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DATES of future BASHH Scientific Meetings for your diary

Friday 13 October 2017
Friday 12 January 2018
Friday 9 March 2018
Friday 22 June 2018
Friday 28 September 2018
All at the RSM, 1 Wimpole Street, London

BASHH Scientific Meeting 2017
Tuesday 6 June 2017
The King’s Fund, London

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Cathy Harman Award Winner 2017
The Cathy Harman Award for Innovation has been awarded to Dr Laura Waters and Dr Mags Portman for their inspirational submission ‘A monitoring and advice service for individuals self-sourcing HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)’.

The winners have been invited to present their service at the BASHH Belfast Conference.

The award this year had 22 submissions – all excellent and innovative in their own right.

Nurse Board representative Jodie Walker-Haywood would like to thank all who submitted and to the judging panel for their time and expertise.

The MSM SIG has been renamed
The MSM SIG have changed their group name to the GSM SIG - Gender and Sexual Minorities Special Interest Group. This is in order to better reflect the work they are doing on the sexual health of Trans individuals and will also allow them to pick up and provide consultation for WSW issues.

If you have any comments please don’t hesitate to contact the SIG chair, Andy Williams - andy.williams@bartshealth.nhs.uk

Update to the 2015 National Guideline of the Management of NGU
The CEG have made an update to the 2015 National Guideline of the Management of NGU, in light of new evidence.

For further details, please click here
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Pelvic Inflammatory Disease Guidelines Out for Consultation

The 2017 BASHH Guidelines for the Management of Pelvic Inflammatory Disease are now out for consultation. The document can be accessed on [www.bashh.org/guidelines](http://www.bashh.org/guidelines).

New codes

The Joint BASHH-FSRH information group in liaison with the Adolescent Sexual Health SIG has been working to introduce new clinical codes that will capture specific vulnerabilities in our patients. The aim is for consistent recording across our services for case complexity and specific interventions. In addition this will support surveillance for our local safeguarding boards and beyond.

The codes were formulated as below, because they best reconcile the need to capture sufficient detail with ease of coding. PHE are supportive but cannot yet incorporate these SHHAPT codes into the GUMCADv2 dataset until agreement with NHS Digital.

In the interest of time and ease of coding we advise members to adopt these as local codes from this point. This will at least support national and regional surveillance and audit in the meantime.

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BMA MEDFASH prize – DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS APPROACHING – 09 JUNE

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

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

For more details on the prize, the assessment criteria and terms and conditions, please [click here](mailto:researchgrants@bma.org.uk).

To apply please email your application documents to researchgrants@bma.org.uk by Friday 9 June 2017.
Hepatitis A survey

As part of the response to the ongoing Europe-wide hepatitis A outbreak in men who have sex with men, Public Health England and BASHH are requesting all GUM clinics to participate in a brief online survey to understand clinic policies and practices around hepatitis A immunisation.

The survey will provide essential information to inform the public health response to ongoing clusters of hepatitis A among men who have sex with men in the UK.

The findings will complement the recently released SHHAPT codes for hepatitis A immunisation, which allow the prospective recording of hepatitis A immunisation and immunity.

Who should complete the survey?
We are asking for one response per GUM clinic. We would therefore be grateful if you or one of your colleagues could complete the survey on behalf of your clinic.

How will the data be used?
Data from the survey will be used by PHE to inform national and local control measures. Data may be published in aggregate form; individual clinics will not be identifiable in any published report.

When do I need to participate by?
This is a rapidly evolving situation. We are therefore asking for responses by Friday June 2nd at the latest

How do I take part?
To take part in the survey, please go to the link below, or alternatively fill in the Word version.

How do health professionals and women communicate about their contraceptive choice?

We are looking for male/female health professionals who are prescribers of combined hormonal contraceptives to take part in an interview. We are based at University College London’s Research Department of Primary Care and Population Health. Interviews will last approximately 20-30 minutes and can be conducted in any UK location, according to participant’s preferences. A £20 voucher will be offered to all participants. For express of interest and/or more information, contact Paula Alves (p.alves@ucl.ac.uk).

Public health control of gonorrhoea

Public health control of gonorrhoea is dependent on the provision of effective antimicrobial therapy and has been compromised by resistance to successive classes of antibiotics over decades. It is essential that treatment failure in gonorrhoea is rapidly detected to inform effective patient management and minimise spread of resistant infection. National treatment guidelines rely on accurate intelligence on antimicrobial resistance and treatment failure. To this end, PHE is monitoring all possible gonorrhoea treatment failures (to ceftriaxone and azithromycin; mono- or dual therapy) in England. Possible treatment failure is defined as a positive TOC (either positive culture taken 72 hours post treatment, or a positive NAAT taken after 2 weeks), regardless of any antibiotic susceptibility testing results.

In addition, PHE has introduced surveillance of chlamydia treatment failures (with any of the recommended antibiotics). Chlamydia treatment failure is defined as a positive TOC taken at least 3 weeks post treatment. TOC for chlamydia is recommended in pregnancy, where poor compliance is suspected and where symptoms persist.

