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Overview

President's report

It is always a privilege for the President of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) to submit our annual review each year. It is the opportunity to survey and summarise the Association's many activities and achievements. This year, to end July 2021, was in many ways an extension of the "year like no other" that was 2020. Our membership took their rest where they could find it, adapted, changed and mostly carried on carrying on. We all mined our reserves of resilience, continued to work together and continued to deliver for the population we work for.

First, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to my fellow Officers, Trustees, Chairs and members of the Special Interest Groups, Branch Chairs and all our members who gave their valuable time in supporting the Association's work across the UK. I could not have made it through without you.

I continued to receive enormous support from my predecessors, Immediate Past Presidents, Dr Olwen Williams OBE, Dr Elizabeth Carlin, and Dr Jan Clarke, for whose helpful advice support and encouragement I am very grateful to see me through the first full year of this Presidency. My fellow Officers and Board Members have been magnificent, one and all.

To recap, August 2020 was a period of intense recovery and repair, with all of us across the UK, recovering our staff and or estate from redeployment and attempting to stand services back up again. This was also an intense period of evaluation of the impact of COVID-19. We began the process of documenting and presenting the impacts of the pandemic, almost as predicted at the outset: the negative effects on those most vulnerable in society: the young, the socially and digitally isolated, those in areas of social and economic deprivation, those with multiple responsibilities: parents with new home-schooling roles while working from home, and all too often those in Black, Asian or other Ethnic Minoritized populations. We observed too the particular consequences of the reduction in capacity for face to face care and how that impacted on procedure delivery, most starkly in that long acting reversible contraception provision was pushed back years in terms of delivery. And we reflect now over a year after the onset of the pandemic that nowhere in the UK has recovered this work.

We spent the latter part of 2020, swinging unpredictably in service provision, as the "pingdemic" of notifications of contacts, took out unpredictable swathes of the workforce for days at a time. However, we always trended upwards, clawing out a few percentage points more performance each week. My memories are that this was a time of tacit interdependence as services across each region automatically engaged and co-ordinated with each other to provide mutual support.

The mechanisms we always had, and the COVID-19 response approaches, continued to drum out a steady beat of meetings to prepare for, attend, virtually of course, and derive action from. It is breath taking to consider how many of you dug deep and presented for duty in and outside your contracted roles and hours. We continued our BASHH members survey during 2020/21. Thank you all for your responses as these were always detailed and thoughtful, but more importantly, impactful at informing responses at National Level, and very effective at obtaining system support and resource.

We know the problems: loss of workforce, the disrupted delivery of sexual health care, the moral and physical impact on staff morale.

The work on Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) training and to improve the perception that others have of the specialty work continued throughout 2021. I would particularly like to highlight the contribution of Professor Margaret Kingston and Dr Katia Prime for their joint work on the new Curriculum and extensive plans for its implementation in 2022, Dr Elizabeth Carlin and Dr Elizabeth Foley respectively, as sequential Chairs of the GUM Joint Specialist Committee at the Royal College of Physicians (RCP), Dr Laura Waters BHIVA Chair and BASHH Trustee for her international work for people living with HIV during this period, and her amplification

of BHIVA & BASHHs digital reach during this time, and Dr Nadia Ahmed BASHH Workforce Development Representative at RCP, for expanding joint work throughout undergraduate and postgraduate medical training to raise the profile of Genitourinary Medicine. The birth of the STASHH Group (Student and Trainee Association for Sexual Health and HIV) was a moment of joy, and it is so pleasing to see it grow and expand so rapidly and demonstrate such energy. This makes me very hopeful for the long-term future of the Specialty.

The other joyous event was the genesis of the Black Asian and Minority Ethnic Specialist Interest Group which began its formation towards the end of this year, in Summer 2021. BASHH welcomes you all, and looks forward with immense anticipation to your work energy and inspiration in the future.

It was so pleasing too, that BASHH has supported our Nurse, Health Adviser and Pharmacy Leaders and members to expand their activities similarly. I am very proud to see that this is already having an impact as there has been an unbroken chain of continued expansion in the BASHH membership over the past decade especially among our non-medical sexual health specialists. The energy, expertise, vision, and commitment our new members bring to the organisation is marvellous, inspiring and rejuvenating on every level. I am particularly pleased that BASHH membership in every domain has risen inexorably throughout this time, and that we broke through the challenge set in last year's report of exceeding 10,000 followers on Twitter. We are now at 10,500! If you are not there just log on to www.twitter.com set up a profile and follow us @BASHH_UK Medical Twitter has become integral to our functioning since 2020. How long before the next platform emerges?

However, the challenges cannot be underestimated and it is important to articulate the membership's concerns at every level.

I, as President, along with BASHH Officers on rotation, continued our representations of all arising concerns in our regular fortnightly Teams meetings with the Sexual Health SRH & HIV Sector Teleconferences for England co-led by Public Health England (PHE) & Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC). Here we represented BASHH & BHIVA and together with The Faculty of Reproductive and Sexual Healthcare (FSRH), English Commissioners, Association of Directors of Public Health, NHS England, Local Government Association, and others, co-ordinated the English National Response for the Sector.

This has been the forum where the open channel communications with the membership have borne greatest fruit. On reflection, I had always under-estimated the importance of a verifiable chain of communication in effecting change. The BASHH Surveys, and the Weekly BASHH Memberships Zooms, and the Clinical Governance Committee, chaired and stewarded so ably by Dr Shalini Andrews, were highly effective channels for direct communication across all our partnerships, enabling our national colleagues and government decision makers, to have the confidence in what we were relaying, the consistent representation of information that was constantly borne out as accurate, thoughtful, fair, supportive and appropriate.

This was immensely appreciated across our partnerships, just how committed, responsive, hardworking, collegiate and dedicated to high quality public service, all our members are. You all know this, and it was my pleasure to have the opportunity to relay this on your behalf. It's always easy to look good when you have the easy task of representing more than 1000 wonderful people. And are supported every day by my fellow Officers, Dr David Phillips, Dr Claire Dewsnap, Dr Kaveh Manavi, Dr Shalini Andrews, Dr Alan Tang & Dr Sophie Forsyth. And some days, the inputs were repeated, multiple and came with occasionally eye-wateringly tight deadlines. I am especially thinking of the Media Team, and our colleagues at Munro & Foster here. We are all only as good as the team around us. BASHH is a cracking team!

The spirit and reality of togetherness saw us through the odd December of 2020, where we watched numbers climb with mathematical inevitability, and observed a potentially game changing vaccine or three hove into view. We braced for the jab, then braced again for the impact of the January 2021 wave.

I am not at all certain that those of us in senior positions have even begun to fathom the psychological impact these "waves" have had on all our staff. I am fortunate to work in a Trust where our senior leadership

committed very extensively to providing what support they could, conscious that it wasn't enough. It's arresting, however, that I still talk to staff who feel they have been broken by their experiences. We know that we have a long way to go and much remains to be done, and there is so much left to repair.

I must pay tribute to the hundreds of our members who committed time and energy to the COVID-19 vaccination programmes in 2021. The Nurses, Doctors, Health Advisors and Pharmacists, and MLSOs and Advisers across all 4 UK jurisdictions, stepping away from their day jobs, on top of their day jobs, to support the national vaccination campaigns. Thank you so much.

It is important to reflect on the enormous amount of work that has been done under immense pressure. To thank all our colleagues in the Public Health Laboratories and the rest of the public health sector. I am particularly grateful to our colleagues in England working with Public Health England, who experienced the phenomenon of their then Health Secretary Mr Matt Hancock, plan for their dissolution and recreation as a bivalve structure: The United Kingdom Health Security Agency, UKHSA, and the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities, OHID, under a subsequent Health Secretary Mr Sajid Javid. It is very good to recognise that we will still continue our partnership working with all our trusted colleagues in the future.

In England, as with Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, work to evaluate, recover and restore continued throughout the year. In each jurisdiction the operative model is Rebuild as you Fly, with work to describe the outputs as plans in due course. Scotland's Reset and Rebuild <https://www.gov.scot/publications/reset-rebuild-recovery-plan-sexual-health-blood-borne-virus-services/pages/2/> was first out of the trap, with an intention for a new National Plan later. England saw renewed commitment to production of a National Sexual Health Plan, albeit, likely to constitute a combination of an HIV Action Plan, A Women's Health Action Plan, and an STI Action Plan due late 2021, with the latter two likely to be delayed into 2022 as a new NHS Bill is unlikely to complete its journey through Westminster before Spring 2022. At least we have the enduring commitment to HIV PreP in England finally secured in October 2020, to reflect on progress despite COVID-19, an overdue alignment with Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland.

So, let's end on a note of thanks, and pay tribute also to the thousands of non-members, but close colleagues nonetheless, in the public health laboratories, health and social care systems, across the NHS, in the voluntary sector, in the local authorities and the general wider public health response. We know, and don't know fully the enormous extent of the work you have done to support us in this continuing emergency, but we are grateful for it and look forward to our future together.



Dr John McSorley
BASHH President

Treasurer's report

The following statement is based on non-audited figures for the financial period of 1st August 2020 to 31st July 2021. It is anticipated that the annual audit of BASHH financial year 2021 will be completed by April 2022. The figures below are therefore subject to change according to the audit outcome.

2021 was another financially challenging year for BASHH. COVID-19 lockdown continued to impact on BASHH activity. The transition of BASHH secretariat services to Executive Business Services (EBS), required comprehensive handover of a decade of BASHH business documents between the previous provider of BASHH secretariat and EBS. The secretariat support for the STI Foundation was also handed over to EBS in March 2021. To ensure a smooth transition of the services, BASHH incurred extra costs including those for handover of the websites affiliated to BASHH and the overhaul of STI foundation website. In 2021, BASHH decided to offer the BSIG microscopy app and website for free for the next two years.

As the result of the handover of accounts of STI foundation, a discrepancy in VAT charges has been identified. BASHH has employed a VAT specialist consultant to advise on communications with HMRC on this issue. There is a possibility that BASHH may have to pay a substantive sum as the result of this issue.

BASHH's income from educational events, sponsorships and membership declined by 24% in 2021 to a total of £19,7470.41. The reduced income was secondary to being able to deliver fewer educational events. In addition, BASHH's 2021 spring conference was held jointly with BHIVA, which has traditionally earned less income for BASHH. To account for this, BASHH held a successful autumn web-based conference. In 2021, the STI Foundation completed the implementation of the training curriculum on e-portfolio as the result of which trainees and trainers can now log and track their progress electronically. The STI Foundation launched a nationwide web-based training event in 2021.

In 2021, BASHH's expenses summed up to £34,8926.78. This was a 29% decline since 2020 mainly driven by lack of face-to-face events. As the result, BASHH made a surplus of £37,357.63 in 2021 (unaudited figure). The surplus figure may not be sustainable. BASHH has to continue with the modernisation of its processes and use of electronic solutions to keep costs down. In addition, a standard pricing protocol is required to ensure BASHH's income from its events remain sustainable and in favour of the members.

The value of BASHH investments gai modest increment compared to 2020. It is important to note that without the investment income and the growth in investment assets, the association's costs currently and those during the last couple of years outweigh its income from its normal charitable activities. As we expect a turbulent few years post Brexit and COVID-19 for the stock market, it would be important to note that our finances may come under strain in the coming years.

Principle funding sources

Income for the charity comes from investments, membership subscriptions, and educational events. Because of the charity's stable financial position, the annual membership fee was not increased in 2019 or since.

