The President and the trustees of BASHH wish all our members a very enjoyable festive season and very best wishes for a happy and successful 2016.

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BASHH elections 2016-2018 Now Open
The election for BASHH board and elected clinical governance posts is now open.
www.ersvotes.com/bashh2016
Closing date 15th December 2015 at 3pm

BASHH AGM
The next annual general meeting will be on Friday 8th January at 18.00pm. Full details will be emailed to members or sent to your registered address or Click here. The AGM will be followed by a Drink’s reception at 7pm

BASHH membership cards
Shortly your BASHH membership card will be sent to your BASHH registered address. In future members will be able to log their attendance at BASHH educational meetings using their cards. Non BASHH members and members who forget to bring their cards will be able to sign in at meetings although only those presenting cards at registration will be automatically registered for CPD and be sent a certificate of attendance.

Nurses, please get in touch
If you are a Nurse member of BASHH reading this, please get in touch so that I know how many of us there are!

If you are a Doctor member, please encourage your nurses to contact me about any professional issues such as Education, Integration etc. Non member comments welcome. Thank you.
Kate Day—k.day@nhs.net

BASHH Undergraduate Prize
The BASHH Undergraduate Prize will be judged as two separate awards. The BASHH Undergraduate Research Prize (for original research) and The BASHH Undergraduate Clinical Prize (for clinical audit, service evaluation, systematic reviews, literature reviews or case reports).
Please don’t forget that the deadline for this award is 31 January 2016, click here for more details.

Joint BASHH Scientific Meeting: BASHH HIV Special Interest Group and BASHH HIV Special Interest Group
Friday 8th January 2016
Royal Society Medicine, London 13.00 – 17.30pm
Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and Treatment as Preventions (TasP)
Chairs:
Dan Clutterbuck (MSM SIG chair)
Laura Waters (HIV SIG chair)
Draft Programme

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| 15.30 - 17.30 | Cases: A series of case presentations
                  On difficult cases PrEP/TasP to be discussed by an expert panel. |
| 17.30—18.00  | Tea & coffee break                                                      |
| 18.00—19.00  | BASH Annual General Meeting                                             |
| 19.00—20.00  | Drinks reception                                                        |
BASHH News

CONFERENCE UPDATE

BASHH-FSRH Conference, 15th January 2016, Royal Society of Medicine, London
This meeting is usually oversubscribed, so please register to avoid disappointment. See programme on BASHH website or click here

BASHH Annual Conference 2016, Examination Schools, Oxford 10-12th July 2016
Registration and abstract submission will open at the beginning of December. The abstract deadline is Friday 18th March 2016. There will be BASHH scholarships providing support for nurses, health advisers, doctors in training and undergraduates. In addition to the usual programme, there will be symposia run by the BASHH nurses and public health special interest groups

A Century of Service – planning our Centenary celebrations

It is almost 100 years since the first Venereal Disease Services were set up. BASHH is setting up a series of events and activities to mark this anniversary in the year from March 2017.

We are asking for members/retired members to help us with the planning of suitable events. If you have an interest in medical history then please consider joining our working group.

We aim to deliver a cost neutral programme, so raising sponsorship is also a useful skill to bring.
Please contact me (on jan.clarke4@nhs.net) if you are interested, describing what your contribution might be.

Many thanks
Jan Clarke, BASHH President

Links to Documents of Interest

Unprotected nation
A new report from FPA predicts a massive cost to the nation if sexual health and reproductive health services are cut, please click here

FRSH launches new logo and vision document - A vision for reproductive health for the future—click here

BASHH HIV Masterclass

After a very highly rated and well attended 2015 Masterclass we will be back in Manchester for 2016. Speakers will be confirmed but we can guarantee they will be better than ever so book your study leave now! We anticipate again being able to avoid registration fees so you will need to cover only your transport and accommodation. We look forward to seeing you there!
Please click here for further information.

