LinkedIn followers more than doubling over the 12-month period (increasing from 482 followers to 1,032).

Activity has included the development of a series of topical blogs around key wider milestones, including pieces co-authored by Dr Stuart Flannagan, HIV & BBV SIG Chair, and Lorraine Stanley, CEO of SWAD. BASHH's social media channels have increasingly adopted a stronger organisational identity, with the development of bespoke visual assets, and on Instagram, the creation of a BASHH 'Linktree', a link-in-bio solution that can be used on social platforms.

The success of the 2023 BASHH Annual Conference campaign (creative campaign part 1) in June represented a significant milestone, with over 320 social media posts shared across all channels in the month, reaching an impressive 139,000 people on X alone. The conference hashtag, #BASHH2023, was used more than 1,400 times in the month and 470 people were driven to the conference pages on the BASHH website via social media posts. Plans have been developed for the second phase of the creative campaign, comprising social media advertising and a detailed targeting strategy for BASHH's Twitter/X, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn platforms

NATIONAL AUDIT GROUP

Membership

Dr Vanessa Apea *Chair*
 Dr Ann Sullivan *Vice Chair*
 Dr Hilary Curtis *Audit Co-ordinator*

Objectives

- 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
- Specification of key auditable outcomes for the common genitourinary conditions, using the clinical guidelines of the CEG as the standard of care

Significant activities

- National audit of management of Mycoplasma genitalium infection completed
- BASHH Board approval for the renewal of the clinical audit coordinator role following the planned retirement of the current coordinator at the end of 2022
- Recruitment of new audit coordinator
- Liaison with Clinical Effectiveness Group and reviewing and advising on auditable outcomes for the management of ano-genital warts
- Ongoing liaison with the UK Health Security Agency and National Chlamydia Screening Programme
- Ongoing liaison with the LUSTRUM project regarding piloting of proposed new partner notification audit measures

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- Presentation of management of Mycoplasma genitalium audit findings and overview of quality improvement processes at 2023 BASHH conference
- Dissemination of individualised reports from the management of Mycoplasma genitalium audit to participating services

Future plans

- National audit of HIV testing in sexual health services (clinic attenders not tested for HIV)
- originally planned for 2023 but postponed to February 2024 due to delayed recruitment of audit co-ordinator
- Ongoing work to map of key topics for audit based on the HIV Action Plan, BASHH standards, Sexual Health Strategy and PrEP Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, as well as BASHH guidelines

Dr Vanessa Apea
National Audit Group Chair

PUBLIC PANEL

Membership

Dr Laura Waters *Chair* / Dr Patrick French, *Past Chair*
 Dr Michael Ewens *Vice-Chair*
 Dr Jennifer Dhingra *Secretary*

Third Sector Organisation Representatives:

- The African Advocacy Foundation (London)
- Trade Sexual Health (Leicester)
- The Terrence Higgins Trust
- National AIDS Trust
- Brook
- FPA
- The Sexual Health Company (Wales)
- The Herpes Viruses Association
- Sexpression
- BHA for Equality / BHA Skyline (Manchester / Leeds)
- Sex with a Difference (Dorset)
- Positive East (London)
- Association for Lichen Sclerosus and Vulval Health
- NAZ
- Blackbeetle Health (Manchester)
- Enhance the UK (Brighton)

Six lay members

Professional members

- BASHH CEG
- Sexual Health Advisers
- Sexual Health Nurses.

Objectives

To offer a lay and community opinion, voice and perspective on clinical guidelines, audit proposals, and related public materials and leaflets developed by BASHH. In addition to this, the joint THT / BASHH Research Panel offers lay advice to researchers.

Significant activities

The panel has met four times this year. It has continued to increase and diversify its membership. Three new third sector organisations have joined or re-joined the panel and two new lay members have joined.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- The panel has provided feedback on four clinical guidelines and three patient information leaflets. It also contributed to the BASHH social media strategy and panel members were involved in checking on the FPA's leaflets.
- The research panel has provided lay in-put and assessment of several research proposals.
- Two panel members joined BASHH clinical guideline working parties as lay representatives.
- Panel members played a prominent role in the BASHH Conference in June 2023.

Future plans

- The panel will continue to provide a community and lay perspective to the work of BASHH. The panel will become more involved in commenting on and helping to shape the BASHH social media strategy.
- The Panel will have more input into the content and chairing of sessions at the BASHH Annual Conference.
- The Panel will work with the People First Charter to provide language guidance related to Sexual Health and pleasure.
- The panel will organise a BASHH stand at the national NAIDEX disability event in Birmingham in April 2024. Representatives of the panel will be part of the planning committee for the BASHH 2024 Spring conference.

Dr Laura Waters
Chair, BASHH Public Panel

Dr Patrick French
Past Chair, BASHH Public Panel

REVALIDATION GROUP

Membership

Dr Janet Wilson *RCP Revalidation Advisor for Genitourinary Medicine*

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 available on the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) revalidation section at www.rcplondon.ac.uk%2Ffile%2F618%2Fdownload&usg=AOvVaw03YrFw5H-rBwlgY847hZly&opi=89978449
- Supporting the RCP to develop specialty specific clinical outcomes

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- The GMC has updated its information about revalidation which is very clear. This is available on <https://www.gmc-uk.org/registration-and-licensing/managing-your-registration/revalidation>

There is a video of the process of revalidation followed by how to revalidate, which includes a section for Doctors in Training.

The Revalidation Resources include:

- Guidance on colleague questionnaires
- Making patient feedback work for doctors and patients
- Tips for doctors who work in multiple settings
- Tips for doctors who are new to UK practice

The RCPs has a dedicated central enquiry service for revalidation: revalidation@rcplondon.ac.uk

It also has FAQs section at

<https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/education-practice/advice/revalidation-frequently-asked-questions> on:

- Revalidation
- Specialty practice and non-clinical roles
- Appraisal and supporting information
- Independent, locum and part-time practice

Future plans

- A limited number of specialty specific outcomes may be developed for revalidation in the future

Dr Janet Wilson

SAS DOCTORS GROUP

Membership

Dr Helen Mullan *Chair (to Jan 2023)*

Dr Kajal Verma *Secretary & Conference Committee*

Dr Anne Oliver *Financial Officer & Conference Committee Chair*

Dr Karl Hollows *Chair (from Jan 2023) & Database Management*

Dr PN Sashidharan

Dr Lewis Lau *Education Committee & Conference Committee*

Dr Srinivasulu Narayana *Clinical Governance Committee & Conference Committee*

Dr Carlos Oroz *Conference Committee*

Dr Syed Ali Akbar

Dr Georgina Forbes *BASHH Board*

Dr Neil Lazaro

Dr Hannah Leng

Dr Sophie Nicholls *FSRH SAS Lead*

Dr Rachel Sacks

Dr Rizwaan Sheriff

Dr Helen Sherrey

Dr Antoine Joly

Objectives

- To represent the professional interests of SAS doctors working in Sexual Health & HIV
- To provide educational opportunities for SAS doctors
- To ensure the group is represented on the various BASHH Committees

Significant activities

- The BASHH SAS Doctors' 25th Annual Conference was delivered both live and virtually on 9th and 10th September 2022 at a Leicester venue. It attracted 34 face to face and 130 online delegates. 88% of delegates rated the educational elements as excellent.

Future plans

- BASHH SAS Doctors' 26th Annual Conference 2023 will be in person attendance only with no virtual option at a Nottingham University campus.
- Group meeting in November 23 to plan activities over the next year

*Dr Karl Hollows
SAS Group Chair*

STI FOUNDATION

Membership

Dr Sarah Edwards *STIF Committee Co-Chair*
 Ms Jodie Crossman *STIF Committee Co-Chair*
 Dr Nick Theobald *STIF Executive Post*
 Dr Ramona Malek *STIF e-portfolio lead*
 Dr Andrew De Burgh Thomas *Sexual Health Consultant*
 Dr Emile Morgan *Sexual Health Consultant*
 Dr Johnny Boylan *Sexual Health Consultant*
 Dr Ushan Andrady *Sexual Health Consultant*
 Dr Jessica Daniel *Sexual Health Consultant*
 Dr Rita Browne *Sexual Health Consultant*
 Mrs Cheryl Marfo *STIF Nurse representative*
 Ms Hayley Berry *STIF Pharmacy representative*
 Dr Tim Girling *STIF SAS Doctors representative* Dr
 Richard Ma *STIF Primary Care representative* Dr
 Joseph Heskins *STIF Trainee representative*
 Dr Jenny Heathcote *STIF FSRH representative – outgoing*
 Ms Jessica Ronan *Physician Associate representative – incoming*
 Ms Jen Kendrick *NHIVNA-STIF Intermediate/Advanced competency
 lead/NHIVNA representative*
 Ms Ceri Evans *STIF health adviser competency lead/HA
 representative*
 Mrs Naomi Goodhand *STIF intermediate competency lead*
 Ms Emma Collins *STIF advanced competency lead*
 Mr Jonathan Roberts *HIVNA-STIF Intermediate/Advanced
 competency lead*
 Dr Rona McDonald *STIF integrated competency lead*
 Ms Eleni Kousti *STIF Gateway competency lead*
 Dr Adam Black *STIF Non-medical prescribing symposium lead*
 Dr Ellie Crook *STIF Academic link*
 Ms Lisa Walton *STIF Revalidation lead*
 Unfilled *STIF Webmaster*

Objectives

- The STI Foundation committee will be responsible for promoting best clinical practice.
- The STI Foundation members will be responsible for reviewing and/or producing STIF theory and STIF competencies content under the guidance of the STI Foundation committee
- At the request of Education Committee or its officers, the STI Foundation committee should provide advice on, or development of, educational materials for target groups such as undergraduates, postgraduates, other health professionals and the public
- The STI Foundation should hold educational events as relevant to its product development and in discussion with the members of the education committee.