PHE requests that clinicians report any possible treatment failures in patients with gonorrhoea or chlamydia using the relevant reporting forms available through the online portal: https://hivstiwebportal.phe.org.uk/login.aspx
### Events & Training

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| **BASHH/BHIVA Mentoring Course** | The 3rd BASHH BHIVA mentoring course will take place on 8th December 2017 provisionally at the MRC in London.  
This one day course is intended to provide delegates with some of the skills and techniques required to support and mentor colleagues in our speciality.  
If you are interested in attending with a view to becoming a mentor please contact Adrian Palfreeman adrian.palfreeman@uhl-tr.nhs.uk |
| **Joint BHIVA/BASHH One-day Course for the Diploma in HIV Medicine** | Monday 4 September 2017, South Wing Lecture Theatre, St Thomas' Hospital, London  
We are pleased to inform you that BHIVA and BASHH are running a joint revision course to support and offer guidance to candidates who are taking the Diploma in HIV Medicine exam in September 2017.  
**Programme**  
A Provisional Programme is available to view; please [here](#)  
**Registration:**  
Online Registration is now open and you can register [here](#)  
BHIVA and BASHH recommend for all candidates who are taking the exam, to register for this revision course. |
| **ABC of Sexual Dysfunction Study Day**—Thursday 19th October 2017 at 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN (Royal College of Nursing) | We are pleased to inform you that the Sexual Dysfunction Special Interest Group of BASHH are running another ABC of Sexual Dysfunction study day. This popular educational meeting offers an introduction to the latest information on the assessment and management of common sexual problems but is also useful to update and refresh current practice. Educational content is relevant to doctors, nurses, health advisers, psychologists, sex and relationship therapists and other professionals with an interest in this dynamic field.  
**Programme:** A provisional programme is available to view; please [click here](#)  
**Registration:** Online registration is now open and you can register by [clicking here](#)  
Due to the popularity of this meeting, please consider early registration. |
| **BASHH STI/HIV Module Course** | This course covers the in depth knowledge of STIs, HIV and their management. It is highly recommended for those who intend to sit the Diploma in GU Medicine and Diploma in HIV Medicine exams. It is modular enabling applicants to attend some or all of the modules.  
The dates for the HIV and other viral infections Modules are: November 6-10 (Module 3/4 – HIV and other viral infections) |
| **TRANS HEALTH MATTERS 2017 REDUCING BARRIERS TO SERVICES: TRANS INCLUSIVE APPROACHES** | ONE DAY CONFERENCE, in partnership with BASHH, on Tuesday 17th October 2017  
Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA  
[See link](#) for booking details |
More Events & Training

20th Annual BASHH conference for SAS doctors working in sexual health

We are pleased to announce that online registration is now open for the BASHH Annual conference for SAS Doctors Working in Sexual Health. The conference is taking place at Keele University on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th September 2017.

Registration is via the BASHH website, early bird rates are available if you register before 21st July 2017.

We invite you to submit an abstract for consideration of an oral presentation at the conference. Deadline for abstract submissions is 11th August 2017.

We look forward to welcoming you to our 20th conference.

Adolescent Special Interest Group Symposium: BASHH conference 2017: Safeguarding yourself while safeguarding others

The ASIG are organising a workshop at the upcoming BASHH/SSSTD1 conference in Belfast looking at how we can safeguard ourselves whilst undertaking our safeguarding responsibilities to young people and vulnerable adults.

We will be discussing cases, looking at how to safeguard ourselves and models of supervision which we hope will be valuable to all and promote discussion.

All welcome to the symposium which is being held on Tuesday 20th June at 11:00-12:00. We look forward to welcoming you.

IUSTI Europe Advanced Course on STIs, Helsinki 30-31/8/17

This annual 2-day course is aimed at younger clinicians with an interest in STIs. This year’s course focuses on new diagnostic testing and current treatment recommendations and there is a strong faculty. Cost is €250.

Five scholarships to value of €700 are available by application with 2-page CV to iustieuropesecretary@gmail.com (applicants need to be aged <35 years and be full members of IUSTI).

Programme at http://www.iusti2017.org/

Short-courses on research methods and cost-effectiveness at the UCL campus of the Royal Free Hospital, London

The UCL HIV Epidemiology and Biostatistics Group is pleased to announce two short-courses, targeted at people working in healthcare settings, academia, industry and governmental/non-governmental organisations.

The five-day interactive Methodological and Statistical Issues in Clinical HIV Research course (17th-21st July 2017, course lead: Prof Caroline Sabin) will include sessions on basic statistical techniques (including survival analysis), study design and the analysis of endpoints in HIV clinical trials.

The two-day Introduction to Cost-effectiveness Analysis for Infectious Diseases (28th-29th September 2017, course leads: Dr Valentina Cambiano, Prof A Phillips) is for those who wish to achieve a basic understanding of, and be able to interpret, cost effectiveness analyses in the context of infectious diseases, with particular focus on HIV. Both courses assume no prior knowledge.

For further information, please see the Short Courses section on our website (http://www.ucl.ac.uk/iph/education) or contact Pat Withington (Tel: 020 7794 0500, ext. 34871, email: p.withington@ucl.ac.uk).
DIARY DATES

**BASHH Scientific meeting**—Tuesday 6 June – Kings Fund, London

**BASHH/SSStdi Conference**—18-20 June in Belfast

**Communication skills in child sexual abuse: Current, controversial and challenging issues** on 21st June 2017 at RSM, London

**Fertility, Sexuality and Menopause in Cancer** – 21 June in London

**BASHH Genital Dermatology PLUS Course**—23 June in London

Child sexual abuse: How can health professionals best help? Tuesday 27th June 2017 at the RSM, London

**Joint BHIVA/BASHH One-day Course for the Diploma in HIV Medicine**
Monday 4 September 2017, South Wing Lecture Theatre, St Thomas’ Hospital, London

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

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

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

**4th Trans Health Matters Conference by cliniQ**—17 October 2017 in London

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

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

**The Royal Marsden Gynaecology Cancer Study Day** – 22 November 2017 in London

**STIF Competency Train the Trainer** on 30 November in Birmingham

**BASHH Scientific meeting**—12 January 2018 in London

**BASHH/FSRH Joint meeting** – 19 January 2018 in London

**BASHH/BHIVA 2018**—17-20 April in Edinburgh

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

26 July 2017

27 September 2017

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