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Monday 9th June 2025

Time	Session	
08:45	Registration opens	
09:30 – 09:45	Pentland Auditorium	
	Welcome Address <i>Professor Matt Phillips, BASHH President</i> <i>Kat Smithson, BASHH CEO</i> <i>Dr. Daniel Clutterbuck, Conference Local Host</i>	
09:45 – 10:45	Antimicrobial Resistance in Bacterial STIs: Challenges, Innovations and Future Directions <i>Chairs: John Saunders & Suneeta Soni</i>	
	Mechanisms of Antimicrobial Resistance in Bacterial STIs – <i>Sarah Alexander</i> Clinical Management of Resistant STIs: Challenges and Approaches – <i>Soonita Oomeer</i> Advances in diagnostics: Exploring the potential of novel diagnostics and POCTs – <i>Kevin Martin</i>	
10:45 – 12:00	Pentland Auditorium	Fintry Auditorium
	Oral Presentations: Free Communications	Oral Presentations: Sexually Transmitted Infections
	O1: Investigating the barriers faced by prospective GUM trainees to entering Internal Medicine Training – <i>Grace Currie</i>	O8: Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance in <i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> , Treatment Outcomes, and Factors Associated with Macrolide Resistance in England, 2023 – <i>James E C Johnson</i>

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	<p>O2: “That took me back to HIV in the ‘90s”: Community reflections on public health responses to the 2022 mpox outbreak – <i>Tom Witney</i></p> <p>O3: Supporting Re-engagement with HIV Care: Findings from The HIV Engagement (HIVE) Project – <i>Adam Williams</i></p> <p>O4: Unnecessary investigations in the routine monitoring of PLWHIV: An opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and financial costs – <i>Rachel Drayton</i></p> <p>O5: @the.gum.registrar – Using social media to increase knowledge and interest in Genitourinary Medicine as a specialty – <i>Manik Kohli</i></p> <p>O6: Evaluating EHR System Improvements in UK Sexual Health Services: A Comparative Analysis of 2022 and 2025 Survey Data – <i>Jonathan Shaw</i></p> <p>O7: Show me the money! Does Sexual Health spending correlate with late HIV diagnosis? – <i>Sam Carney</i></p>	<p>O9: Assessing the Impact of Online Postal Self-Sampling on Clinical Complexity in a Sexual Health Service in England: A Mixed Methods Analysis – <i>Jo Gibbs</i></p> <p>O10: Picking up the cost of non-STI and non-contraceptive prescribing within integrated sexual health services – <i>Hannah Reynolds</i></p> <p>O11: Chlamydia trachomatis conjunctivitis: a 10-year retrospective of the incidence, clinical presentation, diagnosis, management, outcomes and epidemiological trends at a tertiary referral centre in London. – <i>Alice Milligan</i></p> <p>O12: Evaluating the clinical utility of a multiplex genital ulcer pathogen polymerase chain reaction diagnostic test in the diagnosis of Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV). – <i>Christopher Scott</i></p> <p>O13: High prevalence of sexually transmitted infections in pregnancy in a women's prison – <i>SY Chan</i></p> <p>O14: The continuing picture of clade IIb mpox in England: A descriptive analysis of cases in 2023 to 2024 – <i>Celine El Hakim</i></p>	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>		
13:00 – 14:00	Pentland Auditorium Herpes and the Law <i>Chair: Emily Clarke</i> STIs (including HSV) and the law - a legal view – <i>David Potter</i> HSV and shedding – what does the latest evidence show? – <i>Rajul Patel</i> Reducing HSV transmission – a review of the evidence and practical evidence for patients – <i>Elizabeth Foley</i>	Fintry Auditorium 10 steps to a greener sexual health and HIV clinic: a workshop <i>Chair: Rachel Drayton</i> Ceri Evans Bridie Howe	Harris Suite 1 Moderated Posters <i>Prevention, Health Promotion & Outreach Care; HIV testing, new diagnoses & management; Contraception & Reproductive Health</i> MP001 – MP010
14:05 – 15:00	Pentland Auditorium SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM: ViiV Healthcare Presentation Title TBA		