Significant activities

- Co-Chairs are now leading the STI Foundation
- Embedded new structure of the committee- there is now one committee for STI Foundation Theory and STI Foundation Competencies
- Updated the STI Foundation Course material following review of feedback from participants and course directors and faculty
- Continued to move all products to e-portfolio
- Piloting the new STIF Gateway competency for entry level nurses and healthcare assistants
- Led the work between the FSRH and NHIVNA for the Advanced Clinical Practitioner credentialing pilot

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-2024

- Significant improvement in income
- Sixteen Theory Courses were held, for 362 individual trainees attending Foundation 1, 2 and/or 3
- Competencies – new registrations received September 2022 – August 2023:

Competency	August 2023
Intermediate	54
Integrated	1
Advanced	4
Sexual Health Advising	10
Combined	9
Complete	6
NHIVNA core	0
NHIVNA Advanced	1
Gateway	58
Fundamental	0
Total	143

Future plans

- The continued promotion of e-portfolio and of the STIF Programme with the support of M&F Health
- Launching of credentialing of ACPs through the joint curriculum and credentialing committee between BASHH, FSRH, & NHIVNA

*Dr Sarah Edward
 Ms Jodie Crossman
 STI Foundation Co-Chairs*

STI & HIV COURSE GROUP REPORT 2023

Course Organisers

Julie Fox
 Jake Bayley
 Raj Patel
 Tristan Barber
 Margherita Bracchi
 Sophie Herbert

Objectives

- The BASHH STI & HIV Course consists of 4 modules that run once a year covering:
 - Module 1: Epidemiology of STIs and Bacterial Infections
 - Module 2: Sexual health and sexuality
 - Module 3: Viral Infections other than HIV
 - Module 4: HIV infections
- It aims to improve in depth knowledge and management of STIs and HIV to current national standards and to aid those sitting the Diploma in GUM and Diploma in HIV exams. It has, however, been mapped to the wider GU SpR curriculum; therefore other clinicians such as SRH trainees and other senior healthcare professionals within the MDT (with their own patient cohorts) are also able to benefit.

Significant activities

- Feedback. The course has continued to run successfully online with lead clinicians for each day. Evaluation of the feedback and module programmes has continued throughout this reporting year. Feedback has continued to be excellent.
- Online course portal. Transfer of all course material onto an online portal hosted on the BASHH website has been completed, allowing delegates to access all course material including programme and presentations online.
- E-learning. All 4 modules of the course programme have been fully mapped to both the curriculum and the e-lfh modules. Candidates can complete modules prior to attendance.

Future plans

- Oversight of the course is transitioning from Dr Ngozi Dufty to Dr Laura Waters in 2024 with Dr Sophie Forsyth (EC chair) in the interim.
- Longer term, accreditation for the course is still being worked on.
- Review currently underway regarding the future of the course in terms of remote/in person due to the success of the remote sessions.

*Dr Ngozi Dufty and Dr Sophie Forsyth
 Course Director and Interim course director*

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

ADOLESCENT GROUP

Membership

Chair: Dr Jane Ashby
Secretary: Dr Sophie Herbert
Jean Luc Daurat *YP representative*
Dr Sarah Edwards
Dr Sophie Flavell
Dr Sophie Forsyth
Dr Elizabeth Hamlyn
Dr Olivia Hum *GP representative*
Dr Harriet Le Voir
Ms Sarah McCarthy *SpN representative*
Dr Chantal Oxenham
Dr Sophie Ramsden
Dr Claire Robertson
Dr Karen Rogstad
Ms Effi Stergiopoulou *HA representative*
Dr Verity Sullivan *Digital and social media lead*
Dr Rebecca Thomson-Glover
Darren Tippetts *HA representative*
Dr Dawn Wilkinson

New members:

Najette Ayadi O'Donnell
Dr Malini Raychaudhuri
Dr. Almida Lynam
Jacob Husband
Tara Casey
Sgt Ben Collier

Anya Goodhand Young persons peer representative

Objectives

The Adolescent Sexual Health Special Interest Group [ASIG] will consider all topics related to the sexual health of children and adolescents. The adolescent Special interested group will consider all topics related to wider integrated safeguarding issues including supervision, training and best practice models within sexual health. The ASIG will provide education and advice. Members who represent the group on other committees associated with adolescent or child health will feed back to the chair and thus to BASHH Education Subcommittee and as necessary direct to BASHH Board on relevant topics.

- We meet quarterly for 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.

Significant activities

- ASIG session at BASHH annual conference June 2023
- ASIG session ran at BASHH Scientific meeting March 2023
- Presentation at CHIVA annual conference June 2023
- SG supervision education day for BASHH members June 2023
- ASIG involvement in webinar with the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), Lagos, a collaboration between the international groups of BHIVA, BASHH and FSRH 2023
- HYPNET/CHIVA YP guidelines in progress
- Continued representation at the national CPAI meetings – 3 times a year
- Answering member and external queries

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-2023

- Brook/BASHH spotting the signs update - launched October 2023
- Update e-learning module
- Contributions to chapters within Forensic Medicine and Medicine
- Update of the Purple book- STI chapter contribution by ASIG members
- HYPNet CHIVA collaboration guidelines for YP with HIV (in progress)
- Integrated Safeguarding Supervision training day for sexual health safeguarding leads

Future plans

- BASHH column about new spotting the signs proforma
- Spotting the signs launch – how to use within a sexual health service
- Update eLearning modules

*Dr Jane Ashby
Chair ASIG*

BACTERIAL GROUP

Membership

Dr Suneeta Soni *Co-chair (March 2023)*
 Dr John Saunders *Co-chair (March 2023)*
 Dr Rachel Drayton *Secretary and Webmaster*
 Dr Achyuta Nori *Scientific meeting organiser*
 Dr Sheel Patel *Treasurer*
 Dr Michelle Cole
 Dr Elizabeth Dale *STASHH representative*
 Dr Claire Dewsnap
 Dr Rachel Drayton
 Dr Helen Fifer
 Dr Emma Harding-Esch
 Ms Rachel Pitt
 Dr Amanda Samarawickrama

Prof Cathy Ison (Chair), Dr Frances Keane (Secretary) and Dr Libby Claydon, all founding members of the BSIG, stepped down from the committee. We would like to acknowledge and thank them all for their amazing guidance, leadership and partnership over the years. Alice Pickering (Specialist nurse) and Vicki Mairi (Microbiologist) also stepped down.

Objectives

- To advocate for better antimicrobial and diagnostic stewardship by addressing current issues in testing and treatment of bacterial STI
- To deliver quality teaching to a broad medical and non-medical audience using a range of methods and in different settings
- To prioritise evidence-based practice through contributions to national and international guidelines
- To promote engagement between microbiologists and clinicians for the management of bacterial STI

Significant activities

- The committee met twice between August 2022 and July 2023 (October (virtual) and March (in person))
- Microscopy website traffic is high particularly in the UK and Australia. International reach also includes some low and middle income countries. Favourable reports of use in junior doctor and allied healthcare professional induction, and as a tool to assist revision for the dipGUM exam.
- BASHH guideline for management of Chlamydia trachomatis (Lead author Dr John Saunders) is nearing completion
- Representation on working group for Standards for Microbiology Investigations (SMI) production – currently reviewing UK SMI genital soreness and discharge
- Progression of all workstreams in the BASHH position statement for inappropriate testing platforms. Working with DHSC to raise awareness at government and regulatory body level. Publication of the BASHH CEG guidance for STI testing as a benchmark for private online providers.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-23

Education and training:

- Federation of Infection Societies (FIS) annual meeting 2022 BASHH symposium: Updates in Shigella (Prof Daniel Richardson), Post and Pre- Exposure Prophylaxis for STIs (Dr John Saunders) and Variable online provision of STI care (Dr Suneeta Soni)

- IUSTI Europe BSIG-BASHH symposium: Focus on current issues DoxyPEP, update on position statement for inappropriate STI testing among private providers
- Ongoing work with STIF committee on development of STIF competencies for microscopy

Quality improvement:

- Audit of online pharmacies showed improvements in treatment practice, now aligning better with BASHH guidance, but highlighting that over-treatment likely as prescription and proof of infection not needed to acquire antibiotics. Presented at BASHH and STI & HIV World Congress. Sex Transm Infect Jun 2023, 99 (Suppl 1) A21

Publications:

- Soni S, Ison CA. Bacterial Special Interest Group Outputs: Provision of digital educational resources for Microscopy of STIs and Position Statement on inappropriate testing and treatment. Sexually Transmitted Infections 2022;98:466.
- Harry Coleman, Itty Samuel, Suneeta Soni, Martin Murchie, Michael Clarke, Aaron Williams, Hamish Mohammed, Nicholas Medland, Achyuta V Nori. BASHH CEG guidance on testing for sexually transmitted infections bashh-summary-guidance-on-testing-for-stis-2023.pdf (bashhguidelines.org)

Future plans

Membership

- We continue to encourage diversity among the group. New membership – a recent call for new members has seen applications representing more regions in the UK. We have four new members joining the BSIG from October 2023 including a health advisor, nurse, research fellow and consultant.

Education and training:

- Microscopy course – new format
- Continue to promote use of microscopy website to those training in sexual health in the UK and abroad. Consider including allied specialties including laboratory and biomedical science. App to be discontinued; ways to monetise access to website will be sought although will remain free of charge to BASHH members
- Continue close relationships with UKHSA and the Sexually Transmitted Infections Research Interest Group (STIRIG) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Educational meetings and conferences – planning for FIS November 2023, BASHH BSIG OGM March 2024
- Reviewing potential for a new 'Management of complex bacterial STI' course to raise revenue to support the ongoing cost of hosting the Microscopy website

Guidelines:

- Work commencing on guideline reviews for M. genitalium and N. gonorrhoeae. Completion of C. trachomatis. Review of Doxy prophylaxis position statement.

Contributions to policy and practice:

- Ongoing work focusing on two areas: DoxyPEP and STI testing frequency. This includes ongoing engagement with UKHSA and other key stakeholders in the 'Strategic approach to STIs' work led by UKHSA.