Dr Kaveh Manavi
Treasurer

Clinical Governance Committee Review

Membership

Dr Shalini Andrews	Chair & Branch Chair
Dr Mohamed Ghanem	Secretary
Dr Say Quah	Branch Chair, Northern Ireland
Dr Rona MacDonald	Branch Chair, Scotland
Dr Laura Cunningham	Branch Chair, Wales
Dr Noel Connolly (co-opted)	Branch Chair, Cheshire & Merseyside
Dr Serish Basavaraj	Branch Chair, East Anglia
Dr Jane Hussey (co-opted)	Branch Chair, Northern Region
Dr John Sweeney (co-opted)	Branch Chair, North West
Vacant	Branch Chair, South West Region
Dr Rita Browne (co-opted)	Branch Chair, Thames (NE)
Dr Olamide Dosekun	Branch Chair, Thames (NW)
Dr Deborah Kirkham	Branch Chair, Thames (SW)
Dr Rajesh Hembrom	Branch Chair, Thames (SE)
Dr Manjula Pammi	Branch Chair, Trent
Dr Sangeetha Sundaram	Branch Chair, Wessex
Dr Claire Robertson	Branch Chair, West Midlands
Dr Natasha Astill	Branch Chair, Yorkshire
Mr Hu Clarke	Health Advisor Representative
Dr Srinivasulu Narayana	SAS Representative
Mr Hasan Mohammed	Specialist Sexual Health Pharmacist Representative

Ex Officio Members

Dr John McSorley	BASHH President
Dr Alan Tang	BASHH Vice President
Dr Kaveh Manavi	BASHH Treasurer
Dr David Phillips	BASHH General Secretary, BASHH Information Group
Dr Claire Dewsnap	BASHH Conference and Communications Secretary
Dr Sophie Forsyth	BASHH Education Committee Chair
Dr Margaret Kingston	BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group Representative (CEG)
Dr Vanessa Apea	BASHH National Audit Group Representative (NAG)
Dr Emma Fox	BASHH Mentoring Group
Dr Emily Clarke	BASHH Clinical Standards Unit

This Clinical Governance Committee (CGC) consists of regional representatives from all 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 Advisors, 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.

Objectives

- 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.

Meetings

The Committee holds meetings on the same days as the Scientific Meetings. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the quarterly meetings were held virtually over Zoom or MS Teams.

Significant activities

Spotlight discussions were held on topics generated by representatives. These were

- Sexual Health Service in the times of COVID-19, Current and Future Challenges
- Involving SAS Doctors in BASHH activity
- Increasing regional participation in BASHH

Sexual Health services across the country are faced with incredible challenges with re-setting services during the COVID-19 pandemic. When clinicians are struggling to cope with staff shortage and increasing workload, there is understandable reluctance to take on additional voluntary roles for BASHH such as branch chairs and professional group representatives. Over half the CGC posts were unfilled and it took a lot of effort to find members to take up the posts, although BASHH members are very aware of the importance of these roles for the specialty. The CGC spotlight discussions focussed on finding solutions and removing barriers to participation.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-2021

- The CGC continues to be an effective communication channel between the various BASHH groups/board and the regions. This is particularly important during the COVID-19 pandemic and rapid service changes.
- Several clinical governance issues were discussed and addressed. These include having a list of clinic emails available through BASHH for partner notification, QT interval prolongation with moxifloxacin, complex PrEP pathway and sharing supplier information on rarely used drugs in Genitourinary Medicine.
- The CGC jointly worked with the Special Interest Groups (SIG) to approve national Patient Group Directions (PGDs) developed by the Specialist Pharmacist service working group for twelve commonly used medicines in Sexual Health. These are available on: <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/>
- The CGC raised concerns about private online providers offering inappropriate testing and treatment for sexual infections. This led to the Bacterial SIG developing a position statement.

Future plans

- To support BASHH commitment to monitor and maintain standards of governance in the provision of sexual health and HIV care
- To support BASHH to lead on the development of coherent holistic sexual health strategies for all four nations in the UK in the next decade.
- To support development of national PGDs
- To extend involvement of Doctors in Training in CGC, to mentor and assist in career development as well as enthuse newer trainees.

Dr Shalini Andrews
Chair of Clinical Governance Committee

Education Committee review

Membership

Dr Sophie Forsyth	Chair
Dr Kanch Seneviratne	Secretary
Ms Ceri Evans	Health Advisor Rep
Dr Stuart Flanagan	HIV/BBV SIG Chair
Dr Georgina Morris	Dermatology SIG Chair
Dr Ellie Crook and Dr Shingisai Ndoro	Doctors In Training Rep
TBC	Public Health SIG Co-Chair
Dr Claire Dewsnap	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 Emma Fox	BHIVA/BASHH Mentoring Group Chair
Prof Anna Maria Geretti	Journal Editor (STI)
Dr Richard Gilson	HPV SIG Chair
Dr Karl Hollows	Sexual Dysfunction SIG Chair
Dr John Green	HSV SIG Co-Chair
Dr Matthew Grundy-Bowes	STIF Committee Co-Chair
Prof Cathy Ison	Bacterial SIG Chair
Dr Lewis Lau	SAS Group Rep
Dr Kaveh Manavi	BASHH Treasurer
Dr Kate Nambiar	Gender & Sexual Minorities SIG
Dr Raj Patel	HSV SIG Co-Chair and RCP CPD Representative
Dr Alan Tang	BASHH Vice President
Dr Luciana Rubinstein	STIF Committee Co-Chair
Dr David Phillips	BASHH General Secretary
Ms Jodie Crossman	Sexual Health Advisor & Nurse SIG Chair
Dr Deb Wardle	Sexual Violence SIG Chair
Dr Mike Rayment	Journal Editor (Int Journal of STD & AIDS)
Dr John McSorley	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-19 pandemic has brought new challenges in delivering education and training which our members have risen to impressively by embracing new technology and going on a steep learning curve to become familiar with new ways of teaching online (when we remembered to "unmute"!). While we have all missed the pleasure of seeing our colleagues in real life there have undoubtedly been advantages as many more BASHH members have been able to access meetings in the convenience of their homes, work places or other far flung locations.

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 such as Genital dermatology, SAS Doctors conference, HIV masterclasses and the Diplomas in GUM and HIV revision courses. There has also been a Virtual Teaching and Training subgroup of the EC convened by Dr Luciana Rubinstein to draw up guidance for running virtual educational events.

Our trainee rep Dr Ellie Crook has been instrumental in establishing the Student and Trainee Association for Sexual Health and HIV (STASHH) this year. 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 have planned a series of webinars for the second half of 2021.

Scholarships, Fellowships and Travel awards

The Education Committee supported the BASHH Educational Fellowships which this year were awarded to Drs Jesal Gohil, Natasha Bell, Joseph Heskin, Katie Humphries, Sophie Ross and Claire Pritchard. Dr Su Currie and Dr Katia Prime from the Prison SIG are supervising the 6 projects with help from PHE and other members of the Prison SIG.

The BASHH/ISSTDR Ison Travel Fellowship was awarded to Dr Jennifer Murira.

We look forward to seeing our colleagues in the flesh as we return to face to face and hybrid meetings in 2022.

Dr Sophie Forsyth
Chair of the Education Committee

Prizes and programmes

BASHH Undergraduate Prize Winners

Clinical prize

Managing Contacts of Chlamydia: Should Clinics Implement a test and wait process?

Rachel Frackelton, University of Liverpool.

Research Prize

Reviewing the speculum: barriers to cervical screening in women-who-have-sex-with-women.

Nazia Siddiqui, University College London.

Scientific programme

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 all been held virtually over the past year with excellent attendance figures and good audience participation via chat.

This year, the autumn meeting was replaced by a BASHH symposium at 34th IUSTI in Bucharest led by the GSM SIG. We used the funds set aside for running the September meeting to support BASHH members with discounted IUSTI registration, giving Doctors in Training, SAS, Nurse and Health Advisor members preference when applying for these places.

The January meeting was led for the first time by the SHAN SIG to great success and also the HSV SIG. The June meeting was organised by ASIG, the Virtual Teaching and Training Group, and the SAC to discuss the new GUM/GIM curriculum. The March meeting was replaced by the BASHH/BHIVA virtual Spring Conference. 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.

Named Groups

BASHH/FSRH Integrated Information Group

Membership

Dr David Phillips	(Co-chair, BASHH)
Dr Asha Kasliwal	(Co-chair, FSRH)
Dr Anatole Menon-Johansson	(BASHH Rep.)
Dr Achyuta Nori	(BASHH Rep.)
Dr Evelyn Kerr	(BASHH Rep.)
Dr Rona MacDonald	(BASHH Rep.)
Dr Jonathan Shaw	(BASHH Rep.)
Dr Usha Kumar	(FSRH Rep.)
Dr Nathan Acladius	(FSRH Rep.)
Dr Susannah Hall	(FSRH Rep.)
Dr Parveen Jaydeva	(FSRH Rep.)
Mr Cuong Chau	(PHE HARS)
Mr Hamish Mohammed	(PHE GUMCAD)
Mr Stephen Duffell	(PHE GUMCAD)
Ms Kate Thurland	(PHE)
Ms Helen Leake	(PHE)
Ms Judith Ellison	(HSCIC)
Ms Sarah Freeman	(HSCIC)
Ms Kate Jervis	(Brook)
Mr Charles Hewitt	(Pathway Analytics)

Observers from software companies

Mr Ed Hulse	(Mill Systems)
Ms Shafeda Mohammed	(RIOMED)
Mr Thiyagarajan 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, PHE and other agencies regarding information issues to achieve best outcomes for both patient 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 in the year 2020-2021

- The Group met on 3 occasions during 2020/21
- We have advised DHSC on the reworking of the consensus statement for confidentiality in Sexual Health Services (following the lapse of the NHS STI regulations).
- We have reviewed the guidance and regulations around the National Data Opt-out
- We have responded to numerous questions posed by BASHH members regarding data management, information governance and statutory reporting for sexual health services.
- We have considered matters of relevance to GUM Clinics, SRH clinics and Integrated Services in particular in relation to statutory reporting including GUMCAD, SRHAD and HARS.
- We have advised PHE on matters arising including the new versions of GUMCAD and HARS
- We have developed the Sexual Health – EPR (Electronic Patient Record) working group including the construction of a standardise specification for EPR

Future plans

- To continue to work closely with members of the FSRH, National Institute for Health Protection (new PHE), 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 progress work on developing a comprehensive standard EPR specification and engage with all stakeholders to promote it.

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

Clinical Effectiveness Group

Membership

From September 2020 the membership of the CEG is:

Dr Ade Apoola
 Dr Amy Evans
 Dr Helen Fifer
 Dr Sarah Flew
 Ms Alison Grant
 Dr Deepa Grover
 Dr Sarah Hardman (FSRH)
 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, facilitates good patient care and supports healthcare professionals to make appropriate and evidence-based decisions when managing their patients.
- Liaison with key internal and external stakeholders.
- The CEG continues to meet three times per year; meetings and activities have continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and this year have all taken place virtually via Microsoft teams. Next year we expect to hold at least some meetings face to face with an option for virtual contribution from members.
- We have again grown in membership this year with Dr Amy Evans joining the group.
- The production of the guidelines is undertaken largely by BASHH members and their colleagues in the interests of the specialty and is unremunerated. The time taken to do this is increasingly pressured and the involvement of a CEG researcher to assist with this work has been expanded this year.
- BASHH is a NICE accredited guideline producer, which requires interim and full formal re-accreditation regularly. This year we were delighted to achieve full re-accreditation.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-2021

- Maintenance of the BASHH guideline portfolio including co-produced guidelines with key external stakeholders including BHIVA and FSRH.
- Ongoing liaison with stakeholders.
- Full re-accreditation with NICE as a guideline producing body.
- Ongoing input into the BASHH annual conference; guidelines session.
- Guidelines for consultation in this period:
 - 2021 BASHH National Guideline for the Management of Molluscum contagiosum
 - 2021 BASHH National Guideline for the Management of Trichomonas Vaginalis
 - 2021 BASHH National Guideline for the Management of Sexual Assault
- Published guidelines 2020/2021:
 - British Association of Sexual Health and HIV National Guideline on the Management of Sexually Acquired Reactive Arthritis, 2021
 - UK Guideline for the use of HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis 2021
 - United Kingdom British Association for Sexual Health and HIV national guideline for the management of epididymo-orchitis 2019
 - UK National Guideline on the Management of STIs and Related Conditions in Children and Young People 2021.