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15:00 – 15:30	Refreshment Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>	
15:30 – 16:20	Pentland Auditorium Oral Presentations: Sexually Transmitted Infections O15: Nowhere near! Sexual Health Services in Manchester: demand versus supply ... – <i>Amber Rafferty</i> O16: Oropharyngeal gonorrhoea infections among women: prevalence, characteristics and impact on local genital gonorrhoea prevalence – <i>Nell Freeman-Romilly</i> O17: Diagnostic assays in use in the United Kingdom for chlamydia screening: Single target assays an Achilles heel? – <i>Penelope Cliff</i> O18: Private sexually transmitted infection testing providers in the United Kingdom: British Association for Sexual Health and HIV members' perspectives and impact on sexual health services – <i>Sophie Nash</i> O19: Increased detection of Hepatitis B and C through opt-out testing in a UK sexual health clinic – <i>Matthew Valentino</i>	Fintry Auditorium Oral Presentations: Prevention, health promotion and outreach care O20: Assertive Sexual Health Outreach for Women from Inclusion Health Populations: An example of partnership working across experts by experience, sexual health and Inclusion Health outreach teams and housing and drug services to meet the needs of the most marginalised women – <i>Binta Sultan</i> O21: “Oh! How Modern! And... Are You Ok with That?": Consensually Non-Monogamous People's Experiences and Preferences When Accessing Sexual Health Care – <i>Chris Campbell</i> O22: The United Kingdom's first fully British Sign Language (BSL) accessible sexual health clinic pilot: a service evaluation – <i>Rebecca Marchant</i> O23: Gaining a partnership perspective among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) in the UK: evidence from the 2023 Reducing inequalities in Sexual Health (RiiSH) survey – <i>Elizabeth Fearon</i> O24: Sexual violence in male, transgender/non-binary & commercial sex worker (CSW) victim/survivors: a one-year analysis across four large sexual health services (SHS) – <i>Beth Selwyn</i>
16:25 – 17:55	Pentland Auditorium Friday Afternoon Clinic: MDT Recalcitrant and resistant herpes simplex – <i>Suneeta Soni</i> Child STI case and phone call from SARC – <i>Elizabeth Okecha</i> HIV testing decliner in pregnancy – <i>Margaret Kingston</i> Complex vulvovaginal candidiasis – <i>Clare Wood</i>	Fintry Auditorium BASHH EGM Follow-Up
18:00 – 19:00	Welcome Reception <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall</i>	

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Tuesday 10th June 2025

Time	Session		
07:45	BASHH President's Plant-Based Breakfast A preview of BASHH's Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion review findings – presented by Melvina Woode Owusu <i>Platform 5, Edinburgh International Convention Centre</i>		
08:00	Registration desk opens Arrival Tea & Coffee		
08:30 – 09:30	Pentland Auditorium Oral Presentations: Nurses & HA N1: HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) use amongst transgender people: a four year experience. – <i>Sebastian Causton</i> N2: Will providing a sexual health clinic in an asylum seeker hotel enable the most vulnerable to access sexual health care? – <i>Susan Dyer</i> N3: Swipe Right for Doxy: Fast-Tracking Chlamydia Treatment One Text at a Time. – <i>Mike Spall-Hancy</i> N4: An integrated approach to support enhanced screening and management of syphilis infection in individuals experiencing homelessness in a large metropolitan city – <i>Liz Thomas</i> N5: Mapping the provision of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis in the United Kingdom. – <i>Hasan Mirza</i> N6: Adopting digital health technology to improve timely access to PrEP, focusing on client preference. – <i>Colin Roberts</i>	Fintry Auditorium Oral Presentations: Undergraduate UG1: Mycoplasma genitalium: overtesting, overtreating, over it.... – <i>Ruby Hassan</i> UG2: Assessing the use of amphotericin B/flucytosine vaginal gel in the treatment ofazole resistant or non-albicans vulvovaginal candidiasis: a 5 year review of prescribing – <i>Bronwyn Le Moal</i> UG3: Retrospective review of age and sex specific incidence of first episode genital herpes simplex virus type 1 and 2 in attendees at sexual health services in the northwest of England in 2016-24 – <i>Alicia Moyo</i> UG4: Uptake, acceptability and experiences among patients offered Virtual Reality (VR) headsets during intra-uterine device (IUD) or subdermal implant (SDI) procedures – <i>Jessica Collins</i> UG5: Breaking the Stigma: A Novel Peer-Led OSCE-Based Pilot Intervention to Reduce HIV Stigma in Medical Undergraduates – <i>Katie Hepburn</i>	
09:35 – 10:35	Pentland Auditorium STI Journal Symposium	Fintry Auditorium Nurse and Health Advisor Symposium	Harris Suite 1 Moderated Posters <i>Sexually Transmitted Infections; Sustainability; PEPSE & PrEP</i> MP011 – MP020