*Dr Suneeta Soni & Dr John Saunders
 Co-Chairs Bacterial Special Interest Group*

GENITAL DERMATOLOGY GROUP

Membership

- Dr Georgina Morris *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV Chair*
 Dr Sarah Edwards *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV Secretary (until March 2023)*
 Dr Soe Nyunt Aung *Consultant in Community SRH & Gynaecology Secretary (from April 2023) (Joined Nov 2022)*
 Dr Imali Fernando *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV Treasurer*
 Dr Parameswaran Sashidharan *Associate Specialist in Sexual Health Web master*
 Dr Hannah Yeend-Curd Trimble *ST6 in Sexual Health and HIV Trainee Representative (until March 2023)*
 Dr Ayoma Ratnappuli *ST4 in Sexual Health and HIV Trainee Representative (Joined Nov 2022)*
 Dr Amber Savary-Trathen *Clinical Fellow (STASHH representative) (Joined April 2023)*
 Ms Paula Chaplin *Lead Nurse in Genital Pain and Dermatology (Nurse Representative)*
 Dr Serish Basvaraj *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV*
 Dr Komal Plaha *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV*
 Dr Lisa Haddon *Consultant in Sexual Health and Dermatology*
 Dr Sarah Schoeman *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV*
 Dr Lewis Haddow *Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV (Joined Nov 2022)*
 Dr Sapna Harish *Specialty Doctor in Sexual Health and HIV (Joined Nov 2022)*

Retiring Members (Nov 2022):

- Dr Jill Pritchard, Dr Ben Goorney, Fabia Brackenbury *(Lay Representative)*

Objectives

- To promote genital/sexual health dermatology as a subspecialty within genitourinary medicine and sexual health
- To lead on development of educational materials, meetings and training in genital & sexual health-related dermatology
- To provide basic knowledge and skills for the effective management of genital skin conditions

Significant activities

Guidelines

- BASHH Vulval disease management guideline approved by CEG – awaiting publication

Genital Dermatology Surveys:

- Results presented by H Y-C-T at the BASHH Scientific Meeting Jan 2023

Work stream around inclusivity in Sexual Health Dermatology: (in conjunction with Racially minoritized communities SIG chair)

- **Scabies:** GM + LH attendance at National UKHSA meetings and provision of advice to clinicians regarding increasing case numbers and treatment shortages
 - BASHH Column article on Scabies accepted for publication in STI Journal

Performance/ Outputs in the year 2022-23

See above, plus:

- **Virtual Genital Dermatology Basics Course** (on Zoom) – held on Friday 2nd Dec 2022
 - Half day course (9am to 1.30 pm)
 - Feedback received has been very positive
 - Audience voted in favour of continuing virtual over face to face format for next course (Basics workshops session)

Future plans

- BASHH Scientific meeting October 13th 2023 - Joint with SHAN SIG
 - Overall theme- Inclusivity, & complexities of access and management across the spectrum of service-users in Sexual Health
 - Genital Dermatology SIG session is focused on Vulval diseases in Black and Brown skin, and on Scabies
- RCGP –national one day essentials course 7th Nov 2023– IF speaking on male genital skin presentations
- Sexual Health Dermatology Basics Workshops- half day Virtual course Friday 8th Dec 2023
- Genital Dermatology Plus Course - planned for Autumn 2024 (dates TBC)

Guidelines:

- Scabies –revised BASHH guideline with Dermatology and Public health input – update in progress
- Pubic lice – update in progress
- Balanitis – re-write post CEG review in progress (needed greater Dermatology and Urology input – delayed as difficulties finding interested Urologist)

Dr Georgina Morris
SIG Chair

HIV & BLOOD BORNE VIRUS (BBV) GROUP

Course Organisers

Miss Lucy Allan *STASHH Rep*
 Dr Monique Anderson
 Dr Tristan Barber
 Dr Julia Bilinska *Trainee Rep HIV*
 Dr Melissa Chowdhury *ID Trainee Rep*
 Dr Susan Cole *Community Rep*
 Dr Ian Cormack
 Dr Gail Crowe
 Dr Stuart Flanagan *Chair & Hepatitis Rep*
 Dr Deborah Goode *SAS Rep*
 Dr Lisa Hamzah
 Dr Elly Hamlyn *Treasurer*
 Dr Liz Hamlyn
 Dr Joseph Heskin *Trainee Rep BBV*
 Dr Charlotte Hopkins
 Mrs Portia Jackson *HIV Pharmacy Association Rep*
 Dr Babu Kulasegaram
 Dr Nicky Mackie
 Dr Harri Lloyd-Williams
 Dr Kaveh Manavi
 Mrs Justine Mellor *Nurse Rep*
 Dr Anatole Menon-Johansson
 Dr Rebecca Metcalfe
 Prof Mark Nelson
 Dr Elizabeth Okecha *Secretary*
 Dr Rasha Omer
 Dr Hannah Pintilie
 Prof Mary Poulton
 Dr Killian Quinn
 Mr. Phil Samba *Community Rep*
 Prof Nicola Steedman
 Dr Ann Sullivan
 Dr Christopher Ward
 Dr Laura Waters

Objectives

- Promote best clinical practice within the area of HIV and blood borne viruses (hepatitis B and C)
- Review evidence-based guidelines in the area of HIV and BBV
- Providing education in the form of the following three main events:
 - HIV Masterclass (annual F2F in the spring) & Masterclass Lite (virtual biennial in autumn)
 - Dip HIV revision course (led by us annually; course is biannual and supported by BHIVA annually also)
 - BASHH Scientific Meeting OGM (in conjunction with another SIG)
- Fundraising for the SIG
- Comment on external consultations related to HIV and BBV on behalf of BASHH

Significant activities Aug 2022-Aug 2023

Membership

- 3 new members have joined the SIG since Aug 2022 (two HIV/GUM Consultants and one Medical Student), and 2 members (HIV/GUM Consultants) have stepped down.

- Dr Elly Hamlyn has taken on the role of SIG Treasurer.
- Miss Lucy Allan (Final Year Medical Student) is the newly appointed STASHH Rep.
- Dr Stuart Flanagan has taken on the role of Hepatitis Rep.
- Dr Julia Bilinska was temporary secretary for 6 months, and Dr Liz Okecha returned to the role in April 2023.

Education

- DIP HIV Virtual Revision Course Jan 2023 organised by Dr Lisa Hamzah and Dr Babu Kulasegaram
- BASHH Masterclass 2023
 Virtual 2 day event 10-11 March 2022
 Sponsored by Gilead/MSD/Viiv
 Switched to virtual two weeks prior to planned F2F due to train strikes
 Topics included: HIV Stigma, PrEP Update, DDIs with ART, OIs, Pregnancy Guidelines, Menopause, Injectable Therapies, Vaccination.
 Feedback: 100% rated good, very good or excellent meeting (85% very good/excellent).
 CPD successfully applied for.
- BHIVA Spring Conference April 2023: HIV-BBV SIG Syphilis Update session chaired by Dr Stuart Flanagan, with updates on congenital syphilis (Dr Kate Flanagan, GU SpR) and Liver presentations of syphilis (Dr Tory Appleby, Hepatologist)
- BASHH Conference 2023: HIV-BBV SIG session chaired by Dr Stuart Flanagan focussed on a four nation update on the HIV Action Plan, with representatives from England (Dr Liz Okecha), Scotland (Prof Nicola Steedman), NI (Jacquie Richardson Positive Life NI) Wales (Dr Darren Cousins) and community representation including SIG Rep Susan Cole.
- Appointment of STASHH Rep (Lucy Allan) for Medical Student input and involvement in SIG projects

National Strategies Statements

- Hep Delta Update- NICE Appraisal for Bulevirtide, stakeholder statement reviewed and re-submitted early 2023, with input from SIG members: Dr Stuart Flanagan, Prof Mark Nelson, Dr Emma Page and Prof Monique Andersson
- Supporting BASHH statements and strategy advocating for the needs of migrants living with HIV

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-23

See above

Future plans

BASHH Virtual Scientific Meeting 26th Jan 2024 (joint with GSM SIG)

- F2F HIV Masterclass at Sheffield Hilton 6/7th March 2024
- BASHH Dip GUM Revision Day Date TBC 2024

*Dr Stuart Flanagan
 Chair HIV-BBV Special Interest Group*

HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS (HSV) GROUP

Membership of SIG or committee

Dr Raj Patel *Chair*
 Dr John Green *Co-chair*
 Dr Roberta Brum
 Dr Emily Clarke
 Dr Elizabeth Foley
 Dr Dornubari Lebari
 Ms Marion Nicholson *HVA*
 Ms Felicity Young *Consultant Nurse*
 Dr Aoife Murnaghan *Junior Doctor in Training*

Objectives

- To provide expert input into HSV management guidelines, education programs and educational materials

Significant activities

- The SIG meets infrequently and completes its tasks principally through Teleconferences.
- During the last year members of the SIG contributed to updating the e-LFH genital ulceration modules
- The SIG presented on current topics of interest at an OSM in early 2023

- The SIG members presented on Guideline updates at the Annual meeting in Llandudno
- Members continue to deliver the BASHH Advanced STI HSV course
- The Herpes in Pregnancy Guideline (Joint Guideline with the RCOG 2023) has been updated and is awaiting sign off from the RCOG and BASHH
- The BASHH Guideline on the Management of Genital Herpes(2023) has been completed
 - Members are working on the European / WHO / IUSTI GH Guideline 2023

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023-24/ Future activities

- The Group will continue to contribute to the annual BASHH course
- The Group is receiving a large number of clinical enquires and plans to set up a network of regional experts who can provide assistance as well as be able to see difficult patients
- Completion of the IUSTI European Guideline 2023/24

Dr Raj Patel
Chair HSV SIG

HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS (HPV) GROUP

Membership

Dr Jake Bayley (Chair)
 Dr Diarmuid Nugent (Secretary and Treasurer)
 Dr Kate Cuschieri
 Ms Cindy Gilmour (Specialist Nurse)
 Dr Richard Gilson
 Professor Charles Lacey
 Dr Mark Lawton
 Ms Jay McBain (Specialist Nurse)
 Dr Kate Soldan
 Professor Nicola Steedman
 Dr Beth McMahon
 Dr Iain Reeves

Objectives

- Improving knowledge of HPV, its clinical sequelae and advice on vaccination.