Laura Waters BASHH HIV SIG Chair, Fiona Burns BASHH HIV SG Treasurer

Call for New Members to join the Joint BASHH-FSRH information group

Are you a Data diva or a GUMCAD guru? Are you interested in the role informatics will play Sexual Health Services? If so we are looking for you! We are looking for enthusiastic new members to join our welcoming group, working with PHE and other partners to shape the standards for information governance, data and coding systems for the future.
To apply or for further information, contact David Phillips: david.phillips7@nhs.net

IUSTI Europe

IUSTI has a new payment portal available via the IUSTI website (www.iusti.org). This means that you may now use your credit or debit card to join up as a Full Member (if not already) or renew your IUSTI registration, and you will no longer be required to use Pay Pal. Membership is open to anyone with a professional interest in STI control. Members benefit from discounted registration at IUSTI meetings, and have access to a wide network of international colleagues.
Help wanted

OptTEST – Invitation to be a site

We are looking for a site to implement and expand Pneumonia based indicator condition HIV testing. This would need to be based in an ED, Acute Admissions Unit or ID unit and would involve introducing HIV testing to everyone presenting with pneumonia. You would then work with the local ED/ID/Med team and OptTEST team to test various tools and quality improvement interventions. This is an EU funded programme, with a (very) small amount of funding attached. There is no funding for the HIV tests. If you would like more details please contact Ann.Sullivan@chelwest.nhs.uk

Lead clinician survey - Review of current practice regarding disclosure to GPs in UK GUM clinics

Dear Lead Clinicians,

We would be very grateful if you would consider completing a short anonymous survey on behalf of BASHH and the University of Southampton as part of a study looking at confidentiality and disclosure to GPs, without patients’ consent in sexual health clinics, in order to establish current UK practice.

This survey has been sent by post (with an SAE for return) to all lead clinicians, and is also available for completion by lead clinicians ay clicking here. Please only complete the survey once.

Many thanks,
Raj Patel, Alan Tang, Liz Foley, Emily Clarke, Toby Lamb, Rebecca Duffield, Mickaela Poree

BASHH/PHE Fellowship Health Professionals’ Survey on Chlamydia Testing

Please take the time to complete this survey from our BASHH/PHE Fellow Dr Susanna Currie.

She’s looking at Health Professionals’ awareness of the National Chlamydia Screening Programme Guidance and whether they practice what they preach.

It’s not a test and it’s completely confidential!

Click here for the link and input the Survey ID: n21L8p65

Any questions please contact susanna.currie@phe.gov.uk

To cervical sample takers in London

Cervical smear taker in London required to register with the new Cervical Sample takers Database (CSTD) at http://loncstd.england.nhs.uk

This is quick and straightforward to do. Once your registration has been accepted you will be issued with a unique sample taker code that you can use anywhere in London when you take cervical cytology samples. This should not be shared with anyone else, so it is important that all staff register individually.

You will need to provide the following information:
* GMC/ NMC pin
* Nurses - evidence of training / peer assessment

Precise Study Questionnaire

The Precise Study (http://www.preciseresearch.co.uk/) aims to develop rapid and accurate tests for sexually transmitted infections. The tests will diagnose patients and indicate the type of antibiotics that will treat their infection most effectively, all within 30 minutes using laboratory-accurate technology.

We would like to know what healthcare professionals think we can do to design these tests in ways that improve their experiences at clinic.

Please complete this questionnaire by clicking here to help us better understand your point of view:

The Precise Study is a collaboration between St George’s, University of London and Atlas Genetics Ltd, and is funded by a National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Invention for Innovation grant: II-LB-0214-20005.
**More help wanted**

**NICE Public Health Advisory Committee – recruitment of ‘core’ community member**

We are currently seeking applications for a **‘core’ community member** to join the committee who develop public health guidance on a range of different topics. We would be very grateful if you would circulate recruitment information to people who may be interested in this vacancy. You may also wish to encourage individuals to apply.

The core community member of this committee will play a key role in making sure that the views, experiences and interests of the public, especially vulnerable community groups, are included in the committee’s decision-making. The appointment will be for a period of 3 years and committee meetings will take place in central London. Our community members are paid a fee to attend meetings and we cover travel and other expenses.