Future plans

- Ongoing maintenance of the BASHH guideline portfolio including new guidelines and collaborations with stakeholders, updating guidelines in a prompt manner.
- Please direct all enquiries offering help with producing the BASHH guidelines or feedback to Margaret.kingston@mft.nhs.uk

Prof Margaret Kingston
Chair of the Clinical Effectiveness Group

Clinical Standards Unit (CSU)

Membership

Dr Emily Clarke	(Chair)
Dr Rebecca Thomson-Glover	(Secretary)
Dr Andrew Tomkins	(Treasurer)
Dr Olwen Williams	
Dr Rona MacDonald	
Dr Karla Blee	
Dr Say Quah	
Dr Ann Sullivan	
Ms Ceri Evans	
Mr Martin Murchie	

Objectives

- To develop and maintain the BASHH Standards documents

Significant activities for 2020-2021

- Development of draft new standards for the care of sex workers which are being prepared for public consultation.
- Planning of writing process for new standards for the care of people in prison.
- Planning of writing process for merged standards for the management of STIs, outreach, and online standards.
- Topic expert input into core committee for NICE Public Health Committee for Reducing STIs Guidelines Group.
- Co-ordinating BASHH input into NICE guidelines.

Future plans

- Publish new standards for care of sex workers.
- Publish new standards for care of prisoners.
- Publish merged standards for management of STIs, outreach, and online standards.

Dr Emily Clarke
Chair of the Clinical Standards Unit

Conference & Communications Group

Membership

Dr Claire Dewsnap	Conference and Communication Secretary
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Objectives

- To deliver annual national conference
- To deliver Joint FSRH/BASHH conference annually

Significant activities

- Delivered face to face annual Joint BASHH/FSRH conference
 - March 11th 2021
- Delivered joint BASHH/BHIVA conference – virtual annual conference
 - 19th-21st April 2021

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-2021

- FSRH/BASHH conference
 - Total attendees 683
 - Evaluation: 87% rated the overall quality of education as Good or Excellent
 - Surplus from Conference £22,649.80 BASHH share £11,324.9
- BHIVA/BASHH conference
 - Well attended
 - Evaluation and final budget report awaited

Future plans

- Deliver Virtual Joint FSRH/BASHH conference January 2022-
- Plan and deliver either face to face or virtual Annual conference in Summer 2022
- Consider regular Virtual Autumn meeting.

Dr Claire Dewsnap
Conference and Communication Secretary

Media Group

Membership

Dr Tristan Barber
Prof Simon Barton
Dr Elizabeth Carlin
Dr Jan Clarke
Prof Claudia Estcourt
Dr Stuart Flanagan
Mr Peter Greenhouse
Dr Mark Lawton
Prof Colm O'Mahony
Dr Rak Nandwani
Dr Mark Pakianathan
Dr Keith Radcliffe
Dr Angela Robinson
Dr Karen Rogstad
Dr Liat Sarnier
Dr Verity Sullivan
Dr Steve Taylor
Dr Helen Ward
Dr Olwen Williams
Dr Janet Wilson

(Chair)

Objectives

- To provide suitable information to the public and healthcare professionals in an appropriate and engaging way.
- To establish BASHH as the 'go-to' organisation for media requests relating to sexual health.
- To keep sexual health on the agenda by engaging with traditional and social media, responding to relevant publications and policies, and providing articles and interviews where appropriate.

Significant activities

This year was dominated by requests relating to the impact of COVID-19 on sexual health and sexual health services. These included enquiries for commentary on PHE data published relating to the rates of testing and STI diagnoses.

BASHH continues to be seen as a reliable source of expertise as demonstrated by the significant number of media enquiries we receive including from mainstream organisations across print, radio and television.

Future plans

- Ongoing media presence from BASHH, supported by Munro & Forster.
- Maintain social media presence.

Dr Mark Lawton
BASHH Media Group Chair

National Audit Group

Membership

Dr Vanessa Apea	(Chair)
Dr Ann Sullivan	(Vice-chair)
Dr Helen Iveson	(Honorary secretary)
Dr Hilary Curtis	(Audit co-ordinator)
Regional Audit Chairs	See website page for list.

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 planned but postponed due to impact of COVID-19 pandemic.
- National audit of HIV post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) pathways currently in planning.
- Liaison with LUSTRUM study team regarding implementation and move towards auditing of proposed new partner notification outcomes.
- Liaison with Clinical Effectiveness Group and reviewing and advising on auditable outcomes for inclusion in BASHH guidelines on PEP, *Trichomonas vaginalis*, genital *Molluscum* and balanoposthitis.
- Clarification of guidance regarding anonymised audits and the national data opt-out scheme.
- Liaison with Public Health England, National Chlamydia Screening Programme and the Impact PrEP study.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

- Presentation of findings of 2020 national audit of gonorrhoea management at BASHH virtual conference in Autumn 2020.
- Publication of findings of 2018 national audit of HIV partner notification in the *International Journal of STD & AIDS*.
- Findings of 2019 national audit of timelines to be seen, test results and treatment for chlamydia submitted for publication.

Future plans

- National audit of HIV PEP pathways in late 2021.
- National audit of management of *Mycoplasma genitalium* in 2022.
- Visioning future role and functioning of NAG and how the national audit process feeds into and supports regional and local activities.
- Continued liaison with relevant organisations.
- Continued review of CEG draft guidelines and proposal of auditable outcomes.

Dr Vanessa Apea
Chair, National Audit Group

Public Health Group

No report

Public Panel

Membership

Dr Patrick French (Chair)
Dr Jennifer Dhingra (Secretary)

Third Sector Organisation Representatives:

The African Advocacy Foundation
Trade Sexual Health (Leicester)
The Terrence Higgins Trust
National AIDS Trust
Brook
FPA: The Sexual Health Company
The Herpes Viruses Association
Sexpressions
BHA for Equality / BHA Skyline (Manchester / Leeds)
Sex with a Difference
Positive East
Association for Lichen Sclerosus and Vulval Health
NAZ

Six lay members

Professional members:

BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group (CEG)
Sexual Health Advisors
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 in the past year. It has continued to increase and diversify its membership to include more BAME and young members.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

The panel has provided valuable feedback on seven clinical guidelines and six patient information leaflets. It gave a lay perspective on the BASHH priorities document that was used when sexual health services were re-established after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The panel helped to shape the sexual health VLOGs (MSM Health; Emergency Contraception; Chlamydia; Getting Tested; Condom Race) that were launched in March 2021. This launch was a great success and significantly increased the social media profile of BASHH. In the two weeks following the launch, the number of Instagram followers of BASHH grew from 30 to 700 and the VLOGS were viewed over eighty thousand times.

Future plans

The public panel has been asked to organise and deliver the first patient-led session at a BASHH conference. This will take place in October 2021. The panel is contributing to the social media strategy of BASHH which aims to make BASHH a more outwardly focused organisation.

It is expected that as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and redeployed staff return to sexual health services and to sexual health research, the panel will be increasingly asked to comment on guidelines, patient information leaflets and research proposals.

Dr Patrick French
Chair, BASHH Public Panel

Revalidation Group

Membership

Dr Janet Wilson

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 BASHH website and the RCP revalidation section
- Supporting the RCP to develop specialty specific clinical outcomes

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

- In April 2021 the GMC began routinely contacting doctors to give them four months' notice of their revalidation submission dates. The earliest date these doctors would need to revalidate is August 2021. Doctors whose dates have previously been moved in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have already been given notice of their revalidation date and the GMC will not send any further notices to them.
- The GMC understands that not all doctors will be ready to revalidate at their scheduled date and will explain the options available to them. The GMC approach to revalidation continues to provide doctors and responsible officers with maximum flexibility to meet local needs.

Specific Q&As from the GMC regarding revalidation during the pandemic:

- **Should I still have an appraisal during the pandemic?**
Appraisal is managed and delivered locally. The approach taken by each designated body towards appraisal may vary according to local pressures. The GMC supports this flexible approach, so please follow the advice of your responsible officer.
- **Will I be able to revalidate if I missed an appraisal due to the pandemic?**
If you miss an appraisal because of the pandemic it should not impact your ability to revalidate if you're otherwise ready. Responsible officers can make a recommendation to revalidate a doctor with less than five appraisals providing all the required supporting information has been collected and discussed at earlier appraisals in the revalidation cycle.
- **Will I have to make up any missed appraisals before my responsible officer can make a revalidate recommendation?**
No. While appraisals should normally be annual, you don't have to catch up on an appraisal if there is a legitimate reason for missing it, such as because of the pandemic.
- **What if I'm not ready to revalidate?**
Your responsible officer can submit a deferral recommendation if you've not been able to collect all of the required supporting information and discuss it at an appraisal; or your organisation has not been able to support you to do so. A deferral simply postpones your revalidation date; it has no impact on your licence to practise. It does not reflect any concern about your practice or professionalism.
- **Dr Janet Wilson remains the Revalidation Advisor for Genitourinary Medicine**

Future plans

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

Dr Janet Wilson
RCP Revalidation Advisor for Genitourinary Medicine

Web Team

The BASHH website remains a well-used repository of information for its members and the public. In addition to the frequently accessed national guidelines it has been a source of COVID-19 resources for clinicians during this challenging time.

With the transition to the new secretariat EBS Ltd from KSAM, there has been a period of review and re-evaluation of the content, functionality and plans for the future development of the website. During 2020-21 the Web Team has consisted primarily of EBS technical staff with input from BASHH officers. It is envisaged that as we go forward, BASHH will develop a digital and social media strategy involving recruitment of specialist staff by EBS who will contribute to the website content and structure in synchrony with other social media output.

Future Plans

- An overhaul of the website to take stock of pages to be archived or deactivated and content to be refreshed and renewed
- A review of the structure of the website to ensure correct hierarchy of pages with subsections and links
- A review of the functionality of the website to incorporate useful plug-ins apps, forms and 'widgets' as appropriate to enhance the site.
- Social media activity remains important with a further increase in Twitter followers, now sitting at over 9000. There will be an evolving social and digital media policy to heighten BASHH's profile and support BASHH's charitable objects.

Dr David Phillips
BASHH General Secretary

STI Foundation & Competency Group

Membership

Ms Sue Bird	STI Foundation Secretariat (until April 2021)
Dr Nick Theobald	STI Foundation Executive Post
Dr Matthew Grundy-Bowers	STI Foundation Committee Co-Chair
Dr Ramona Malek	Web Master
Ms Naomi Goodhand	STI Foundation intermediate competency lead
Ms Emma Collins	STI Foundation advanced competency lead
Mr Jonathan Roberts / Dr Michelle Croston	NHIVNA core and advanced competency leads
Ms Ceri Evans	STI Foundation health advising competency lead
Dr Rona McDonald	STI Foundation integrated competency lead
Ms Eleni Kousti	STI Foundation Gateway lead
Mr Brad Sewell	STI Foundation Fundamental competency lead
Dr Adam Black	Non-Medical Prescribing Update symposium lead
Dr Tim Girling	SAS Representative
Dr Jenny Heathcote	FSRH representative

STI Theory Group

Membership

Dr Luciana Rubinstein	STI Foundation Committee Co-Chair,
Dr Andrew de Burgh Thomas	Committee member
Dr Ushan Andrady	Committee member
Dr Jessica Daniel	Committee member
Dr Emile Morgan	Committee Member
Dr Rita Browne	Committee member
Dr Johnny Boylan	Committee member
Hayley Berry	Pharmacy Representative
Ms Ceri Evans	Health Advisor Representative
Dr Richard Ma	GP representative
Ms Cheryl Marfo	Nurse Representative
Dr Joseph Heskin	Trainee Representative