Significant activities

- National campaign detailing recent changes to the national HPV schedule for MSM in GUM/SRH clinics from 2023
- New national guidelines on HPV and warts are due to be published imminently. We extend our gratitude to the hard work of the writing group for their input.
- In conjunction with BASHH, BHIVA, surgeons and other key stakeholders, our bid for anal cancer screening in those living with HIV (aged over 40 years) was successful.
- The National Screening Committee have agreed to look at evidence and feasibility of a new national anal cancer screening program after new evidence showing treating AIN lesions dramatically reduces anal cancer incidence

- The National Screening Committee is awaiting evidence from the US Prevention Task Force to see what next steps would be feasible. The CDC is due to release recommendations which we will use to speed up the process.
- The HPV SIG is also undertaking a UK-wide assessment of current HRA and anal cancer screening services to help the Screening Committee with their recommendations (survey due out in October 2023)
- Arranging a national course for those interested in high resolution anoscopy (due March 2024)
- We are arranging a symposium at the International Papilloma Virus conference in 2024 with clinicians and academics (and possibly patients) to allow dissemination of the most up to date information on HPV vaccination and its impact on anal cancers and warts in GBMSM
- Two new clinicians joined the group – Dr Iain Reeves (Consultant HIV/GUM at Homerton) and Dr Beth McMahon (F3 at Homerton – referred from the trainees group STASH)

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-23

- Raising national awareness of the changes in HPV vaccination for MSM GUM/SRH-clinic attendees through national and local channels
- National Screening Committee agreement to work alongside BASHH and the SIG to help develop a national screening program for anal cancer in GBMSM living with HIV aged 40 years or more
- Symposium at the International Papilloma (IPV) conference in Spring 2024

Future plans

- To collaborate with the National Screening Committee to begin the process of implementing anal cancer screening guidelines in those living with HIV
- Ratify and disseminate new guidelines for anogenital warts
- Arrange national anoscopy course for mid-2024

*Dr Jake Bayley
Chair
HPV Special Interest Group*

MENTORING GROUP

No report submitted

PRISON GROUP

Membership

Dr Susanna Currie *Chair*
 Dr Catrin Thomas *Secretary*
 Ms Felicity Young
 Dr Huda Fadzillah
 Dr Katia Prime
 Dr Michael Rayment
 Dr S Shivasankar
 Dr Lesley Navaratne
 Mr Jon Dunn
 Dr Sum Yee Chan
 Ms Jodi Aldridge
 Mr Dave Mansley
 Dr Imogen Murray
 Mr Pank Sethi
 Ms Sophie Strachen
 Ms Belinda Loftus
 Dr Daniela Brawley
 Ms Jillian Doran
 Mr Harri Lloyd-Williams
 Dr Htun Wai Lin
 Dr Shereen Munatsi
 Dr Sophie Ross
 Dr Natasha Bell
 Dr Alistair Hallam
 Dr Joseph Heskin

Objectives

- To define standards of care for sexual health provision in prisons in the UK
- To provide support to those facilitating sexual healthcare provision in prisons in the UK
- To enable standardisation of practice across prisons.

Significant activities

- Standards for the Management of Sexual Health in UK Prisons – Publication imminent
- Susanna Currie was invited to present the standards at the 2023 Health in Prisons and Places of Detention International Conference co-organised by WHO and UKHSA in June 2023
- Emily Clarke presented the standards at the BASHH annual Conference in June 2023
- Sophie Ross will present the standards at the IUSTI Conference October 2023

Scientific Meeting presented by the Prison SIG in October 2022

Oral presentation at BHIVA Conference 2023: A review of Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus care provided to inmates at reception into UK prisons and secure facilities by Educational Fellow Dr Natasha Bell.

Educational Fellow, Dr Joseph Heskin Poster presentation at the 2023 Health in Prisons and Places of Detention International Conference co-organised by WHO and UKHSA in June 2023
 Mullen D, Enayat Q, Talebi A, et al
 P133 Chlamydia testing and diagnoses among people in prison in England, 2017–2021
 Sexually Transmitted Infections 2023;99:A87-A88.

Performance/ Outputs in the year 2022/2023

See above

Future plans

- BASHH column September 2023
- Presentation with STASHH September 2023
- Establishing links with junior doctors and medical students for further projects and research. Projects such as developing an e-learning for health module on sexual health within prisons.
- Representation from Northern Ireland
- New Chair

*Dr Susanna Currie
Chair Prison Special Interest Group*

RACIALLY MINORITISED COMMUNITIES (RMC) GROUP

Membership of SIG:

Mr Dwayne-Wilson Hunt *Chair, Steering Group*
 Dr Frances Lander *Secretary, Steering Group*
 Mr Zoch Nwaosu *Webmaster, Steering Group*
 Jose Trueba *Treasurer, Steering Group*
 Dr Isioma Iqweike *STASH REP, Steering Group*
 Carlos Corredor *Steering Group*
 Dr Taslima Rashid *Steering Group*
 Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan *Steering Group*
 Dr Jesal Gohil *Steering Group*
 Mr Phil Samba *Steering Group*
 Dr Vanessa Apea *Steering Group*
 Dr Edu Peres *Steering Group*
 Aisha Namurach *Steering Group*
 Dr Tom Nadarzynski *Steering Group*
 Dr Daisy Ogbonmwan *Steering Group*
 Dr Dornu Lebari *Steering Group*
 Dr Kyle Ring *Steering Group*
 Dr Annabel Sowemimo *Steering Group*
 Dr Andrew Jajja *Steering Group*
 Simphiwe Sesane *Steering Group*
 Glenda Bonde *Steering Group*
 Dr Shema Tariq *Steering Group*
 Harvey Kennedy-Pitt *Steering Group*

Objectives

- Promote best clinical practice in sexual reproductive health for racially minoritised communities at a strategic/policy level including: access to information, education, health promotion, prevention, treatment and care
- Review evidence-based guidelines and comment on local and national consultations in the area of racially minoritised populations on behalf of BASHH
- Contribute to the development of guidelines and ensure targets and commitments are met through national and local audits
- Engage and collaborate with BASHH SIGs and related community organisations to priorities sexual health and recommend approaches for successfully executing this work among racially minoritised communities
- Support health professionals to deliver culturally sensitive and literate practice including cultural competence and humility in their practice
- Influence and encourage specific research within certain racially minoritised communities and disseminating to groups who would benefit from findings

Significant activities

- Past events
 - Chicago conference poster presentation
 - BASHH Scientific meeting Jan 2023
 - BASHH conference 2023
- Future events
 - Untitled RMC SIG event
 - BASHH Conference 2024
- Conferences
 - ISSTD 2023
 - BASHH conference

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023

- BASHH 2023 conference – standalone session
- 3x RMC SIG members attended Chicago ISSTD conference to present poster on RMC SIG
- BMJ-STI article
- Support upcoming Desi project
- MPV national strategy group
- Steering group for standards of care or guidelines creation
- Conversations with UKHSA re. LATINX community and GUMCAD/ONS data
- Collab with RJI on Evra patch petition
- Inclusivity in research with AVAC
- Support BASHH EDI audit

Future plans 2024/25

- BASHH 2023 conference SIG session
- STASHH co-opt
- Desi Project x eLFH module- tbc
- LatinX / Spanish demographics identifiers / Office of National Statistics project
- BASHH social media support
- LatinX Project (follow up to Desi Project)
- Racial health education
- External Sexual Health commissioners
- Collaboration w/ PreventX for racial health promotion UK wide – date TBC
- Standards of care or guidelines creation
- Inclusivity in research with AVAC
- Support BASHH EDI audit

*Dwayne-Wilson Hunt & Dr Frances Lander
 RMC Special Interest Group Chair & Secretary*

SEXUAL FUNCTION AND WELLBEING SPECIAL INTEREST

Membership

Dr Shalini Andrews *Chair*
Dr Penny Goold *Secretary*
Dr Nadia Ahmed
Dr Jane Ashby
Dr Joanne Bassett *DIT Representative*
Mr Hu Clarke *Health Advisor Representative*
Dr Wallace Dinsmore
Dr Jessica Gaddie
Dr David Goldmeier
Dr Karen Gurney
Dr Karl Hollows
Daisy Holmes *STASHH Representative*
Dr Uday Joshi
Dr Emma McCarty
Dr Ali Mears
Dr Kirstin Mitchell
Ms Agnes Mosobela *Nurse Representative*
Miss Sarah Wolujewicz *Physiotherapy Representative*
Mr Mike Yates

Objectives

- To provide education and develop training standards of management of sexual dysfunction
- To act as a forum to provide advice and support for clinical sexual dysfunction services
- To help maintain clinical standards in local services.
- To promote the recognition that provision of psychological support for people living with sexual dysfunction is of vital importance
- To act as a professional body to unite sexual dysfunction services and encourage closer networking

Significant activities

Educational Activity

- ABC of Sexual Function, 06 October 2022
- BASHH Scientific Meeting, 24 March 2023

Other Activities undertaken by SIG Members

- Curriculum on Sexual Medicine for University Level across Europe
- FECSM (Fellowship of the European Committee of Sexual Medicine) Exam committee membership

Future plans 2022/23

- Organise educational courses: ABC of Sexual Dysfunction every 2 years
- Contribute to BASHH scientific meeting
- Update eLFH online course as required
- Offer expertise to BASHH members queries on Sexual Problems and its management

Shalini Andrews
Chair Sexual Function and Wellbeing SIG

SEXUAL VIOLENCE GROUP

Membership

Dr Deborah Wardle *Chair*
 Lisa Walton *Secretary and Nursing Representative*
 Dr Michelle Carroll *FFLM Representative*
 Christine Pettit *STASHH representative*
 Dr Fionnuala Finnerty
 Dr Sarah Mensforth
 Dr Charlotte Cohen
 Dr Ali Mears
 Dr Daniela Brawley
 Dr Charlotte Cohen
 Dr Rachel Sacks
 Dr Amy Bennett
 Trainee Representative *Vacant*

Objectives

The Sexual Violence (SV) group, recognizing that sexual violence is part of sexual health, will consider all aspects of female and male sexual violence, including sexual assault, domestic violence, sexual trafficking, all forms of sexual exploitation, sex work and female genital mutilation.