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10:40 – 11:10	Refreshment Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>	
11:10 – 12:05	Pentland Auditorium SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM: MSD UK Vaccination as prevention: addressing human papillomavirus (HPV) and viral hepatitis in sexual health services <i>Mark Lawton</i> <i>Sanjay Bhagani</i>	
		
12:10 – 13:10	Pentland Auditorium Supporting gender questioning, transgender and non-binary people attending sexual health services <i>Sally Jewsbury</i> Gender-affirming medical care - an overview – <i>Joe Smith</i> Presentation Title TBA – <i>Alison Berner</i>	Fintry Auditorium Oral Presentations: PEPSE and PrEP O25: Delivering PrEP in primary care - 2 year review of improved patient access. – <i>Wendy Cooke</i> O26: Using the Information-Motivation-Behavioural Skills model to identify barriers to HIV PrEP uptake in Black heterosexual patients: a quality improvement project. – <i>Uzochi Nwaosu</i> O27: PrEPBox: a novel online and postal pre-exposure prophylaxis service – <i>Adam Shallis</i> O28: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) uptake, persistence and missed opportunities in young gay and bisexual men who have sex with men (GBMSM) – <i>Maria Lui</i> O29: What do women want? What do women need? Awareness and uptake of PrEP amongst cisgender women in an urban integrated sexual health clinic – <i>Emma Cartner</i> O30: Pharmacy PrEP delivery: The development and implementation of a UK pilot – <i>China Harrison</i>
13:10 – 14:10	Lunch Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>	
14:10 – 15:40	Pentland Auditorium Keynote: Does STI prioritisation mean we accept that we have lost control of STIs in the general population? England – <i>Margaret Kingston</i> Wales - <i>Darren Cousins</i> Scotland – <i>Nicola Steedman</i>	

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	Northern Ireland – <i>Carol Emerson</i> ROI – <i>Fiona Lyons</i>	
15:45 – 16:40	SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM: <i>Gilead Sciences</i> Chemsex in 2025	
		
16:45 – 17:15	Refreshment Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>	
17:15 – 18:00	Pentland Auditorium Alternative Sex - Reframing Kink, BDSM and Polyamory Presentation Title TBA – <i>Jose Eduardo de Carvalho Peres</i>	Fintry Auditorium Lustrum 2: Using co-production and brief films to increase the uptake of STI and HIV testing among sex partners of people diagnosed with a bacterial STI(s), as part of partner notification in the era of online sexual healthcare <i>Jennifer MacDonald</i> <i>Melvina Woode Owusu</i> <i>Claudia Estcourt</i>
18:00	Conference Close	
19:30	Gala Dinner <i>The Caves, 8-10 Niddry Street South, Edinburgh</i> Join BASHH and your industry colleagues for a Masquerade themed evening.	

Wednesday 11th June 2025

Time	Session	
08:30	Registration opens	
09:00 – 10:00	Pentland Auditorium Advancing Sexual Health Research: Key findings and future directions from the NIHR Health Protection Unit (HPRU) in Blood Borne and Sexually Transmitted Infections (BBSTI) <i>Chairs: John Saunders & Caroline Sabin</i>	Fintry Auditorium The new HIV 2024 Report and the limitations of healthcare provision to underserved communities Journey to zero HIV transmission and tackling inequalities – <i>Tamara Djuretic</i> HIV and Women: How do we address the inequity? – <i>Elizabeth Okecha</i>

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	<p>Influencing policy and public health responses to STIS through serial rapidly deployed surveys of sexual health among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men – <i>Hamish Mohammed</i></p> <p>Supporting the implementation of novel public health interventions through qualitative exploration of acceptability, barriers and facilitators to bexsero and reduced screening frequency for asymptomatic chlamydia and gonorrhoea – <i>Emily Nichols</i></p> <p>Informing optimal responses to STI outbreaks: pandemic preparedness work within the HPRU – <i>Shema Tariq</i></p>	<p>Presentation Title TBA – <i>Rageshri Dhairyawan</i></p>
10:05 –	Pentland Auditorium	Fintry Auditorium
10:45	Session TBC	ViiV Parallel Session
10:45 – 11:15	Refreshment Break <i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall</i>	
11:15 – 12:00	<p>Top 5 Papers: HIV and GUM <i>Laura Waters</i> <i>Matthew Page</i></p>	<p>Digital PrEP pathways: how to be mindful of equity/inequities when (co)designing digital services</p> <p>&</p>
12:00 – 12:15	Prize ceremony – awards and undergrad essay prize	The Scottish ePrEP Clinic: using the evidence and working together to create an online PrEP service with maximal inclusivity and reach
12:15 – 12:45	Unheard voices: how YOU can provide better healthcare for the largest single minority group in the UK	<p>12:15 – Anal cancer screening - what should GUM/SRH physicians do given current evidence?</p> <p>13:15</p> <p>Presentation Title TBA – <i>Tamzin Cuming</i> Presentation Title TBA – <i>Diarmuid Nugent</i></p>