Significant activities

- The Theory Group was responsible for the first National Online STIF course which took place in February/March 2021, delivered via MS-TEAMS.
- An extensive review of the STI foundation course was completed, with the new material becoming available from September 2021. The course is now divided into 3 modules, Foundation 1,2,3 which can be taken independently and aligns easier with the STIF competency training. There is also flexibility on how the course can be delivered, virtually, face to face or on a hybrid format.
- New sessions were included: Telemedicine in Sexual Health and Female Genital Mutilation. Discussion of transgender issues and modern slavery have also been introduced.
- The group organised a webinar for course directors and STIF competency trainers to launch the STIF online course and the e portfolio.
- Revision of course material and format, changing the course to a three module in line with the competency training.
- Two BASHH teaching fellows under the supervision of Dr Mona Malek worked on the development of short videos explaining the use of MS Teams and other interactive tools for virtual teaching. They were also co-writers on a letter to STI highlighting the experience of the STIF online courses and were involved on the work leading on to the launch of e portfolio.
- Dr Nick Theobald and Dr Luciana Rubinstein were involved with the creation of the BASHH virtual teaching and training group and participated on a BASHH scientific meeting in June 2021.
- Successfully transitioned from Sue Bird providing secretariat support to EBS. We would like to thank Sue for all of her hard work and dedication to the STI Foundation.
- Successful launch of the e-portfolio for STIF Intermediate, STIF Advanced, STIF Integrated. With STIF Health Advising, and the NHIVNA competences migrating to the new platform by the end of 2021
- Successful transition to online train-the-trainer events.
- The launch of the new 'Certificate of the STI Foundation' for Intermediate, Integrated, Health Advising and NHIVNA Core, and 'Diploma of the STI Foundation' for Advanced and NHIVN Advanced.
- The development of a non-medical prescribing update symposium which is integrated sexual health and HIV focused for non-medical prescribers.
- Launch of the new STI Foundation webpages.
- Launch of the Advancing Practice webpages on the BASHH website.
- Re-invigorated the joint curriculum and credentialing project between BASHH, FSRH, & NHIVNA.
- The endorsement of the Advanced Clinical Practitioner Specialty Curriculum (Integrated Sexual Health and HIV) by the Royal College of Nursing and the British HIV Association.
- Revision and amalgamation of the trainer and trainee handbooks.
- Expansion of the committee to ensure all staff groups accessing the products are represented on the committee (physicians associate, SAS doctor) .
- Had a successful virtual engagement event promoting the STI Foundation products in Scotland

Future plans

- To have a dedicated communications lead within the STI Foundation to aid the promotion of the foundation and all of the products
- The STIF theory group is planning a second National STIF online course in November/December 2021.
- The ACP credentialing pilot will commence in early 2022
- The development of STIF *Gateway* for entry level competency product aimed at HCAs / Nursing Associates / band 5 nurses
- Revision of STIF *Fundamental* to make it a clinic base competency assessment (rather than an OSCE)
- To recruit a pharmacist to the competency team

- To review the requirements for STI education provision for general practice, as well as exploring other potential offerings such as STIs in Emergency Care
- Review the process for revalidation across all products

Dr Matthew Grundy-Bowers
Co-Chair, STIF steering Group

Dr. Luciana Rubinstein
Co-Chair STIF Steering Group

STI & HIV Course

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 GUM ST 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

- **2021 courses.** Modules 1 and 2 as part of the May course ran successfully via Zoom Pro with administrative help from the BASHH events team. All attendees were given access to session recordings and excellent feedback was received throughout. Modules 3 and 4 (November course) is currently open for registration and will be run remotely.

Future plans

- 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
Course Director, October 2021

Special interest Groups (SIGs)

Adolescent Group

Membership

Dr Jane Ashby	(Chair)
Dr Sophie Herbert	(Secretary)
Dr Dawn Wilkinson	
Dr Karen Rogstad	

Dr Sophie Forsyth
 Dr Sarah Edwards
 Dr Liz Hamlyn
 Dr Selena Singh
 Dr Chantal Oxenham
 Dr Rebecca Thomson-Glover
 Dr Ellen Dwyer
 Dr Claire Robertson
 Dr Olivia Hum (GP representative)
 Ms Sarah McCarthy (SpN representative)
 Ms Effi Stergiopolou (HA representative)
 Mr Darren Tippetts (HA representative)
 Dr Verity Sullivan
 Dr Sophie Ramsden
 Dr Sophie Flavell
 Dr Harriet Le Voir
 Ms Eleanor Cochran (YP representative)

Objectives

- To promote and improve the sexual health of adolescents and young people by providing guidance and working with those in other sectors to deliver this aim.
- The Adolescent Special Interest Group (ASIG) consists of clinicians working in sexual health and with an interest in issues related to the sexual health of young people.
- We meet three times a year 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

Much of the planned activity for this year was limited due to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and planned meetings have been postponed and/or moved to a virtual format.

- ASIG session at BASHH Scientific meeting held online – June 11th 2021.
- Statement produced in response to enquiries regarding access for young people to services during COVID-19 recovery and beyond – July 2021.
- Re-engaging with Young People – ASIG led conference session: joint BASHH/BHIVA conference April 2021.
- Continued work on the update of HYPNET/CHIVA/BASHH/BHIVA guidance on the management of sexual and reproductive health for adolescents living with HIV –led by Elizabeth Hamlyn.
- Collaboration with Brook in updating the 'Spotting the signs' guidance.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-2021

- Continued representation at the national CPAI meetings – 3 times a year, currently in virtual format.
- Recruited a young person member to support work of ASIG.
- Updated modules in e-LFH relevant to ASIG (this work is ongoing).
- Statement on engaging young people (as above) – published on BHIVA website.
- Comment for BASHH on Women's Health Strategy – call for evidence March 2021.
- Comment for BASHH on Looked after Children and Young People NICE guidance update 2021.

Future plans

- To run an educational half day (twice) virtually which has had to be postponed due to COVID-19, planned now virtually for November 2021.
- Further work on CCE/CSE presenting to acute settings planned as a collaboration with other centres across UK to expand reach, knowledge and awareness- led by Rebecca Thomson-Glover.
- Continue to develop consensus ASIG statement on information sharing in the context of young people and safeguarding – led by Jane Ashby.
- To continue to contribute to the e-LFH modules relevant to ASIG.

Dr Sophie Herbert
Secretary

Bacterial Group

Membership

Professor Catherine Ison	(London Chair)
Dr Frances Keane	(Truro, Secretary)
Dr Suneeta Soni	(Brighton, Webmaster)
Dr Achyuta Nori	(London, scientific meeting organiser)
Dr Sheel Patel	(London, Treasurer)
Dr Elizabeth Claydon	(Barnstaple, Joint microscopy coordinator)
Dr Michelle Cole	(London)
Dr Claire Dewsnap	(Sheffield)
Dr Rachel Drayton	(Cardiff)
Dr Helen Fifer	(London)
Dr Emma Harding-Esch	(London)
Dr Paddy Horner	(Bristol)
Dr Sunhil Maharjan	(London)
Miss Victoria Miari	(London)
Ms Alice Pickering	(Brighton)
Mrs Rachel Pitt	(London)
Dr Amanda Samarawickrama	(London)
Dr John Saunders	(London)

Objectives

- To promote communication between microbiologists and clinicians involved in the diagnosis and treatment of bacterial sexually transmitted infections by: offering courses in specialist areas e.g. microscopy course, production of educational material and organisation of symposia on new areas of interest.

Significant activities

- Drs Nigel Farrell and Tariq Sadiq stood down from the group after a number of years contributing to the group.
- Dr S. Uthayakumar retired in March 2021 and stepped down from the group. He had organised the highly successful Microscopy course for over 10 years.
- Rachel Pitt, a STI microbiologist from Public Health England, and Dr Claire Dewsnap, Consultant in Sexual Health/HIV, joined the group.
- Two meetings of the Bacterial SIG (BSIG) took place on 14 October 2020 and 16 March 2021, and an additional meeting dedicated to discussion of the Position statement, as below, was held on 25 May 2021. All meetings were held virtually.

- Production of a Position statement on Inappropriate use of Multiplex testing platforms and suboptimal use of antibiotic treatment regimens.
- Organisation of session at BASHH conference in April 2021.
- Final checking of the responsive website and App on Microscopy of STIs and transfer to BASHH secretariat.
- Response to requests from BASHH to review various documents.
- Sales of the DVD on Microscopy of STIs ceased.
- Updating of BSIG website.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

- A Position statement, that had been requested by BASHH, was produced and coordinated by Dr Suneeta Soni and is published on the [BASHH website](#). A series of work streams have been established; Core group (with oversight of all work streams), Guidance and Standards, Evidence, Patient and Public engagement, Political engagement and Dialogue with services. The work is ongoing. The statement was introduced and discussed at a BASHH Q & A session.
- A session on the Position statement was delivered at the Spring BASHH conference with Dr Paddy Horner and Dr Achyuta Nori providing the background on inappropriate testing and suboptimal use of antibiotics, respectively. Dr Suneeta Soni discussed the future work.
- A subgroup of the BSIG has been established under the leadership of Dr Libby Claydon to explore the future of the Microscopy course to consider the format and the effect of the launch of the BSIG micro website/App.
- Completion of the transfer of the BSIGmicro website to the BASHH website. BSIGmicro App is available through Playstore and plans to make it available free of charge have been passed by the BASHH board.
- Continual review and updating of the [Bacterial SIG webpage](#) with links to the Position statement and to a lecture given by Professor Taylor-Robinson, an eminent scientist and founder member of the BSIG added this year.
- The Microscopy courses planned for September 2020 and April 2021 were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Future plans

- A session is planned at the October 2021 BASHH conference including talks on the new NCSP, AMR and Chlamydia and a debate on the two-week window for Chlamydia testing.
- The BSIG has been asked to contribute to the Federation of Infection Society meeting, primarily aimed at microbiologists, in November 2021 and will include an update on gonorrhoea, syphilis and *Mycoplasma genitalium*.
- Planning for the content and manner of delivery of joint scientific meeting with Public Health England in January 2022.
- Subgroup to report on future plans for the Microscopy course under the leadership of Dr Libby Claydon. Launch and marketing of the BSIGmicro App.

Professor Catherine Ison
Chair Bacterial Special Interest Group

Doctors in Training

Membership

Dr Luke Cannon

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) committee.
- To provide educational opportunities for DIT and facilitate communication about appropriate events.
- To ensure DIT representation on BASHH Committees.
- To sit on the Royal College of Physicians Specialist Advisory Committee to represent trainees.

Significant activities

- In 2021, the annual DIT BASHH training day was replaced with a biannual national teaching day for all GUM trainees in a concerted effort to improve access to quality teaching from nationwide speakers.
- A Twitter account is maintained to develop a social media profile. The BASHH DIT representative works within the BASHH Social Media Group to help maintain this profile.
- Supporting development of a future recruitment plan for Sexual Health and HIV medicine through support of careers events and the creation of STASHH.
- Supporting the new GUM curriculum development and enabling current trainees to voice their current opinions on this whilst listening to views of new trainees' who are expected to transfer to the new 2022 curriculum. Multiple Q&A sessions with GUM SAC co-chairs have been attended at conferences and courses within the last 12 months.
- Increasing collaboration with the BHIVA doctor in training rep and HIV Trainees Association (HIVTA).

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 – 2021

- The inaugural national teaching day was held on 23rd June 2021 using the PGVLE platform with positive feedback. Moving forward, this will replace the annual national DIT day as it was felt important to provide consistent high-quality teaching to all trainees in an attempt to redress imbalances in formal teaching provision throughout the deaneries of the United Kingdom, given the results of a previous teaching survey. The second teaching day planned for 22nd September 2021.
- Followers on the @BASHH_trainees Twitter account continue to increase with sustained promotion of recruitment events and relevant courses.
- The creation of STASHH and the request of their committee for the BASHH DIT representative to join and lead on the mentoring arm.
- A second review of the experience of GUM trainees during the COVID-19 pandemic for the year 2021 alongside data collected from 2020.
- The DIT representative and other trainees have continued to engage with the development of the new GUM curriculum and have developed a guide for current trainees who wish to achieve a CESR in General Internal Medicine.