The group's aims are

- To review services, training and standards within genitourinary medicine clinics, with reference to the associated aims, and in liaison with other agencies and institutions
- To promote and improve education and training of healthcare professionals in all areas related to sexual violence
- To raise the profile of sexual violence by carrying out research, submitting work for publication and organising training
- To raise public awareness and improve the care of patients disclosing sexual violence with an interest in issues related to the sexual health of young people.

Significant activities

- Updated guidelines in sexual assault management in sexual health setting including patient information leaflet uploaded to Bashh website early 2023
- Feedback provided to Advance practitioner framework- Authored by Matthew Grundy Bowers
- Presentation by Chair at SAAS meeting 9th September on recently published BASHH sexual violence management guidelines
- Development and delivery of BASHH Symposium at IUSTI Malta October 2023
- UK wide survey on routine enquiry of domestic abuse and sexual violence led by Dr Amy Bennett in collaboration with Dr Jane Meyrick, The University of the West of England, Bristol (UWE Bristol), a public research university, Jane is a Chartered psychologist and public health specialist. This is currently being written up for publication on behalf of the group.
- Representation on SAAS Group
- Representation on NHS England National Clinical Network of Sexual Assault and Abuse Services (SAAS) Chair: Binta Sultan.
- Input into revision of BASHH 'People living with HIV guidelines'
- Pending:
- Adaption of updated guidelines for publication in International Journal STI submitted

Performance/Outputs in the year 2023

- Preparation and delivery of IUSTI/BASHH webinars; 30th November 2022 Domestic abuse
7th December 2022 Sexual violence
- Development and delivery of BASHH symposium at IUSTI Malta 26th October 2023 with its focus on 'Hard to reach populations. Topics covered included non-fatal strangulation, trauma informed principles positively impacting on clinical outcomes for patients with lived experience of sexual violence and achieving positive outcomes in consultations with patient's with emotionally unstable personality disorder.
- Feedback provided by IUSTI on this is below:
Out of 193 surveys
59 scored Extremely Useful
80 scored Useful
9 scored Fairly Useful
3 scored Not Useful
42 scored Undecided/Did Not Attend
- The response to being asked to provide ONE example how this event will influence your future practice?
- BASHH Symposium was informative and relevant to my work. I hope to use the information to improve patient care
- When asked what was the best aspect of this event?
BASHH Symposium on Friday
- Jayne Meyrick presented at IUSTI Chicago data referring to the findings of the BASHH SVIG audit on routine enquiry on sexual and domestic violence and abuse in sexual health settings.
- E learning resources on Medicolegal Issues updated Re-distribution of a quote on behalf of the Sexual Violence SIG, to mark the October and Domestic violence awareness month for use on BASHH's social media channels

Future plans 2022/23

- Once the routine enquiry data had been analyzed this will be an opportunity to review and update the domestic abuse toolkit developed by the group in 2016.
- Presentation at the October 2024 Bashh virtual scientific Meeting.
- Consideration of UK wide survey on recognition of steal thing in sexual health and consideration of developing recommendations for staff to provide appropriate advice on information sharing options.
- Request for members to speak to staff at Dublin sexual assault services on Non-fatal strangulation

Deb Wardle
Sexual Violence Chair

SEXUAL HEALTH ADVISER AND NURSE GROUP

Membership

Belinda Loftus *Chair*
 Lisa Walton *Secretary*
 Paul Teale *Treasurer*
 Lisa Walton *Webmaster*

Zac Dolan
 Jodie Crossman
 Felicity Young
 Emma Collins
 Sarah Smith
 Ceri Evans
 Dr Matthew Grundy Bowers
 Michelle Jenkins
 Regina Sliw
 Mike Passfield

The SHAN SIG was formed in 2018 and seeks to be an active group of the organisation.

Membership is open to any BASHH member who identifies as a Health Adviser and/or Nurse working in integrated sexual health (GUM & Contraception) and/or HIV services, including those in Research and community charitable sexual health focused organisations.

Recognition of the diverse roles and responsibilities Health Advisor and Nurses have in the delivery and development of modern, functional, effective and accessible services for local populations, acting as a support to challenge where services fall short of patient's best interests.

Further details about membership can be found in our Terms of Reference, [Click here to read](#).

Objectives

- To represent the professional interests of Health Advisers and Nurses working in integrated sexual health (GUM & Contraception) and/or HIV services, including those in Research, commercial sector, and community charitable sexual health focus organisations.
- To promote Sexual Health Advisers and Nurses to join BASHH and engage at all level within the organisation.
- To advise on and offer support and advice on BASHH approved training and education to members.
- To influence the Sexual Healthcare agenda as a whole and the agenda of BASHH.
- To be a body for Sexual Health Advisers and Nurses on other BASHH committees to report to and seek support from.
- To be a nursing/Sexual Health Adviser spokesperson/advisor on matters relating to sexual health i.e in nursing press/PGD production etc.
- To build a support network across the 4 nations where Health Advisors and Nurses are able to reach out colleagues for support.

We have produced an abstract guide which is intended to guide you through the process of writing an abstract, please [click here to access](#).

Significant activities

- Creation, organising and marking/awarding of SHA & Nurse Conference Scholarships
- Organisation and facilitation of MDT Innovation Award (Cathy Harman)
- Arranging SHAN BASHH Scientific Meeting (usually October)
- Participation in production and review of National SH PGDs alongside SPS & FSRH
- Promotion of BASHH membership to SHA & Nurses across the UK.
- Organisation of SHA & Nurse Conference Symposium (BASHH Spring Conference).
- Collaboration with Royal College of Nursing (RCN) to support and promote the profession and the Society of Sexual Health Advisers (SSHA) to support their work
- Develop the emerging roles e.g (Nursing Associate) within Sexual Health
- Look at how to support staff in terms of vicarious trauma
- Supporting and encouraging nurses to submit abstracts and present their work at various events, including the annual conference.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-23

- Successful Conference organisation of conference and delivery
- Reorganisation of roles, with the Nurse Representative to the Board and Chair of SHAN SIG exchanging roles.
- SHAN SIG organisation for their part in the October 2022 Scientific Meeting
- Representation at the Syphilis Summit
- Engagement with our partner representative bodies e.g BHIVA/FSRH and RCN.

Future plans

- Support the RCN to expand their Sexual Health Training Directory
- Review of Nurses and Health Advisors Representation at Regional BASHH Groups, encourage Branch Chairs to have a Nurse/HA representative where there are none.
- Consider how we can deliver some of the objectives to the wider nursing community in relation to improving awareness and outcomes for patients relating to Syphilis Diagnosis
- Review membership in relation to wider nurse roles e.g Nurse Associates

Jodie Crossman
SHAN Special Interest Group Chair

GENDER AND SEXUAL MINORITIES GROUP

Membership

Dr Sally Jewsbury *Chair*
 Dr Laura Mitchell
 Richard Desmond
 Dr Stuart Gibson
 Dr Carol Emerson
 Dr Nick Medland
 Dr Tristan Barber
 Nathan Dean
 Samuel Murphy *STASH rep*
 Daniel Trotman
 Emma Hawke
 Dr Jo Smith *Enquiries correspondent*
 Dr Michael Edwards *Secretary*
 Dr Richard Vytning
 Dr Sophie Ross *Deputy Chair*
 Dr Martyn Wood
 Dr Daniel Clutterbuck
 Dr Emma Devitt

Objectives

- Promote the sexual health of GSM within BASHH and at a wider strategic/policy level
- Prioritise prevention of STI/HIV and other related adverse health outcomes in GSM
- Collaborate with community organisations to promote sexual health of GSM
- Contribute to the surveillance of STIs relating to GSM
- Assist the monitoring and evaluation of prevention initiatives/interventions for GSM
- Promote best practice in the prevention, diagnosis, management including partner notification of STI/HIV through development of and contribution to guidelines and standards
- Identify gaps and define research priorities for the sexual health of GSM
- Provide education through meetings and via other media
- Promote access to information, advice, prevention, treatment, and care relating to sexual health for GSM
- Contribute to undergraduate and post-graduate curricula development

SIG membership

- The SIG will aim to meet three times per year as a minimum
- Members are expected to be members of BASHH or be invited by the SIG for their contribution to the field
- Members must attend a steering meeting at least once per year
- Members should contribute to the educational programme of the SIG
- The individual tenure of a member of the GSM SIG Steering Committee should initially be for three years, renewable on a yearly basis.
- Turnover of members of the Steering Committee should be staggered
- Membership to include a multidisciplinary team with service user representation and to include the 4 nations

Significant activities

- Since being appointed in April we have mostly focussed on re-establishing the group membership and we have several new members. We have filled the positions of secretary, deputy chair, STASH rep and enquiry correspondent. First meeting 13/10/23
- GSM session at BASHH annual conference July 2023:
Trans Session – Views from across the UK
 Chair: Dr. Sally Jewsbury, Manchester
 Trans Healthcare – Dr. Tara Suchak, London
 Black Beetle Health Eshe Kiama Zuri–
- Natsal-4 'Trans' Advisory Group; approached the SIG and asked for input. Participating in interview and gave written feedback to this project.
- Drafted statement for BASH in response to government anti trans rhetoric

Future plans 2022/23

- BASH scientific meeting January 2024
- MSM guidelines due for review – we are considering replacing with a broader 'best practice' 'clinical standards' for GSM (and beyond). Excellent clinical guidance and practice already exists – how can we pull this together? Scoping exercise planned to pool resources of best practice and aim for an education fellow to lead this work. To develop questionnaire to the BASHH community to aim to launch at scientific meeting Jan 2024
- ? develop guidelines/ statement on genital discomfort in trans masc individuals
- Plan SIG study day- aim for Nov 2024 or Feb 2025 – ideally face to face and launch 'best practice' document as above if ready
- Review web content

Dr Sally Jewsbury
GSM SIG Chair

REGIONS

CHESHIRE & MERSEY BRANCH

Membership

Dr Noel Connolly *Branch Chair*
Dr Jonny Boylan *Education Lead*
Dr Kirsten Michie *Audit Lead*

Objectives

- Promote high quality evidence-based information to Cheshire & Mersey BASHH members.
- Virtual education/business meetings open to all members/relevant non-members x3-4 times annually.
- Update and report any regional issues to BASHH CRG.