We would welcome an application from those who have an understanding of the issues important to service users, families or communities with respect to public health activities and initiatives and are able to reflect the experiences and needs of a wide network of relevant members of the public. This could be as someone who has been involved in activities, groups or campaigns to improve the health and wellbeing of a community or specific groups of people or as a volunteer or employee of a relevant community or voluntary organisation. The applicant would need to be able to contribute effectively in a formal committee setting. Any applicant wouldn’t need to be an expert in all of these areas of course – we are really looking for someone with expertise in and passion about promoting the health and wellbeing of a community or specific group of people. Please see [this webpage](#) for further information, dates of meetings and the application form. The deadline for receipt of applications is **5pm on Tuesday 15th December 2015**.

**NHS members required to join Appeal Panels**

NICE is seeking to recruit up to three people who currently provide healthcare within the NHS to take part in its Appeals Panels. The successful candidates will join a pool of members who hear appeals against NICE’s recommendations on the use of new drugs and other technologies for treating patients with very rare diseases and very complex healthcare needs.

When an appeal is submitted it is heard by an Appeal Panel comprising five members who are selected for their expertise, experience, and ability and do not represent their organisation.

**Skills and experience**

You will need to be currently employed within the NHS. You will also need to be able to understand the process and methods NICE uses to appraise new health technologies, and to critically assess the arguments put forward by companies, professional groups and patient organisations appealing against our guidance.

For further information about what the role involves and how to apply please click [here](#).

**The Graham Bull Prize**

The Graham Bull Prize provides money for young research workers under the age of 45 who feel that they have made a major contribution to clinical science. The work can cover a wide range of expertise, such as molecular and cellular biology, imaging technology, psychiatry, or health sciences. The sum of £1,000 is offered to RCP members and fellows on a competitive basis each year. Click [here](#) for more information.

**HIV for non-HIV specialists – MEDFASH launches new edition**


HIV for non-HIV specialists is instructive, practical and easy to use with a detailed contents list and comprehensive index. Please recommend this booklet to non-HIV specialist colleagues in your hospital(s).

Department of Health funding enabled free availability of the first edition. MEDFASH is obliged to charge for the second edition. A pdf copy will be available to purchase for £5 and printed copies for £12 per copy plus postage & packaging. See [www.medfash.org.uk](http://www.medfash.org.uk) to order. Thank you for your support and interest. We welcome any comments you may have on HIV for non-HIV Specialists.

The second issue of the MEDFASH Sexual Health & HIV Policy EUROBulletin is now available by clicking [here](#). The eFeature interview this issue is with Professor Jens Lundgren, who shares his views on some of the biggest challenges and opportunities for HIV work in Europe.
DIARY DATES

BASHH Scientific meeting—8th January 2016 – Royal Society of Medicine, London

Physician Leadership and Management Skills Workshop: A Co-learning Event for Consultants and Senior Trainees at the Kings Fund—9-10 December

Joint BASHH and FSRH Meeting 2016—Tradition, Innovation and Integration
15 January 2015 at the RSM, London .Bookings are now open by clicking here

British Infection Association—9th HIV Dilemmas—Friday 29th January 2016
Manchester Conference Centre click here for further information

Joint BASHH/BHIVA one day Diploma in HIV Medicine update
1 Feb 2016 at Manchester Royal Infirmary  click here

BASHH Scientific meeting—18th March 2016 – No 11, Cavendish Square, London

14th Congress - 2nd Global Conference of the European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health Contraception from molecular biology to social science and politics
Basel, Switzerland 4-7 May 2016 link

BASHH Scientific meeting—17th June 2016 – Manchester Conference Centre

BASHH Genital Dermatology PLUS Course - 24 June 2016

BASHH Annual Conference 2016, Examination Schools, Oxford 10-12th July 2016

6th  BASHH Genital dermatology Course—7 October 2016

BASHH Scientific meeting—14th October 2016 – Royal Society of Medicine, London

The deadlines for newsletters in 2016, please make a note in your calendar to ensure that news items are received promptly

27 January
23 March
25 May
27 July
28 September
24 November