Future plans

- Working alongside new trainees who will join training on the new 2022 GUM curriculum (current ST3s included alongside other current trainees looking to transfer from the 2016 curriculum) to discuss challenges they are facing which can be fed back to GUM SAC.
- Mentoring arm of STASHH – invitation to all trainees to act as informal mentors to interested medical students and pre-specialty Doctors locally to aid their potential journey into GUM.
- Working with other stakeholders to improve recruitment to GUM including the HEE, SAC, HIVTA (formerly HIVTC), BASHH and BHIVA in supporting events e.g. presenting at the national GUM taster day in October 2021.

- Improving the visibility of resources on the DIT page of the BASHH website to include information on HIVTA and STASHH, with a stand-alone page planned for the latter.
- Publication/poster highlighting the effect of the national teaching programme.
- Publication/poster highlighting trainee experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on training from data collected separately in 2020 and 2021.

Dr Luke Cannon
BASHH DIT representative

Genital Dermatology Group

Membership

Dr Georgina Morris	(Chair)
Dr Sarah Edwards	(Secretary)
Dr Imali Fernando	(Treasurer)
Dr Parameswaran Sashidharan	(Web master)
Dr Hannah Yeend-Curd Trimble	(Trainee Rep)
Dr Serish Basvaraj	
Dr Komal Plaha	
Dr Jill Pritchard	
Dr Ben Goorney	
Dr Lisa Haddon	
Dr Sarah Schoeman	(Joined Sept 2020)
Ms Fabia Brackenbury	(Joined Sept 2020 - Patient Representative)
Nurse/allied health professional representative: - Vacant- we have advertised twice for this post in 2020/21 but didn't attract any interest.	

Objectives

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

Significant activities

- Continued representation on Vulval Disease work stream with dermatology and gynaecology to harmonise training across specialities e.g. Post CCT Fellowship in Genital Dermatology (put on hold in 2020/21 due to COVID-19).

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

- Virtual 10th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course held 27 November 2020 on Zoom – attracted 120 delegates.

Review Guidelines for 2020 - 2021

- Balanoposthitis – Post CEA review: undergoing revision with additional Urology and Dermatology input.
- Pediculosis pubis – in progress.
- Scabies - Discussions re joint guidelines with PHE and BAD.
- Vulval guidelines (with BAD) – in progress.

Future plans

- Virtual Genital Dermatology Plus Course planned for 19th November 2021
- Clinic Survey of post-Covid genital dermatology service delivery and commissioning - due to go live in November 2021
- BASHH Education Meeting Genital Dermatology Session – planned for January 2022
- To continue to review genital dermatology service delivery and training in the current commissioning climate.
- Continued Input into Vulval Disease work stream re training and harmonisation between specialties (Dermatology/Gynaecology/GUM).
- Potentially establish a male genital dermatology sub- group (involving Urology and Dermatology)

Dr Georgina Morris
Chair, Genital Dermatology Group

HIV & Blood Borne Virus (BBV) Group

Membership

Dr Monique Anderson	
Dr Tristan Barber	
Dr Julia Bilinska	(Trainee Rep HIV)
Prof Fiona Burns	
Mrs Susan Cole	(Community Rep)
Dr Noel Connolly	
Dr Gail Crowe	
Dr Stuart Flanagan	(Chair)
Dr Deborah Goode	(SAS Rep)
Dr Joseph Heskin	(Trainee Rep BBV)
Dr Charlotte Hopkins	
Miss Portia Jackson	(HIV Pharmacy Association Rep)
Dr Babu Kulasegaram	
Dr Nicky Mackie	
Dr Kaveh Manavi	
Mrs Justine Mellor	(Nurse Rep)
Dr Rebecca Metcalfe	
Prof Mark Nelson	
Dr Elizabeth Okecha	(Secretary)
Dr Emma Page	(Hepatitis Lead)
Dr Mary Poulton	
Dr Huw Price	
Dr Killian Quinn	
Mr Phil Samba	(Community Rep)
Dr Nicola Steedman	
Dr Christopher Ward	(Treasurer)
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
- Provide education in the form of the following three main events:
 - HIV Masterclass (annual)

- Dip HIV revision course (led by us annually; course is biannual, supported by BHIVA annually also)
- Scientific Meeting (in conjunction with the GSM SIG)
- Fundraise for the SIG
- Comment on external consultations related to HIV and BBV on behalf of BASHH

Significant activities 2020 - 2021

1. BASHH HIV Masterclass

2-day Virtual Conference 18/19th March 2021

- 120 Delegates
- Presentations from 18 Speakers – most of whom are SIG committee members, also included community representatives
- Topics covered included:
HIV ART Update / HIV Ethics / HIV & COVID-19 / Case Reports / CNS + OIs / Engaging Patients
- Chaired by Liz/Julia (HIV Trainee Rep)/Chris/Stuart
- Sponsored by Gilead/Kora/MSD/Viiv

Feedback from Delegates

- Very Good to Excellent Scores for all sessions
- >70% of delegates want a 2 day Back to Back Conference next time

2. Masterclass Lite – 4 evening virtual sessions planned, ready for Sept 2021

- Sponsored by Viiv/Gilead/MSD
- Chaired by Liz/Julia/Joe Heskin (new Trainee Rep)

Feedback from Delegates

- Very Good to Excellent Scores for all sessions
- Session on HIV + menopause was especially appreciated
- 80% of Masterclass Lite delegates wanted weekly evening sessions

3. Dip HIV Course delivered virtually on 7th June 2021 and organised by Dr Chris Ward

4. HIV SIG Session at vBASHH 2021 in Oct 2021

- Highlighted work done in accessing PrEP for those in the Military by trainee Dr Joe Heskin
- Highlight new BAME SIG and racism in Medicine.

5. New Members

The HIV-BBV SIG has recruited three new members – a trainee Registrar, a Pharmacist representative and a specialty doctor

6. National Strategies

National strategy statements to

1. APPG for HIV/AIDS;
 - Management of HIV as a longterm health condition (March 2021)
 - BAME Health needs specifically on access to HIV Care (June 2021)
2. PHE;
 - PrEP Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (March 2021)
3. BASHH statement and Script for the National Sexual Health Helpline on risks of spiked drinks and needlestick injuries reports in the media (Oct 2021)

4. NICE Appraisal Meeting for new HDV therapy Bulevirtide (SIG members will attend update in Nov 2021)

Future plans

- Advertise for Health Advisor Member
- Ensure membership reflects diversity of BASHH members from across the UK
- Virtual 2 Day Masterclass on 17-18th March 2021
- Aim for FTF Autumn Masterclass Day
- Trainee input to the Topic planning for Masterclass

Dr Stuart Flanagan
HIV-BBV SIG Chair

Herpes simplex virus (HSV) Group

No report submitted

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Group

Membership

Professor Richard Gilson	(Chair)
Professor Jaime Vera	(Secretary and Treasurer)
Dr Jake Bayley	
Dr Kate Cuschieri	
Ms Cindy Gilmour	(Specialist Nurse)
Professor Charles Lacey	
Dr Mark Lawton	
Ms Jay McBain	(Specialist Nurse)
Dr Diarmuid Nugent	
Professor Nicola Steedman	
Dr Kate Soldan	
Dr Gary Whitlock	

Objectives

- To define standards of care for patients with genital warts and to produce management guidelines.
- To support research related to HPV infection including randomised controlled trials.
- To provide a forum for education and advice on HPV related issues for all members of BASHH.

Significant activities

- The HPV SIG met 4 times (September 2020; December 2020; March 2021; June 2021) by teleconference.
- Members of the SIG provided advice to the HPV subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation on aspects of the national HPV vaccine programmes, including the risks and benefits of reducing the HPV vaccine regimen for adolescents to a single dose.
- The HPV SIG continued to support research projects in HPV, including a study of screening for HPV-related high-grade anal pre-cancer led by UCL, and proposals for treatment trials.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 – 2021

- Plans to hold another High-Resolution Anoscopy (HRA) Course in 2021 were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the SIG have collaborated with the International Anal Neoplasia Society who have developed an on-line course to cover the theoretical elements of the HRA training and have prepared a practical course which could be implemented when restrictions allow.
- Members of the HPV SIG have continued to work with PHE to evaluate the HPV vaccination programme targeted to MSM.
- The HPV SIG continued to support research projects in HPV. The COVID-19 pandemic has curtailed much non-COVID-19 research. Members of the SIG are collaborating in an on-going study of screening for HPV-related anal pre-cancer, and a study of the distribution of sub-lineages of HPV found in cancer samples.
- The HPV SIG continues to provide a GUM representative on the Board of the British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (Prof Richard Gilson)
- Members of the SIG continue to teach on the BASHH STI/HIV Course.
- The SIG responded to requests for advice from members in clinical practice on aspects of the management of HPV.

Future plans

- Members of the SIG will complete the revision of the BASHH guidelines on the management of anogenital warts.
- Members of the SIG will continue to advise on the national HPV vaccine programmes.
- The SIG will work with the International Anal Neoplasia Society to develop training courses to increase the availability of trained anoscopists.
- The SIG will work towards developing a scheme to support practical training and accreditation in HRA.

Professor Richard Gilson
Chair, HPV SIG

Mentoring Group

Membership

Dr Emma Fox	(BASHH co-chair)
Dr Adrian Palfreeman	(BHIVA co-chair)
Dr Nicola Morgan	(FSRH co-chair; Rep for Health Education Thames Valley, Wessex and South West)
Dr Katia Prime	(Regional Rep for South Thames and South East England; Health Education Kent Sussex Surrey and South London)
Dr Tristan Barber	(Regional Rep for North Thames; Health Education North Thames, North Central and East London)
Dr Catherine Chima- Okereke	(Regional Rep for the Midlands; Health Education East Midlands, West Midlands and East of England)
Dr Anjum Tariq	(Regional Rep for North of England; Health Education North East, North West, Yorkshire and Humber, North West Yorkshire and Trent)
Dr Helen Munro	(Regional Rep for Wales)
Dr Imali Fernando	(Regional Rep for Northern Ireland and Scotland)

Dr Sonia Raffe	(Doctors in training Rep)
Dr Sophie Flavell	(New consultant Rep)
Dr Soosan Rommel	(SAS doctors' Rep)
Dr Jo Lawton	(Invited member – Educationalist)

Objectives

- To provide a mentoring service for new consultants working in GU medicine, SRH or HIV medicine to help them transition into their new role.
- To provide a mentoring service for SAS doctors at any time during their career.
- To provide a mentoring service to support established consultants who feel they would benefit from mentoring at any time in their career.

Significant activities

- Following resignation of several committee members and regional representatives, we have now recruited to all positions on the committee.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

- Current pool of 60 mentors across the UK

Future plans

- To run a new virtual training course for new mentors in November 2021.
- To reintroduce Mentoring Discussion groups as supervision and ongoing training for existing mentors starting in October 2021.

Dr Emma Fox
Co-Chair, Mentoring Group

Prison Group

Membership

Dr Susanna Currie	(Chair, Consultant in genitourinary medicine [maternity leave])
Ms Felicity Young	(Consultant Nurse (current co-chair covering maternity leave))
Dr Huda Fadzillah	(Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine [current co-chair covering maternity leave])
Dr Katia Prime	(Consultant in genitourinary medicine)
Dr Michael Rayment	(Consultant in genitourinary medicine)
Dr Rebecca Marchant	(Trainee Rep)
Dr S Shivasankar	(Consultant in genitourinary medicine)
Dr Lesley Navaratne	(Consultant in genitourinary medicine)
Mr Jon Dunn	(PHE, Sexual Health Facilitator for the North West)
Mrs Kathy Jones	(Health Advisor)
Dr Sum Yee Chan	(Consultant in genitourinary medicine)
Miss Jodi Aldridge	(Specialist nurse)
Dr Jenny Murira	(Clinical Infection Research Fellow)
Mr Dave Mansley	(Matron in GU medicine)

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

- Five Educational Fellows were appointed to carry out three main projects:
 1. Developing a clinical standards document (The working group to write this document is being established).
 2. Auditing and developing a service "map" of delivery of sexual health and HIV services in prisons across the UK.
 3. Looking at and developing surveillance of STI and HIV work in prisons using PHE (Public Health England now replaced by UK Health Security Agency and Office for Health Improvement and Disparities) datasets (GUMCAD and HARS).
- Established a network of communication between BASHH Prison SIG and healthcare provider in the Health and Justice system.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- Successfully recruiting the Educational Fellows.
- Establishing a working group to review and update sexual health and HIV care in prison clinical standard documents.
- We have engaged with and responded positively to surveys carried out by EP: IC. EP: IC are an independent research, evaluation and consultancy collective in social and criminal justice. They have been commissioned to undertake research on various aspects of sexual health and HIV provision in prisons.