Significant activities

- Noted increase in STI especially syphilis and gonorrhoea in line with national rates.
- Well established monthly regional "Syphilis in Pregnancy" MDT to ensure high-quality care.
- Influx of people to all HIV clinics in the Cheshire & Mersey region from other parts of the world but mostly sub-Saharan Africa

recruited to jobs in the UK; likely that partners and children will join them with reports that some of these family members are also HIV-seropositive. Trying to inform and update the local regional paediatric ID teams.

- Roll out of TAF/FTC PrEP when indicated.
- Ongoing issues with staff recruitment and retention.

Future plans 2022/23

- Request invitations to Acute Hospital Trusts in the region for Grand Round presentations to update Hospital colleagues of the various ways syphilis may present to non-GU specialities.
- Restart the annual physical joint meeting with Northwest Branch.
- Promote the specialty to future trainees.
- Maintain high standards in the Cheshire & Mersey region.
- Report any concerns to BASHH CRG in a timely manner.

Dr Noel Connolly
Cheshire & Mersey BASHH CGC chair

EAST ANGLIA BRANCH

Membership

Dr Durba Raha *Regional Audit Lead*
Dr Serish Basavaraj *Branch Chair Representative to the CGC*

Objectives

- To promote high standards of care in integrated sexual and reproductive health and HIV services across the region
- To share information from BASHH and the CGC with regional members
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC

Significant activities

- Introduction of online booking
- Introduction of online POP ordering
- Continuation of online testing for both asymptomatic and symptomatic patients
- Routine PrEP delivery (1st line)
- Introduction of 2nd line PrEP as per NHSE Commissioning Policy
- F2F and virtual management for HIV, RH and GUM cohorts
- Video consultation as alternative choice to tele-consultation and F2F appointments
- Local, regional and national audit plan
- Clinical Advisory Group meetings
- Waiting list initiatives for LARC and PrEP delivery
- Focussed LARC and PrEP activity to meet backlogs and redirection from Primary care
- Postal medication service (Royal Mail)
- Completion of pilot of Trichomonas Vaginalis (TV) and Mycoplasma Genitalium (MGen) online testing
- Digital front door development
- HIV ART Home Delivery
- Specialist Pharmacy support model (patients and staff)- Pharmacy Helpline
- Continuation of MGen testing as core clinical service delivery

- Completion of Mpox vaccination campaign – total 1632 doses administered
- Introduction of use of ultrasonic vein detection devices
- Contract re-awards
- Service representation on committees and special interest groups of national organisations including FSRH, BASHH, BHIVA and HIVPA
- Participation in a number of research studies, including Gonorrhoea Undetected Resistance Laboratory Study (GURLS), Mycoplasma genitalium Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (MARS), Prevalence of Prophylaxis for STIs Study (POPS) and the Platinum Trial.
- Secured funding from local CRN for fixed term 12 months posts: 1PA Consultant Research Lead and 0.5 WTE Research Facilitator/Nurse.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022/23

- Participation in national and regional audits
- ART prescribing – participation in invest to save scheme

Future plans

- Expansion of online testing (MGen and TV test of cures)
- Expansion of online booking
- Expansion of online contraception ordering (repeats)
- Ordercomms and lab links
- Digital front door, access and new telephony platform
- Development of electronic PN
- Development of peer mentoring programme for new starters
- Contract re-awards and new procurements opportunities
- HIV psychology wide pilot evaluation
- Development of pathway to facilitate administration of vaccines by non-registrants

Dr Serish Basavaraj
Branch Chair

IRELAND BRANCH

No report submitted

NORTH WEST BRANCH

Membership

Dr John Sweeney *Branch Chair*

Dr Dornubari Lebari *Regional Audit Lead*

Dr Wai Lin Htun *Secretary*

Objectives

- To hold 3-4 meetings a year to discuss sexual health and HIV issues
- To update colleagues about CGC issues
- To disseminate good practice
- Continuing medical education and audit

Significant activities

- Planning regional education update
- Meetings 3-4 time per year on Microsoft teams due to wide geographical area

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-23

- Two branch meetings taken place, with a further branch meeting to be held in October 2023
- Discussion of successful roll out of HIV testing across the high risk areas in our branch
- Discussion regarding monkeypox and sharing of good practice
- Discussion of recruitment issues affecting services across the North West
- Discussion of tender outcomes across services

Future plans

- Planning regional meeting with the inclusion of Mersey branch
- To plan local/regional audits
- Discuss standardisation of practice

*Dr John Sweeney
Branch Chair*

NORTHERN BRANCH

No report submitted

OXFORD BRANCH

Membership

Dr Angela Bailey *Branch Chair*
 Dr Nadi Gupta *Audit Lead*
 Dr Emily Lord
 Dr Alan Tang
 Dr Alan Tang
 Dr Gill McCarthy

These are the people on the official list I have from BASHH. I have a more extensive list of local contacts but I don't know if they are BASHH members.

Objectives

- To share information with BASHH members in the region from the CGC and vice versa.
- To hold one regional educational meeting annually

Significant activities

- Regional meeting held virtually on 10/3/23 with 3 outside speakers followed by a regional BASHH meeting. Meeting was fairly well attended and informal feedback was good, with attendees asking for copies of slides. Only one attendee completed the feedback form. Efforts made to extend the invitation to nurses and other health professionals, although not many attended.
- Information disseminated from BASHH to members and from members to CGC.

Future plans

- Currently asking if anyone would like to consider taking over as Branch chair.
- Aim was to hold another meeting soon but nil organised yet.

*Dr Angela Bailey
Branch Chair*

SCOTLAND BRANCH

Membership

Dr Bridie Howe *Chair*
 Dr Rebecca Metcalfe *Audit Lead*
 Dr Syed Aliakbar *NCCG Rep*
 Mr Barry Gemmell *Nurse Rep*
 Dr Lindsay Henderson *Trainee Rep*

Objectives

- Provide a supportive network
- Share BASHH communications amongst the Scottish members, and feed back Scottish concerns/issues to the national group.
- Provide annual educational event
- Recruit to SHA role

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-23

- Business meeting for members and Educational event for members and professional non-members 20th May 2022 and 19th May 2023

Future plans

- Annual education and business meeting Spring/Summer 2024
- Expand sharing of information to include use of MS Teams and/or member only area of the BASHH website Scottish Branch page.

*Bridie Howe
Scottish Branch Chair*

SOUTH WEST BRANCH

Membership

Dr Fiona Fargie *Branch Chair Representative to the CGC*
 Dr Sophia Davies *Branch Audit Lead*

Objectives

- To promote high standards of care in sexual and reproductive health and HIV services across the region
- To share information from BASHH and the CGC with regional members
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC
- To give opportunities for networking across the region.
- To conduct at least one audit and educational meetings per year.

Significant activities

- Regular meetings between clinical teams, commissioning teams and UKHSA to discuss the 2022/23 regional Gonorrhoea outbreak

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-23

Prep Regional audit 2022

Future plans

- Reinvigorate Branch activity
- Regional meeting – online Nov 2023

*Dr Fiona Fargie
Branch Chair*

THAMES (NE) BRANCH

Membership

Dr Rita Browne *Chair*

Objectives

- Promote high standards of sexual health and HIV care
- Consult with regional clinical leads and gather information for discussion at the BASHH CGC meetings and feedback
- Report on any regional issues or concerns to BASHH

Significant activities

- Setting up services to manage the Mpox outbreak and ensuring testing continues in the at-risk population when indicated
- Roll out of Mpox vaccination both in clinic and in outreach sites
- Setting up pathways for provision of Descovy PrEP according to eligibility criteria for Descovy
- Managing shortages of drugs in clinic as they occur, e.g. aldar and podophyllotoxin.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-23

Feedback into the CGC meetings

Future plans

Collaborate closer with regional leads and organise expand the membership of the NE Thames membership group with a view to developing a regional audit or training day.

*Dr Rita Browne
Branch Chair*

THAMES (NW) BRANCH

Membership

Dr Dawn Friday *Branch Chair*

Dr Vanessa Apnea *Audit Lead*

Objectives

- Promote high standards of sexual health and HIV.
- Gather information from regional clinical leads for discussion at the BASHH CGC meetings and provide feedback.
- Give opportunities for networking across the region.
- Conduct at least one audit and educational meetings per year.

Significant activities

- Continued success with BBV (HIV/Hepatitis B/Hepatitis C) testing across North-West London Emergency Departments. High positivity rate for all three viruses. Lost to follow-up activity taking places in some services.
- Balancing the demand for PrEP in smaller outer North-West London services.
Regional Clinical Reference Group feeding into the ICS/ICB.
- Introduction of a new EPR system (CERNER) across some NW London services.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-23

- Participation in national audits and BASHH surveys
- Regional STI Foundation course
- Regional HIV Meetings

Future plans

Planning a joint regional meeting end of 2023

*Dr Dawn Friday
Branch Chair*

THAMES (SE) BRANCH

No report submitted

THAMES (SW) BRANCH

Membership

Dr Malika Mohabeer Hart *South West Thames CGC branch co-chair*

Dr Deborah Kirkham (maternity leave) *South West Thames CGC branch co-chair*

Objectives

- Maintain communication amongst regional clinical leads about key clinical governance issues
- Take key clinical governance issues from regional leads to central BASHH CGC meetings
- Raise awareness of important clinical governance issues with local/regional/national leads
- Promote GUM as a specialty

Significant activities

- I have set up a quarterly clinical governance meeting for regional leads to attend and discuss current issues affecting their services – this is then fed back to National BASHH CGC
- Feedback from BASHH CGC meeting to regional leads meeting
- Attended ICS/ICB meeting
- I led the setting up of a regional education meeting (H-SWELLZ) bringing together staff from services in Croydon, St Helier, Kingston, Hertfordshire (part of my Trust) and Wansdworth – this takes place quarterly and the organisation is split amongst the different services – this has been very attended and has received good feedback.
- Attended ICS workshop with Dr Dewsnap and liaised with regional leads subsequently.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-23