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		12:45 – 4-nation update on the uptake and impact of HPV vaccination programme in GBMSM Chair: Jake Bayley
		Evaluation of the impact of targeted HPV vaccination in gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) in England – <i>Marta Checchi</i>
		Presentation Title TBA – <i>Ross Cameron</i>
13:15 –	Lunch Break	
14:00	<i>Hosted in the Exhibition Hall (Cromdale Hall)</i>	
14:00 –	Pentland Auditorium	
15:00	BASHH Guidelines Update	
	Chlamydia Update – <i>John Saunders</i>	
	NGU Update – <i>Megan Crofts</i>	
	Hepatitis Update – <i>Lucy Garvey</i>	
	LGV Update – <i>John White</i>	
15:00	Closing Address	
15:15	Conference close	

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Moderated Poster Presentations

MP001	Emily Jay Nicholls	Understanding the acceptability, barriers and facilitators to implementing the 4CMenB vaccine (Bexsero) for the prevention of gonorrhoea in gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men
MP002	Charlotte Spurway	I couldn't confirm they were alone because they were over the phone: Safeguarding screening in remote sexual and reproductive health consultations
MP003	Helen Peters	Treatment cascade among pregnant women with pre-conception HIV diagnosis: 2017-2022
MP004	Dana Ogaz	Sexual health service access and unmet need among GBMSM and gender-diverse individuals having sex with men in England
MP005	Alex Langrish	Optimising HIV testing strategies in low-prevalence areas: identifying missed opportunities for earlier diagnosis
MP006	Jayne Ngu-Tazinya	Healthcare professional (HCP) experiences of offering virtual reality (VR) headsets to patients during intrauterine device (IUD) and sub dermal implant (SDI) procedures
MP007	Temilola Adeniyi	Barriers and Facilitators to HIV Testing Among African and Caribbean Heritage Communities: A Mixed Methods Study
MP008	Clare Fowler	Healthcare professionals' beliefs and concerns about the use of doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (doxyPEP): a systematic review
MP009	Becky Metcalfe	A retrospective analysis of secondary healthcare contacts prior to a late diagnosis of a Blood Borne Virus in Scotland – an opportunity missed for opt out testing?
MP010	Charlotte Goward	Online dating/hook up app and sexual health pathway collaboration in a large urban centre
MP011	Emma Callan	Multidrug-resistance in Neisseria gonorrhoeae: a new definition and trends 2016-2022
MP012	Elisha Peters	Efficacy of pristinamycin in the treatment of people with Mycoplasma genitalium infections experiencing resistance-guided treatment failure: an observational study
MP013	Shoumita Bardhan	Exploring the Attitudes of Sexual Health Clinicians in Scotland towards the expansion of the Provision of HIV Pre-exposure (PrEP) in Primary Care: an interview study
MP014	Holly Fountain	The impact of different modes and motivations for accessing sexual health services on STI positivity in England, 2023
MP015	Florence Bascombe	Human Papillomavirus Type 16 E6/E7 T Cell Responses and Anal High-Grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesion Regression in Men Who Have Sex with Men
MP016	Megan Walsh	A qualitative study of the perceived sociodemographic, behavioural and attitudinal drivers of syphilis among heterosexual-identifying people in England: the NEXUS study
MP017	Natasha Ratna	How does incidence of HIV and incidence of bacterial STIs differ by HIV status and use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) in England? A prospective cohort analysis using surveillance data.
MP018	Edward James	Implementation of a Waste Reduction Initiative in a Sexual Health Clinic: A Quality Improvement Project
MP019	Daniela Brawley	Exploring the views of primary care teams on the feasibility of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) provision in primary care in the North East of Scotland
MP020	Flora Olcott	Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) with ceftriaxone for neurosyphilis – clinical and serological outcomes

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