Future plans

- Prison SIG Scientific meeting 30/9/2022
- Chair invited to present new guidance at Health & Justice Conference, November 2020 – postponed until 2021.
- Opportunities to publish work carried out by our Educational Fellows at BASHH annual conference and other international conferences.

Nurul Huda Mohamad Fadzillah

Felicity Young

Current co-chairs covering maternity leave

SAS Doctors Group

Membership

Dr Helen Mullan	(Chair)
Dr Kajal Verma	(Secretary & Conference Committee)
Dr Karl Hollows	(Financial Officer [to end 2020])
Dr Anne Oliver	(Financial Officer [from 2021])
	(Chair, Conference Committee)
Dr Lewis Lau	(Education Committee & Conference Committee)
Dr Mervyn Lee	(Conference Committee)
Dr Srinivasulu Narayana	(Clinical Governance Committee & Conference Committee)
Dr Carlos Oroz	(Conference Committee)
Dr Syed Ali Akbar	
Dr Georgina Forbes	

Dr Neil Lazaro
Dr Hannah Leng
Dr Soosan Romel (FSRH Rep)
Dr Rachel Sacks
Dr PN Sashidharan (BASHH Board)
Dr Rizwaan Sheriff
Dr Helen Sherrey
Dr Catherine Shire

Objectives

- To represent the professional interests of Staff grade, Associate Specialist and Specialty doctors (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

- BASHH SAS Doctors Live! This was our 23rd Annual Conference and the first to be online. We registered 206 delegates and provided 5 hours of CPD. It ran for one, rather than the usual two, days. The quality of education was rated as good or excellent by 96% of those attending.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- In June we ran a national audit on the 'Impact of COVID-19 on Syphilis'

Future plans

- Planning for the 24th Annual conference in September 2022, which will be a two-day online event
- Review of SAS membership categories within BASHH, once the new SAS contract is in place

**Dr Helen Mullan
Chair**

Sexual Dysfunction Group

Membership

Dr Karl Hollows (Chair)
Dr Shalini Andrews (Secretary)
Dr Jane Ashby
Dr Joanne Bassett (DIT Rep)
Dr Wallace Dinsmore
Dr John Ewan
Dr David Goldmeier
Dr Penny Goold
Dr Karen Gurney
Dr Uday Joshi
Dr Emma McCarty
Dr Ali Mears
Dr Kirstin Mitchell
Ms Agnes Mosobela (Nurse Rep)
Dr Sean Perrera

Miss Sarah Wolujewicz

(Physiotherapy Rep)

Objectives

- To provide education and develop training standards with respect to 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.

Future plans

- New educational event – Introduction to Sexual Dysfunction for sexual health nurses and health advisors November 2021
- BASHH scientific meeting 2022
- ABC of Sexual Dysfunction 2022

Dr Karl Hollows
Chair, Sexual Dysfunction Group

Sexual violence Group

No report submitted

Sexual Health Advisor and Nurse Group

Membership

Officers:

Ms Jodie Crossman, South east.	(Chair)
Vacant	(Secretary)
Ms Belinda Loftus, North east.	(Treasurer)
Vacant	(Webmaster)

National representatives:

Ms Laura Ellis	(Scotland)
Ms Kelly Walsh	(North West)
Mr Zac Dolan	(North East)
Ms Helen Jackson	(North East)
Ms Suzanne Williams	(Wales)
Mr Paul Teale	(Midlands)
Mr Mike Passfield	(East of England)
Dr Matthew Grundy-Bowers	(London)
Ms Holly Royston-Ward	(London)
Ms Michelle Jenkins	(London)
Ms Ceri Evans	(London)
Ms Cindy Gilmour	(London)
Ms Emma Collins	(South West)

Ms Sarah Smith	(South East)
Ms Ruth Bailey	(South East)
Ms Felicity Young	(Isle of Wight)
Ms Regina Sliw	(London)
Ms Lisa Walton	(Derbyshire)

Objectives

The SHAN SIG was formed in March 2018 and seeks to be an active Group of the organisation. Our role is:

- To represent the professional interests of health advisors and nurses working in integrated sexual health (GUM and contraception) and/or HIV services, including those in research and community charitable sexual health focus organisations.
- To promote health advisors and nurses to join BASHH and engage at all levels within the organisation.
- To advise on, and offer support and advice on BASHH-approved training and education to members.
- To influence the sexual health care agenda as a whole, and the agenda of BASHH.
- To be a body for Health Advisors and nurses on other BASHH committees to report and seek support from.

Significant activities

- Welcomed Lisa Walton to the SHAN group, and bid a sad farewell to Jodie Walker Haywood and Tristan Griffiths, with a big thank you for all their hard work.
- Holly Royston Ward became nurse rep to the BASHH board.
- Working with other SIGs, working Groups, members, BASHH secretariat and outside organisations and individuals on queries, requests and input upon areas needed.
- Presented SHAN BASHH Scientific meeting with the theme 'Hard to reach, or seldom heard?'
- Creation of national SH PGDs alongside SPS and FSRH, now available on the SPSS website.
- Promotion of BASHH membership to the Sexual Health Advisor (SHA) and nurses across the UK.
- Collaboration with Royal College of Nursing (RCN) to support and promote the profession and Society of Sexual Health Advisors (SSHA) to support their work on partner notification and the specialty.

Future plans

- Establish nurse and health advisors members within all BASHH SIGs.
- Planning for nurse / health advisors symposium for future conferences.

Develop 'bitesize' training events for nurses to encourage engagement and membership of BASHH.

Jodie Crossman
Chair, Sexual Health Advisor and Nurse Group

Regions

Cheshire & Mersey branch

Membership

Dr Noel Connolly	(Chair)
Vacant	(Education lead)
Dr Hardeep Khan	(Audit lead)

Objectives

- To promote high standards of care in sexual health & HIV services across the region.
- To hold combined education, business and networking meetings 3-4 times per year.
- To disseminate information from central BASHH to Cheshire & Mersey members.
- To report any regional issues or concerns to BASHH CGC.

Significant activities

- Moved meetings online to accommodate difficulties brought about due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with ultimate aim to have a hybrid of face-to-face and virtual meetings.

Performance/outputs in the year 2020 - 21

- Participate in regional and national audits
- Were able to move meetings online

Future plans

- Congenital syphilis awareness day with local obstetricians, midwives and paediatricians
- To hold a combined meeting with BASHH North West branch (every 2 years)

Dr Noel CONNOLLY
Chair, BASHH Cheshire & Mersey branch

East Anglia branch

Membership

Dr Serish Basavaraj	Branch Chair
Dr Durba Raha	Regional Audit Lead

Objectives

- To promote high standards of care in sexual health and HIV services across the region.
- To adapt services as per COVID guidelines.
- 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

- Clinician-led telephone consultation and assessment of symptomatic sexual health and contraception patients.
- Online STI testing for symptomatic patients using the digital platform, PreventX.
- Direct access to online testing for asymptomatic patients.
- A postal medicines service for patients following online testing for symptomatic sexual health patients and for sexual health and contraception patients following teleconsultation.
- Designated clinics for medicines collections, monitoring and blood sampling.

- A postal pregnancy testing service for patients if required, following a clinician-led tele-consultation.
- Accelerated Partner Therapy (APT) for remote chlamydia treatment to positive index cases and their partners.
- LARC telephone pre-assessments.
- Remote management of stable HIV patients.
- Blended remote/face-to-face management of patients requiring PrEP.
- A vulnerable patient pathway to ensure access for those without access to phones or internet.

Future plans

- Remote pharmacist service provision
- Home delivery of medication for PLWH
- Annual F2F clinic for stable HIV patients

Dr Serish Basavaraj
Chair, East Anglia Branch

Ireland branch

No report submitted

Northern branch

Membership

Dr Jane Hussey (Chair)
 Dr Stephen Bushby
 Dr Alison Wardropper
 Dr Conrad White
 Dr Sarup Tayal
 Dr Susan Ralph
 Dr Medhat Basta
 Dr Sarah Duncan
 Dr Daisy Ogbonmwan
 Dr Oluseyi Hotonu
 Dr Babiker Elawad
 Dr Bijoy Roy
 Dr Pam Barnes
 Dr Anju Bhagby
 Dr Mathew Phillips
 Dr Ruth Robson

Objectives

- To identify areas of excellent clinical practice within clinics in the region and promote them within region whilst recognising local differences relating to populations and levels of workforce.
- To form a regional clinical network to aid the HIV commissioning process and standards of care.
- To provide peer support.
- To feedback from national CGC meetings.
- Continuing medical education and audit.

Significant activities

- Quarterly education and business meetings.
- Ongoing HIV clinical network group set up with GUM, Infectious Diseases Units and Public health England.

- Regional urogenital pain MDT quarterly meetings.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

- Virtual meetings for BASHH and urogenital pain MDT.
- Regional Syphilis Event May 2021, attended by sexual health, microbiology and public health.

Future plans

- Congenital Syphilis awareness event aimed at antenatal, obstetric and paediatric services (October 2021).
- Continue quarterly education and business meetings.

Jane Hussey
Chair, Northern BASHH Branch

Oxford branch - vacant

No report submitted

Scotland branch

Membership

Dr Rona MacDonald	(Chair)
Dr Bridie Howe	(Secretary)
Dr Becky Metcalfe	(Audit lead)
Dr Lindsay Henderson	(Trainee Rep)
Dr Syed AliAkbar	(NCCG Rep)

Objectives

- Hold one education and business meeting a year
- Disseminate information from BASHH to CGC Scotland members
- Advocate for sexual health issues in Scotland to BASHH CGC

Significant activities

- Scotland developing National Service Specification for specialist sexual health services
- Health Improvement Scotland Sexual Health standards almost near completion
- Publication of Scottish Government recovery plan, Reset and Rebuild

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

- Educational Meeting December 2020

Future plans

- 1st joint BASHH/ FSRH Scotland meeting September 2021
- BASHH Business meeting September 2021
- Regional meeting 2022

Dr Rona MacDonald
Chair, Scotland Branch

South West branch - vacant

No report submitted

Thames (NE) branch - vacant

No report submitted

Thames (NW) branch

Membership

Dr. Olamide Dosekun (Chair)

Significant activities

Predominantly COVID-19 related:

- Redeployment/deployment of staff
- Reduced activity, low availability of emergency face-to-face slots, reduced LARC capacity
- Financial implications of above

Future plans

- Reset and recovery post COVID-19 in progress

**Dr Olamide Dosekun
Chair, Thames NW Branch**

Thames (SE) branch

No report submitted

Thames (SW) branch

Membership

Dr Deborah Kirkham	(Chair)
Dr Torshie Annan	(Surrey clinical lead)
Dr Emma Rutland	(Chichester clinical lead)
Dr Judith Zhou	(Worthing clinical lead)
Dr Bill Spice	(Crawley clinical lead)
Dr David Phillips	(Croydon clinical lead)
Dr Ceri Slater	(Epsom and St Helier clinical lead)
Dr Bavithra Nathan	(Kingston clinical lead)

Objectives

- To feed regional information into the national CGC
- To disseminate national information back to regional services

Significant activities

- Branch chair co-opted March 2021

Future plans

- To redraw branch boundaries after service reorganisations
- To re-establish regular branch business and educational meetings in 2022

Deborah Kirkham
Chair, Thames (SW) Branch

Trent branch

Membership

Dr Manjula Pammi	(Chair)
Dr Chit Saing	(Audit Lead)
Dr Claire Stewart	(Trainee Rep)

Objectives

- To share information from BASHH and the CGC.
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC.
- To hold at least one educational and audit meeting per year.