Activities as above

Future plans

- Update list of regional clinics and leads
- Gather information about staffing, commissioning and key challenges affecting services and take this back to BASHH CGC
- Support the area with recruitment to vacancies by circulating information
- Ensure GUM services remain high on the agenda for local authorities and public health bodies.
- Work more closely with ICS
- Promote GUM as an attractive specialty for upcoming junior doctors in the region

*Dr Malika Mohabeer Hart
South West Thames BASHH CGC co-chair*

TRENT BRANCH

Membership

Dr Hayley Wood *Chair*

Dr Rasha Omer *Audit Lead*

Objectives

- Promote high standards of care in sexual health and HIV
- Maintain communication amongst regional clinical leads about key clinical governance issues
- Give opportunities for networking across the region
- Conduct at least one audit/ educational meeting per year

Significant activities

- Liaised with regional leads to seek information about issues affecting their services to take to national meeting
- Facilitated communication of/circulated information about relevant clinical issues including management of Mpox
- Feedback from BASHH CGC meeting to region

Future plans

Annual Regional Educational /Audit Meeting September 2023

*Dr Hayley Wood
Trent Region Chair*

WALES BRANCH

Membership

Dr Darren Cousins *BASHH Wales Chair*

Dr Sian Warren *BASHH Wales Regional Audit Chair*

Objectives

- To identify and promote best clinical practice both within Wales and elsewhere in the UK
- To optimise the delivery of good genitourinary medicine and HIV care in Wales by participation in policy and service development
- To participate in national (UK) clinical governance activity, including national audits, and to facilitate cross-Wales clinical governance activities

Significant activities

- Ongoing representation to the Welsh Government Sexual Health Programme Board
- Publication of the Wales HIV Action Plan April 2023 with contributions of BASHH members and past and current chairs
- BASHH chair presented at Welsh Government Mpox Plan (meetings since stood down)
- Ongoing input to All Wales Antiretroviral Prescribing Group with production of All-Wales guidance
- Submission of evidence to All Wales Medicines Strategy Group on Descovy PrEP
- Piloted the STIF Gateway programme in Cardiff with the first nurses meeting the required competences

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-2023

- BASHH Wales Regional Audit Meetings held online in October 2022 and March 2023
- BASHH Branch meetings held online in October 2022 and March 2023.
- BASHH Wales Annual Scientific Meeting – Virtual July 2023 (RCP accreditation complete)

Future plans

- BASHH Chair will sit on board for the new Fast Track Cymru NGO (to stop all HIV transmissions in Wales by 2030)
- Participate in task and finish groups for the HIV Action Plan 2023
- To lead development of pan-Wales case management system for HIV and STIs
- Bi-annual regional audit meetings and branch meetings
- Organise and achieve RCP accreditation for the Wales Annual Scientific Meeting July 2024

*Dr Darren Cousins
Wales Branch Chair*

WESSEX BRANCH

Membership

Dr Sangeetha Sundaram *Wessex Chair*

Dr Jenny Murira *Branch secretary*

Dr Alison Blume *Regional Audit Lead*

Dr Olivia Drew *Treasurer*

Objectives

- To cascade advice and updates on service provision, commissioning and clinical practice from the BASHH CGC committee to individual clinics within network
- To escalate concerns and risks within network to the committee for advice and support
- To share best practice including SOPs /templates developed for certain patient scenarios between the different branches and ultimately enhance patient care

Significant activities

- 2 quarterly virtual educational meetings held (Nov'22 and June 2023)- programmes consisted of diverse topics on GUM/HIV/SRH, interesting case presentations and expert talks.
- Regional clinical governance meeting held in November 2022 to review service concerns, tendering outcomes, training and education needs and workforce
- Regional HIV mortality meeting held in January 2023
- Solent STIF course conducted virtually in June 2023 and well evaluated
- DipGUM OCSE Revision course was organised in April 2023- ran successfully and well evaluated.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-2023

- High level of participation in regional and National BASHH audits
- Excellent attendance and participation at regional educational events
- Services recovered from covid pressures and increased F2F activity whilst maintaining remote consultations for certain patient scenarios.
- MPox outbreak was effectively managed by services and high levels of vaccination were achieved in the network

Future plans

- Continue high quality educational meetings and aim to deliver F2F
- Continue to maintain regional communication about service pressures and solutions

*Dr Sangeetha Sundaram
Branch Chair*

WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH

Membership

Dr Lisa Goodall *Chair and audit lead*

Objectives

- To promote high standards of care in sexual health and HIV services across the region
- To share information from BASHH and the CGC
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC
- To participate in national UK clinical governance activity, including national audits, and to facilitate cross-West Midlands clinical governance activities

Significant activities

- Virtual WM BASHH branch meeting held Nov 2022 including audit and training updates and update on WM STI and HIV data from WM UKHSA
- Regional HIV/ID educational histopathology meeting held November 2022

Performance/Outputs

- Participation in national BASHH audits and feedback of individual regional results

Future plans

- Next WM BASHH branch meeting planned face to face in November 2023
- Regional HIV/ID educational histopathology meeting planned in November 2023

*Lisa Goodall
Branch Chair*

YORKSHIRE BRANCH

Membership

Dr Emma Street *Chair*
Dr Natasha Astill *Audit Lead*

Objectives

- To organise an annual regional meeting- to provide educational opportunities for a multidisciplinary audience
- To identify good practice/ initiatives and challenges in the Yorkshire region and feedback to the national CGC meetings
- To co-ordinate regional participation in national audit and feedback results

Significant activities

- Regional virtual STIF course- October 2022
- Regional educational meeting June 2023- hybrid event with both face to face and virtual attendees- a varied programme of case presentations, audits and expert speakers

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-2023

- High level of participation for the virtual STIF course.
- Very high level of participation for the regional educational meeting and excellent feedback.

Future plans

- Regional educational meeting in June 2024
- Forum for alternative sexual health providers

*Dr Emma Street
Branch Chair*

COMMITTEES WITH BASHH PRESENTATION

JOINT SPECIALTY COMMITTEE FOR GENITOURINARY MEDICINE

Membership

Dr Elizabeth Foley *Chair of the Committee*
Dr Johnny Boylan *Secretary of the Committee*
Dr John McSorley *BASHH Immediate Past President*
Dr Claire Dewsnap *BASHH Representative and BASHH President*
Dr Vanessa Apea *BASHH Representative*
Dr Natalie Daley *Faculty of Public Health Representative*
Vacant posts (two) *Patient and Carer Network*
Dr Wai Lin Htun *Doctor in Training Representative*
Dr Holly Middleditch *Doctor in Training Representative*
Dr Rebecca Glover-Thompson *RCP - New Consultants Representative*
Dr Jackie Sherrard *RCP - Workforce Representative*
Professor Margaret Kingston *SAC GUM Co-Chair (until June 23)*
Dr Katia Prime *SAC GUM Co-Chair (until June 23)*
Dr Sarah Schoeman *SAC GUM Co-Chair (from June 23)*
Dr Andy Williams *SAC GUM Co-Chair (from June 23)*
Professor Claudia Estcourt *Scottish Colleges Representative*
Dr Nadia Ahmed *RCP Specialty champion*
Dr Sarah Clarke *RCP President (ex officio)*
Dr Cathryn Edwards *RCP Registrar (ex officio)*

Objectives

The Joint Specialty Committee (JSC) for Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) 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. There is usually representation from the RCP's Patient and Carer Network but recruitment to the two vacant posts was paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Significant activities

- The Committee has met virtually using an online platform with meetings in November 2022 and June 2023.
- Interim discussions between scheduled meetings have taken place and the chair attends the Joint Medical Specialty Board meetings.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2022-2023

- The Committee has ensured that the RCP is fully advised about the issues affecting the specialty, including workforce planning and training, and the commissioning and tendering of HIV and sexual health services.
- The Committee has updated the RCP on standards that were relevant to GUM including those produced by NICE, BHIVA, NHS England, BASHH and the FSRH.
- The Committee has responded to a wide range of national consultations.
- A proposal to change the name of the specialty from 'GU Medicine' to 'Sexual Health and HIV Medicine' has been submitted to the RCP.
- A robust review of GUM Consultants per region has been undertaken to assist with future workforce planning.

Future plans

The Committee will:

- Continue to ensure that issues of importance to the speciality are raised with the RCP.
- Work to ensure training and workforce planning issues are addressed.

Dr Elizabeth Foley
Chair of JSC for GUM

SPECIALIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Significant activities & performance

Outputs 2022-23

Curriculum

- Newly appointed trainees from August 2022 are now dually training in GUM and Internal Medicine (IM), in addition to some trainees in previous singly accrediting GUM posts who have chosen to transfer to the new curriculum
- All dually accrediting trainees need an educational supervisor (ES) in both GUM and in IM. In some centres it has been challenging to appoint an ES in IM but local Heads of School are committed to supporting this process
- Individual training needs and gap analysis are being discussed and documented at the trainee's next ARCP. Extensions to training are being supported if needed.
- IM ARCPs have started for those on the new curriculum from May 2023 with local arrangements regarding separate IM ARCPs or IM assessor on GUM panels. The latter has worked well for London ARCPs
- External advisers continue to support ARCP panels over MST
- The GUM rough guide, syllabus and a new ARCP decision aid have been developed to support the new GUM/IM curriculum and are available on the JRCPTB website
- A post curriculum implementation questionnaire has been developed and is due to be distributed imminently to all group 1 specialties
- The outgoing co-chair, Dr Prime, has stayed on the SAC as curriculum lead, providing continuity whilst the new dually accredited curriculum embeds.
- The Diplomas of GUM and HIV continue to be critical progression points for the curriculum with the former needing to be achieved before entry into ST7. A working group has been convened to explore whether the Diplomas can be made more cost efficient, with savings passed onto trainees

Workforce & recruitment

- HEE has been undertaking a workforce review of all training numbers with a view to re-distributing training numbers as they become vacant from inside London to elsewhere. GUM were due to be considered in 2027 but with HEE's integration into NHSE&I this work has been paused.
- We remain very concerned about the high number of vacant training posts in GUM and are working closely with BASHH and other stakeholders to address this. Initiatives that the SAC have been involved in are listed below

Promotion of the specialty

- Working with BASHH and M&F media team to support National Love GUM campaign to increase awareness of a career in GUM and promote recruitment to the specialty
- Providing TPD support to STASHH to improve profile, opportunities and mentorship for medical students and trainees interested in a career in GUM
- Establishing GUM and HIV education on IMT and FY teaching programmes Nationally
- Supporting BASHH trainee educational fellowships
- Invited to present on a career in GUM at National HEE careers advisers' meeting
- Meeting between BASHH, cSRH, SAC chairs, and lead Deans to discuss recruitment and workforce issues and support needed

Succession planning

- The out-going co-chairs finished their tenures in July 2023 and handed over to the new GUM SAC co-chairs: Dr Andy Williams, Consultant in GUM/HIV at Barts Health NHS Trust and Dr Sarah Schoeman, Consultant in GUM/HIV at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS trust. Dr Katia Prime has stayed on as the GUM SAC curriculum lead.

*Dr Katia Prime & Professor Margaret Kingston
outgoing GUM SAC Co-Chairs*

WORKFORCE REPORT

To 30th August 2023 33 permanent posts (22 full time) and 7 locums have been advertised, all except 4 for a mix of GUM or integrated sexual health with an HIV component. This compares favourably with 2021, when 31 permanent consultant posts advertised (20 full-time posts). Of note 2 posts have been advertised on a number of occasions and remain vacant. Neither of these include an HIV component and both are with a non-NHS provider.

The current rate of consultant posts being advertised is now beginning to exceed the number of trainees gaining their CCT, although most posts are reported as being filled at present. It is likely that in the short to medium term trainees will have a selection of consultant posts and those perceived to be less desirable will be increasingly difficult to fill.

It remains to see how supply and demand will be matched with the impending change to training with dual accreditation, the impact of the low fill rate of training posts in the last 2 years and the upcoming changes to sexual health commissioning. This challenge has been highlighted to the JRCPTB and HEE and a couple of workshops have taken place.

Over the last 12 months, we have undertaken an in-depth analysis of current consultant situation to see how it matches with the RCP census and to collect data on existing vacancies.



The latest RCP census data has a headcount of 491, 440.7 WTE compared with BASHH 487.6 headcount (including vacancies) and 378.3 WTE (including vacancies). The WTE found by BASHH is significantly less than that in the census data, and seems to reflect the continuing feminisation of the workforce and LTFT working, the BASHH survey identifying colleagues, who although GUM consultants undertaken significant other roles which reduce their contribution to GUM, eg Medical directors, DME etc.

*Dr Jackie Sherrard
BASHH Workforce Officer*

UEMS IN DERMATOVENEREOLOGY

Membership

Jackie Sherrard *UK UEMS venereology representative*

Objectives

My aim at UEMS is to maintain good communications and collaboration with colleagues in Europe with regard to training, standards and development of our specialty.

Significant activities

The 2023 meeting was held in Salzburg and attended by 47 delegates from 24 European countries. Most of the discussions have

related to the challenges of delivering dermatovenereology training where provision varies hugely from country to country and within countries. Michel Janier has resigned as the chair of the STI division and has been replaced by Marko Potoknik (Slovenia). Henri deVries is the new representative of the Netherlands, increasing STI representation. The European board exam remains the major workstream, taken by approximately 100 candidates annually (aimed at the end of residency). The majority of those taking the exam remain non-Europeans.

*Dr Jackie Sherrard
UK UEMS venereology representative*

JOURNALS WITH BASHH REPRESENTATION

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF STD & AIDS (IJSA)

Throughout 2022/2023, IJSA maintained its mission to act as a vehicle for the dissemination and discussion of clinically focussed STI research and innovation. IJSA continues to publish more papers than any other in the STI field and remains the journal of choice for publication of BASHH and the International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI) clinical guidelines. New article types developed over the last couple of years, encouraging the publication and dissemination of quality improvement work and translational research in clinical settings, have proven popular with authors.

IJSA accepts a wide range of papers from across the world, and we very much hope that the readership continues to find the journal entertaining and informative. We remain indebted to our authors and fantastic reviewers, and to SAGE Publishing.

*Dr Michael Rayment
Editor-in-Chief*

STI JOURNAL

Objectives

- Promote and facilitate the liaison between BASHH and the STI journal, seeking opportunities for reciprocal support
- Identify opportunities for the journal to support educational activities including conferences and courses organised BASHH
- Identify opportunities for the BASHH membership to contribute to the activities of the journal, e.g., through the BASHH column and other forms of publication and engagement
- Identify opportunities for facilitating communication and dissemination of research news within the BASHH membership

Significant activities

- Participated in the meetings of the BASHH Educational Committee
- Supported the production of the BASHH Column for the STI journal (8 issues per year)
- Supported the Annual BASHH Conference (2023): reviewed abstract submissions, awarded the best presentation BMJ STI prize, organised and produced a thematic workshop on hepatitis B within the conference, supported publicity activities via the journal and its social media channels
- Ongoing production of a journal highlights piece that is included in the BASHH emails to the membership

Future plans

- To continue to engage with the BASHH Educational Committee
- To continue to review the scope and format of the journal BASHH column with the aim of expanding its outreach and impact
- To continue to support the conference and educational activities of the society, looking for further opportunities for reciprocal engagement
- To seek ways to support the dissemination of clinical guidelines produced by the society
- To continue with the journal highlights piece (with a view of seeking feedback from the membership about how useful they find it)

*Professor Anna Maria Geretti
Editor-in-Chief*

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

APPG	All-Party Parliamentary Groups	IT	Information Technology
ARCP	Annual Review of Competency Progression	IUSTI	International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy	JRCPTB	Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians' Training Board
ASIG	Adolescent Specialist Interest Group	LARC	Long-Acting Reversible Contraception
BAD	British Association of Dermatology	LTFT	Less than Full Time
BAME	Black, Asian and minority ethnic	LGV	Lymphogranuloma venereum
BASHH	British Association for Sexual Health and HIV	LUSTRUM	Limiting undetected sexually transmitted infections to reduce morbidity
BASHH CEG	BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group	MDR	Medical Devices Regulation
BASHH CGC	BASHH Clinical Governance Committee	MDT	Multidisciplinary Team
BASHH CSU	BASHH Clinical Standards Unit	MGen	Mycoplasma genitalium
BASHH EC	BASHH Educations Committee	MHRA	Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
BASHH NAG	BASHH National Audit Group	MLSO	Medical Laboratory Scientific Officers
BBV	Blood Borne Viruses	MSD	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.
BHIVA	British HIV Association	MSM	Men who have sex with men
Bo5	Best of 5 Questions (Exam format)	NAAT	Nucleic acid amplification test
BSIG	Bacterial Special Interest Group	NCSP	National Chlamydia Screening Programme
BV	Bacterial vaginosis	NHIVA	Nurses HIV Association
CCGs	Clinical Commissioning Groups	NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
CCT	Certificate of Completion of Training	NPT	Near patient test
CESR	Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration	OI	Opportunistic Infection
CEV	Clinically Extremely Vulnerable	OSCE	Objective Structured Clinical Examination
CHIVA	Children's HIV Association	PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
CNS	Central Nervous System	PEPSE	Post-exposure prophylaxis after sexual exposure
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease 2019	PGVLE	Postgraduate Virtual Learning Environment
CPD	Continuing Professional Development	PGD	Patient Group Direction
CQC	Care Quality Commission	PHE	Public Health England
CSRH	Community Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare	PN	Partner Notification
CTAD	Chlamydia Testing Activity Dataset	POCT	Point of care test
DHSC	Department of Health and Social Care	PPE	Patient and public engagement
DiT	Doctor(s) in Training	PREM	Patient reported experience measure
Dip GUM	Diploma in Genitourinary Medicine	PREP	Pre-exposure prophylaxis
Dip HIV	Diploma in HIV Medicine	PROM	Patient reported outcome measure
DNA	Did Not Attend (person who)	PYR	Penultimate Year Reviews
DVD	Digital Video Disc	RCGP	Royal College of General Practitioners
e-LFH	Electronic Learning for Health	RCN	Royal College of Nursing
EPR	Electronic Patient Record	RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation	RCP	Royal College of Physicians
FSRH	Faculty of Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare	RSM	Royal Society of Medicine
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation	SARC	Sexual Assault Referral Centre
GiM	General Internal Medicine	SAC	Specialty Advisory Committee
GMC	General Medical Council	SAS	Staff grade, Associate Specialist and Specialty doctors
GP	General Practitioner	SIG	Special Interest Group
GRASP	Gonococcal Resistance to Antimicrobials Surveillance Programme	SOPHID	Survey of Prevalent HIV Infections Diagnosed
GSM	Gay and Sexual Minorities	SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare
GU	Genitourinary	SHA	Sexual Health Advisor
GUM	Genitourinary Medicine	SHAN	Sexual Health Advisor and Nurse (group)
GUMCAD	GUM Activity Dataset	SHRAD	Sexual and Reproductive Health Activity Dataset
HARS	HIV and AIDS Reporting System	SSHA	Society of Sexual Health Advisors
HAV	Hepatitis A virus	ST	Specialist Trainee
HBV	Hepatitis B virus	STASHH	Student and Trainee Association for Sexual Health and HIV
HCV	Hepatitis C virus	STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
HEE	Health Education England	STIF	Sexually Transmitted Infections Foundation (courses)
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	TPD	Training Programme Director
HIVTA	HIV Trainees Association	TV	Trichomonas Vaginalis
HPV	Human papilloma virus	UEMS	European Union of Medical Specialists
HRA	High-Resolution Anoscopy	UKHSA	United Kingdom Health Security Agency
HSCIC	Health and Social Care Information Centre	UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
HSV	Herpes simplex virus	VLOG	Video Log
HYPNET	HIV Young Persons' Network		
IJSA	International Journal of STD & AIDS		
IQA	Internal Quality Assurance		
IQC	Internal Quality Control		
ISSTDR	International Society for Sexually Transmitted Diseases Research		