Significant activities

- Doctors in Training meeting in 2021 (virtual).
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- Regular meetings with clinical leads within the region for discussion regarding clinical care and delivery, Covid recovery plans and pathways of management.

Future plans

- Maintain close links within clinical network.
- Virtual regional conference in September 2021
- Regional Training day for Trainees once a year.
- Regional BASHH educational and Audit Group meeting once a year.

Dr M Pammi
Chair, Trent Branch

Wales branch

Membership

Dr Laura Cunningham	(Chair)
Dr Helen Bradshaw	(Audit Chair)
Ms Polly Zipperlen	(Secretary)

Objectives

- To identify and promote good 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 input to the Welsh Government Sexual Health Programme Board, Welsh COVID-19/Sexual Health Group.
- Ongoing input to Welsh Government HIV and PREP working groups for purpose of launching an All Wales HIV Action Plan and relaunching the national PREP service respectively.
- Ongoing input to All Wales Antiretroviral Prescribing Group with production of All-Wales guidance.
- All Wales Antenatal Syphilis in Pregnancy Audit in progress.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

- BASHH Wales Regional Audit Meetings held online in October 2020 and March 2021.
- BASHH Branch meetings held online in October 2020 and March 2021.
- All Wales Antiretroviral Prescribing Group meeting October 2020.
- BASHH Wales Annual Scientific Meeting June 2021.

Future plans

- Completion and dissemination of findings of All Wales Antenatal Syphilis in Pregnancy Audit.
- Co-production of All Wales HIV Action Plan as above.
- Bi-annual regional audit meetings and branch meetings.
- Annual Scientific Meeting July 2022.

**Dr Laura Cunningham
Chair, Wales Branch**

Wessex branch

Membership

Dr Sangeetha Sundaram	(Chair)
Dr Amy Pearce	(Secretary)
Dr Helen Iveson	(Audit lead)
Dr Cordelia Chapman	(Education lead)

Objectives

- To provide a forum for rapid dissemination of relevant information with regard to clinical practice or policy.
- To highlight areas of concern within region to BASHH and seek support.
- To provide a network for peer support and continuing medical education/audit.

Significant activities

- Recovery of sexual health services with expansion of face to face activity but still retaining relevant elements of remote working.
- Developing treatment by post which resulted in prompt access to Rx during lockdowns/restricted access.
- Prompt communication to GPs regarding shielding/COVID-19 vaccination for HIV patients at risk.
- PREP embedded well within services with PGD in place for nurse led clinics.
- Adoption of Personal Health Record (PHR) for GUM patients to book/cancel appointments resulting in rapid access and reduction of DNAs.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

- Maintained educational activity through 3 x virtual meetings between Aug 2020- July 2021.
- STIF course conducted in Solent in June 2021 – well attended.

Future plans

- All day multidisciplinary CPD meeting planned on 24/11/21.
- Clinical governance discussion planned within local network to discuss areas of potential concern.

Dr Sangeetha Sundaram
Chair, Wessex Branch

West Midlands branch

Membership

Dr Claire Robertson (Chair)
Dr Lisa Goodall (Secretary and Audit Lead)

Objectives

- To enhance communication between BASHH and Branch members regarding clinical governance issues.
- To co-ordinate activities related to governance including regional audits and regional HIV mortality meetings.
- To discuss regional issues in Sexual Health commissioning, provision, and service delivery and provide peer support.

Significant activities

- Multiple activities cancelled due to Covid - significant redeployment of staff and activity steered to clinical service provision.
- Participation in national audits.
- Birmingham signed up to Fast Track Cities initiative.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

- Birmingham signed up to Fast Track Cities initiative
- Regional HIV/ID histopathology meeting organised for November 2021

Future plans

- Reinstate regional meetings with virtual delivery
- Reinvigorate local audit programme including linking it with Fast Track Cities

Dr Claire Robertson
Chair, West Midlands Branch

Yorkshire branch

Membership

Dr Natasha Astill (Chair)
Dr Harriet Wallace (Audit Lead)

Objectives

- To promote high standards in Sexual Health and HIV.
- To identify and promote areas of good clinical practice.
- To share major initiatives and challenges experienced by different units and provide a forum to discuss key regional and national issues.
- To input into and feedback from BASHH CGC meetings.
- To co-ordinate regional participation in national audits.
- To provide training and educational opportunities in Sexual Health to a multidisciplinary audience.

Significant activities

- Regular local Sexual Health network providers meetings for sharing good practice and dissemination of advice on a range of CG issues.
- Biannual Regional BASHH meetings: November 2020 and June 2021
- High level of participation in BASHH and BHIVA national audits, incl., Late diagnosis audit.
- Continuation of Sexual Health services within the region throughout COVID-19 pandemic.
- Annual HIV mortality meeting.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020 - 2021

- Regional BASHH Educational meeting 5/11/20 and 24/6/21 (Joint day with HIV Network meeting).
- Registrar training day held in Leeds with attendees from Leeds, York, Sheffield and Nottingham Jan 2020.
- Annual Regional STIF course November 2020.

Future plans

- Regional BASHH Educational Meeting 25/11/21.
- Regional STIF meeting November 2021.
- Joint regional BASHH Audit meeting and HIV Network Meeting approx. June 2022.

Dr Natasha Astill
Chair, Yorkshire Branch

Committees with BASHH representation

Joint Specialty Committee for Genitourinary Medicine (GUM)

Membership

Dr Elizabeth Carlin	Chair of the Committee and BASHH Rep
Dr Johnny Boylan	BASHH - Trainees Rep and Secretary of the Committee
Dr Janet Wilson	BASHH Rep
Dr John McSorley	BASHH Representative and BASHH President
Professor Jackie Cassell	Faculty of Public Health Rep
Vacant posts (two)	Patient and Carer Network
Dr Rebecca Glover-Thompson	RCP - New Consultants Rep
Dr Gulshan (Cindy) Sethi	RCP Rep
Dr Elizabeth Foley	RCP Rep (Chair-Elect)
Dr Jackie Sherrard	RCP - Workforce Rep
Professor Margaret Kingston	SAC GUM Co-Chair
Dr Katia Prime	SAC GUM Co-Chair
Dr Nicola Steedman	Scottish Colleges Rep
Professor Andrew Goddard	RCP President (ex officio)
Professor Donal O'Donoghue	RCP Registrar (ex officio) (until January 2021)
Dr Cathryn Edwards	RCP Registrar (ex officio) (from March 2021)

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 2020 and June 2021.
- Interim discussions between scheduled meetings have taken place.
- A Vision and Strategy Group led by the JSC for GUM was started in November 2020 with its aim being to develop a 'Vision Statement for Sexual Health'.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- 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.
- Updates and advice have been provided to the RCP on the provision of sexual health and HIV services during the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, there has been specialty representation on the RCP's Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) Group, where issues of relevance to people living with HIV have been addressed.
- The Committee has updated the RCP on standards that were relevant to GUM including those produced by NICE, BASHH and the FSRH.
- The Committee has responded to a wide range of national consultations.
- A paper about the role of the GUM consultant and views about the speciality, based on the results of the

survey led by the JSC for GUM, was accepted for publication in May 2021.

- A 'Vision Statement for Sexual Health' has been produced and this was endorsed by BASHH, BHIVA and the RCP in July 2021. It focuses on sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and health inequalities in sexual health but also recognises the interdependencies and importance of reproductive health, STI/HIV prevention and long-term HIV treatment and care provision.

Future Plans

The Committee will:

- Continue to ensure that issues of importance to the speciality are raised with the RCP.
- Seek to recruit representation from the RCP's Patient and Carer Network, as well as a representative for Less than Full Time (LTFT) working.
- Work to ensure training and workforce planning issues are addressed.
- Further the aims of the 'Vision Statement for Sexual Health' in the coming year.

Dr Elizabeth Carlin
Chair of JSC for GUM

Specialist Advisory Committee (SAC)

Membership

Prof Margaret Kingston	SAC co-Chair
Dr Katia Prime	SAC co-Chair and TPD South London
Dr Andy Williams	SAC Vice-chair, quality lead and TPD NEC London
Dr Jonathan Corne	Lead Dean for GUM
Dr Ann Boyle	Deputy Lead Dean for GUM
Mr David Crundwell	Lay Rep

Training Programme Directors

Dr Sarah Barrett	Health Education West Midlands
Dr Judith Berry	Severn Deanery
Dr Huda Fadzilla	Oxford Deanery
Dr Sarah Duncan	Health Education North East and recruitment co-chair
Dr Sarah Edwards	Health Education East of England, e portfolio lead ^[1] _[SEP]
Dr Imali Fernando	NHE Education Scotland
Dr Ashini Fox	Health Education East Midlands, deputy workforce lead & BASHH representative
Dr Anna Garner	Health Education North West
Dr Sophia Davies	Peninsula Deanery
Dr Hannah Loftus	Yorkshire & Humber Deanery (S Yorks)
Dr Nicola Lomax	Wales Deanery
Dr Ellen Dwyer	Health Education North West London
Dr Sheel Patel	Dip GUM External assessor
Dr Say Quah	Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency
Dr Sarah Schoeman	Yorkshire & Humber Deanery (W & East Yorks), CESR & certification lead
Dr Sangeetha Sundaram	Wessex Deanery
Dr Debbie Williams	KSS Deanery-recruitment co-chair

Trainee representatives

Dr Luke Cannon	BASHH and SAC Doctors in training Rep
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Dr Matthew Page

BHIVA and SAC Trainee Rep

Co-opted Members

Dr Duncan Churchill

Co-opted (Dip HIV Convenor)

Prof Jackie Cassell

Co-opted (Dip GUM co-Convenor)

Dr Cordelia Chapman

Co-opted (Dip GUM co-Convenor)

Dr Richard Gilson

Co-opted (Academic Lead)

Dr Orla McQuillan

Co-opted (Dip HIV External assessor)

Dr Jackie Sherrard

Co-opted (Workforce lead & UEMS Representative)

Objectives

The Specialist Advisory Committee (SAC) is a sub-committee of the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board. Its role is to contribute to the development of specialist training policy for Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) and to supervise the delivery of training to standards set by the JRCPTB in a number of key areas, including:

- To write, review and maintain the relevant training curriculum, in line with GMC standards, for submission for approval to GMC.
- To work with BASHH and others to determine the competencies required of specialist in the future.
- To develop methods of performance assessment and criteria.
- To review and revise the GUM curriculum and assessment system in line with JRCPTB and GMC policies (including the requirement for fairness and equality) and to oversee implementation of changes.
- To advise the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK on matters relevant to GUM
- To manage the evaluation of doctors' applications for direct entry to the GUM specialist through the certificate of eligibility of specialist registration (CESR), as required by GMC
- To work with Local Education and Training boards and other stakeholders to assess and ensure the quality of GUM training and appropriate support for trainees.
- To act as an advocate for specialty trainees in GUM, providing monitoring and quality control for their training, and making recommendations to GMC for the award of Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT).
- To liaise with the JRCPTB Medical Director in recommending additional SAC membership to ensure that BASHH, relevant SACs and other key stakeholders are appropriately represented on the SAC

Significant activities for 2020-2021

Curriculum:

- The new GUM/Internal Medicine Stage 2 (IMS2) curriculum, was approved by the GMC in April 2021. From August 2022 GUM will become a new group 1 specialty dual training with IM.
- The new GUM/IMS2 curriculum and associated documents including Transition/CESR guidance, FAQs, IM implementation guidance, GiM/GUM and IMS2/GUM curriculum mapping documents, written by the GUM SAC, have been uploaded to JRCPTB GUM webpage.
- The GUM SAC was represented at the RCP curriculum development day on 24th Nov 2020 and our GiM implementation plan was discussed at a meeting for new group 1 specialties with Heads of School, Postgraduate Dean and SAC chair representatives on 2nd Dec 2021.

- Penultimate year reviews (PYRs) formed the basis for reviewing penultimate year trainees at ARCP and setting targets for achievement by CCT. The GUM SAC produced the necessary paperwork to support these PYRs and disseminated it for use during PYRs in 2020-2021.
- Documents in progress:
 - GUM ARCP decision aid for 2022
 - Rough Guide to GUM training
 - Specialty specific guidance for CESR in GUM/IM
 - Rough guide for CESR in GUM/IM

GUM recruitment:

- Round 2 was held in March 2021, via MS Teams. There were 35 vacancies across the UK with 24 applicants shortlisted. 18 attended for interview, 14 were appointable and were offered posts. All chose GUM as their first-choice bar 1. 9 accepted posts giving a fill rate of 26%: 3 London (Kings, St Thomas', C&W), 2 Scotland, 3 North West, 1 Yorkshire & Humber.
- Round 2 re-advert also took place virtually on 13/10/21. There were 34 vacancies, 19 applicants, 16 Shortlisted, 10 Interviewed (6 withdrew), 8 Appointable and 4 accepted offers (4 accepted offers in other specialties)
- The recruitment promotion panel was set up in July 2021 to create a multi-stakeholder group to provide oversight of the promotion of the specialty of GUM. The GUM SAC joined BHIVA, BASHH, STASHH, HIVTA and JSC representatives for its inaugural meeting in August 2021. Outputs include:
 - Development of 'Love GUM' logo and consultant video series by C&W+ charity, BASHH & GUM SAC to showcase the diverse careers that Consultants with a CCT in GUM have developed. BASHH will host on their 'You Tube' channel or website
 - Representation at the RCP Specialty careers conference on 7th October 2021 by Prof Margaret Kingston, GUM SAC co-chair & Dr Laura Waters, Consultant in HIV and Sexual Health at CNWL NHS Trust.
 - The National London GUM taster day was held on 4th Oct 2021 with 154 applicants joining online. Dr Katia Prime represented the GUM SAC presenting on recruitment and the curriculum changes.

Dip. GUM/Dip. HIV:

The Best of 5 (Bo5) paper has been uncoupled from the OSCEs and an online platform for the examination is being investigated.

Dip GUM

December 2020: 22 candidates sat the exam - 4 candidates failed (3 failed the Bo5, 2 of whom were GUM trainees; 1* failed the OSCE).

June 2021: 8 candidates sat the exam - 3 candidates failed the OSCE, 2 of whom were GUM trainees, 1 of whom was a resit.

December 2021: There are 26 candidates entered for the December exam.

Dip HIV

The September 2020 diet was delayed and the 3 candidates who had entered were deferred to February 2021. Due to a surge in COVID cases, examiner availability due to redeployment and the impact this would have on the DHIV examination scheduled for February 2021, this diet was also delayed and took place in July 2021.

- 26 candidates entered – (24 GUM Trainees and 2 ID) - 2 GUM Trainees were Bo5 resits.
- 4 candidates failed the Bo5 (3 GUM, of whom was a resit; 1 ID) – 22 passed overall
- The 4 candidates who failed were informed of the uncoupling of the Bo5 and OSCE – however, only 2 of the candidates have re-entered for November 2021.
- A further diet is scheduled for November 2021 (replacing September).

Workforce planning:

The trainee snapshot from June 2021 showed that GUM have has 131 specialty training posts, with 39 unfilled = 30% across all regions. There were 94 trainees in post: 53 full time and 41 less than full time (44%), Female 71, male 21, Non-binary 2. 7 NTN's were removed in last 4 years 7 and 3 were loaned to IMT. Anticipated losses in next 12 months are 2 posts. Numbers in whole time equivalent training were: ST3 23.8, ST4 17.4, ST5 11.8 and ST6 21.4 with 17.7 on maternity leave or out of programme experience, most across ST4-6. 20/39 posts were filled with non-training grades. The number expected to CCT in next 12 months is 21. Which is the same as the number of CCTs in the last 12 months.

There were 44 separate consultant jobs advertised in 2020 of which 26 were substantive, a drop from 32 in 2019. 1 was in Northern Ireland with the remainder in England. 12 were advertised as full time. All were listed as GUM with HIV or SH with HIV.

In first 8 months of 2021 there have been 22 permanent consultant posts advertised– all for a mix of GUM or integrated sexual health with an HIV component. 12 were advertised as full-time posts. 1 post has been advertised 3 times. In addition, in 2021, 17 locum posts (8 full-time) have been advertised, the majority for 12 months.

The current rate of consultant posts being advertised continues to exceed the number of trainees gaining their CCT, despite the perception that there is a lack of consultant posts in GUM.

GUM continues to be represented at the RCP workforce specialties although the meeting planned for November 2021 has been cancelled. The GUM SAC submitted evidence to the HEE medical workforce in September 2021 and the JRCPTB has requested further medical specialty meetings with HEE.

Other significant activities:

- Contribution/response to the following consultations:
 - RCP endorsement of BHIVA Standards of Care Aug 2020
 - AoMRC genomics curriculum document March 2021
 - Vision statement Sexual Health BASHH/BHIVA/RCP July 2021
- COVID-19
 - COVID-19 letter to trainees Jan 2021- Contributed to JRCPTB specialty specific guidance on ARCPs during COVID, May 2021
 - Updated GUM ARCP decision aid for COVID-19, May 2021
 - National trainee questionnaire on redeployment May 2021
 - Meeting with Dip HIV convenor, deputy and registrar to mitigate & monitor effect of exam cancellation on GUM trainees, August 2021

Dr Katia Prime
GUM SAC Co-Chair

UEMS in Dermatovenereology

Membership

Dr 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 main 2021 meeting due to be held at the end of March has been postponed to November 2021 and is currently planned to be held in person. Most of the communications in the last 12 months have related to the challenges of delivering dermatovenereology training during COVID-19 restrictions across Europe. Michel Janier has resigned as the chair of the STI division: but the appointment of his replacement has been deferred until November 2021.

Dr Jackie Sherrard
UK UEMS venereology representative

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Journals with BASHH representation

International Journal of STD & AIDS (IJSA)

Objectives & Significant activities

- In 2020, IJSA remained a faithful vehicle for the specialty, publishing basic and applied clinical research across the field of STI, sexual health and HIV medicine.
- We introduced new article types, such as Quality Improvement and Concise Research Reports, to encourage submissions from diverse authors and clinical settings and to optimise sharing of best practice.
- We have adopted UNAIDS terminologies to champion person-centred language in our submissions.
- IJSA remains the journal of choice for publication of BASHH and IUSTI clinical guidelines.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-2021

- In the coming year, we intend to refresh the Editorial Board, and appoint new Associate Editors, including those in trainee and non-medical roles.

The IJSA remains very happy to receive papers from across the globe and is indebted to its authors and diligent reviewers – they make the journal the success it is.

Dr Michael Rayment
Editor-in-Chief

STI Journal

Objectives

- Promote and facilitate the liaison between BASHH and the Journal, seeking opportunities for reciprocal support
- Identify opportunities for facilitating communication and dissemination of research news within the BASHH membership

Significant activities

- Supported that production of the BASHH Column in the STI Journal
- Supported the Annual BHIVA/BASHH Conference (2021): reviewing abstract submissions, awarding best presentation BMJ STI prize, producing the “Publishing workshop” at the conference
- Piloted a Journal Highlights to be included in the BASHH emails to the membership

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-2021

As above

Future plans

- To continue to review the scope and format of the journal BASHH column
- To seek involvement of BASHH in journal-based educational activities
- To continue to support the conference and educational activities of the society
- To continue to pilot the Journal Highlights 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
ARCP	Annual Review of Competency Progression
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
ASIG	Adolescent Specialist Interest Group
BAD	British Association of Dermatology
BAME	Black, Asian and minority ethnic
BASHH	British Association for Sexual Health and HIV
BASHH CEG	BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group
BASHH CGC	BASHH Clinical Governance Committee
BASHH CSU	BASHH Clinical Standards Unit
BASHH EC	BASHH Educations Committee
BASHH NAG	BASHH National Audit Group
BBV	Blood Borne Viruses
BHIVA	British HIV Association
Bo5	Best of 5 Questions (Exam format)
BSIG	Bacterial Special Interest Group
BV	Bacterial vaginosis
CCGs	Clinical Commissioning Groups
CCT	Certificate of Completion of Training
CESR	Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration
CEV	Clinically Extremely Vulnerable
CHIVA	Children's HIV Association
CNS	Central Nervous System
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease 2019
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CQC	Care Quality Commission
CSRH	Community Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare
CTAD	Chlamydia Testing Activity Dataset
DHSC	Department of Health and Social Care
DIT	Doctor(s) in Training
Dip GUM	Diploma in Genitourinary Medicine
Dip HIV	Diploma in HIV Medicine
DNA	Did Not Attend (person who)
DVD	Digital Video Disc
e-LFH	Electronic Learning for Health
EPR	Electronic Patient Record
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FSRH	Faculty of Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare
GC	Gonorrhoea / Gonococcal
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
GiM	General Internal Medicine
GMC	General Medical Council
GP	General Practitioner
GRASP	Gonococcal Resistance to Antimicrobials Surveillance Programme

GSM	Gay and Sexual Minorities
GU	Genitourinary
GUM	Genitourinary Medicine
GUMCAD	GUM Activity Dataset
HARS	HIV and AIDS Reporting System
HAV	Hepatitis A virus
HBV	Hepatitis B virus
HCV	Hepatitis C virus
HEE	Health Education England
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HIVTA	HIV Trainees Association
HPV	Human papilloma virus
HRA	High-Resolution Anoscopy
HSCIC	Health and Social Care Information Centre
HSV	Herpes simplex virus
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
IT	Information Technology
IUSTI	International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections
JRCPTB	Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians' Training Board
LARC	Long-Acting Reversible Contraception
LTFT	Less than Full Time
LGV	Lymphogranuloma venereum
LUSTRUM	Limiting undetected sexually transmitted infections to reduce morbidity
MDR	Medical Devices Regulation
MDT	Multidisciplinary Team
MHRA	Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
MLSO	Medical Laboratory Scientific Officers
MSD	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.
MSM	Men who have sex with men
NAAT	Nucleic acid amplification test
NCSP	National Chlamydia Screening Programme
NHS	National Health Service
NHIVA	Nurses HIV Association
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
NPT	Near patient test
OI	Opportunistic Infection
OSCE	Objective Structured Clinical Examination
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PEPSE	Post-exposure prophylaxis after sexual exposure
PGVLE	Postgraduate Virtual Learning Environment
PGD	Patient Group Direction
PHE	Public Health England
PN	Partner Notification

POCT	Point of care test
PPE	Patient and public engagement
PREM	Patient reported experience measure
PrEP	Pre-exposure prophylaxis
PROM	Patient reported outcome measure
PYR	Penultimate Year Reviews
RCGP	Royal College of General Practitioners
RCN	Royal College of Nursing
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RCP	Royal College of Physicians
RSM	Royal Society of Medicine
SARC	Sexual Assault Referral Centre
SAC	Specialty Advisory Committee
SAS	Staff grade, Associate Specialist and Specialty doctors
SIG	Special Interest Group
SOPHID	Survey of Prevalent HIV Infections Diagnosed
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare
SHA	Sexual Health Advisor
SHAN	Sexual Health Advisor and Nurse (group)
SHRAD	Sexual and Reproductive Health Activity Dataset
SSHA	Society of Sexual Health Advisors
ST	Specialist Trainee
STASHH	Student and Trainee Association for Sexual Health and HIV
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
STIF	Sexually Transmitted Infections Foundation (courses)
TPD	Training Programme Director
TV	Trichomonas Vaginalis
UEMS	European Union of Medical Specialists
UKHSA	United Kingdom Health Security Agency
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
VLOG	Video Log