Presidential Welcome

I am delighted, honoured and humbled to have been elected President of BASHH. I would like to pay tribute to the sterling work of Dr Elizabeth Carlin over the past 2 years and to that of all the past Presidents. The specialty is faced with significant challenges across the UK in these times of austerity. I urge you to support our public petition https://www.bashh.org/news/save-our-sexual-health-services-public-petition/ and adopt ‘The Hot Six’ metrics https://www.bashh.org/news/news/key-metrics-for-sexual-health-services-the-hot-six/ launched in January. Without the evidence, we cannot fight our case.

I will be striving to ensure high quality fit for purpose patient centred Sexual Health services are available across the UK and represent the views and concerns of our membership to those who can influence. Thank you for your support. Olwen Williams

The BASHH Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 12 January 2018 and the following members were elected to the BASHH Board and CGC committee.
We thank Board members and CGC representatives who completed their terms and resigned at the AGM for their amazing contribution and hard work on behalf of BASHH.

**Board posts**

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The post of Conference Secretary post remains vacant and there are vacancies for 3 Fellows to the Board. Dr Say Quah will be co-opted as the CGC as Northern Ireland representative and Dr Rachael Jones, as a Fellow to the Board. Any member interested in becoming a Fellow to the Board or Conference and Communications Secretary should contact Alan Tang at admin@bashh.org

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**BASHH Scientific Meetings**
Friday 9th March 2018 Royal Society of Medicine, Wimpole Street, London
13.00 – 17.00pm tbc

Please bring your membership cards along for electronic sign in

Meeting organised by the Bacterial SIG
13:00-13:30 Sustained transmission of high-level azithromycin resistant gonorrhoea in England
    - Helen Fifer
13:30-14:00 Mycoplasma genitalium coinfections and resistance – Tariq Sadiq
14:00-14:30 Vaginal discharge – Phillip Hay
14:30-15:00 BSIG website/App on Microscopy for STIs
15:00-15.30 Tea Break
Afternoon session, timings TBC

- Pooled sampling for CT/GC NAAT testing: A pragmatic assessment - Jack Shaw
- HIV innovation fund 2016/17
- The use of Digital Vending Technology and HIV Self-Testing in a MSM sex on premises location - Gillian Dean, The Martin Fisher Foundation
- Sex Week on National Prison Radio - Perri Hurley, Prison Radio Association
- An evaluation toolkit for sexual health interventions – an example in action - Karen Gurney /Kevin Dunbar
- An update on the PrEP Impact trial - Anthony Nardone

ViiV Healthcare have provided funding towards the venue and catering costs of this meeting and will have a promotional stand. ViiV Healthcare have had no input into or influence over the agenda or content

Please visit the BASHH website for further information

Please note that there will be no June Scientific meeting and the date for the Autumn meeting is 28 September 2018

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**Latest News**
ACCEA awards

Congratulations to the following for their success in gaining an award in 2017 round:

- Gold      Elizabeth Carlin
- Silver     Chloe Orkin, Graham Taylor (Imperial)
- Bronze   Nneka Nwokolo, Karen Rogstad reinstated, Kathir Yoganathan (Wales)

2018 ACCEA award round

This will open on February 13th this year. To apply to BASHH, please submit your forms by **February 19th**. This includes those for new awards and also those for renewals. Current award given in the 2014 round or renewed in 2013.

Further information will be available on BASHH website imminently. BASHH President, Dr Olwen Williams will be Chair of BASHH ACCEA committee and the meeting will be held on March 8th. Applicants will be advised after that, if they have BASHH support.

Please email me if you want any advice about application process for BASHH support or the scheme in general, if you cannot find the information on the ACCEA website, please contact Angela.Robinson11@nhs.net, Secretary BASHH ACCEA Committee.

Nurse representative on CGC- your views welcome

My name is Claire Langrish and I have just been elected as the Nurse Representative on the Clinical Governance committee for BASHH. I would really like to hear from any nurses with any clinical issues that you would like me to take to the Clinical Governance committee when we meet. Your views are really important to the committee.

My email is Claire.langrish@nhs.net. I look forward to hearing from you and welcome taking your clinical queries to the committee for discussion.

BHIVA/BASHH Mentoring group – Peer Support Session

The mentoring group has set up peer support sessions for BHIVA/BASHH mentors. These are facilitated by a Child Psychiatrist, Dr. Sebastian Kraemer who has been working with the group for 3 years and has a deep knowledge and experience of working with groups. The sessions are a great opportunity to share
your experience of mentoring and learn from colleagues, whilst also keeping motivated about this very important work. They are funded by BHIVA and BASHH and as a mentor you are encourage to attend at least one every 3 years as part of your ongoing continued professional development.

The next session is taking place on the 18th May, from 10:30 to 12:30, at the MRC Head Office, One Kemble Street, London WC24AN.

Please contact Luciana Rubinstein on l.rubinstein@nhs.net to book a place.

**Mentoring for Sexual Health Doctors**

BASHH offer a mentoring service to all consultants and SAS doctors working within sexual health and HIV. The scheme offers a trained mentor for 18 months to anyone who feels they would benefit from confidential 'off line support' in relation to work issues. The scheme was primarily aimed at doctors taking up their first consultant post to help them transition into the role but it is now available to all. If you think you would benefit from having a mentor, please apply by completing the application form available in the Mentoring section of the BASHH website and emailing it to your regional mentoring representative.

**BMA MEDFASH Prize – now open for nominations**

The BMA Foundation for Medical Research awards grants and prizes to further medical research. This year, the Foundation will be awarding the BMA MEDFASH prize for improving the quality of HIV and/or sexual healthcare.

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 have to be a doctor or BMA member to apply. For further details on the prize or to find out how to apply, please visit the BMA Foundation webpages or email the BMA Foundation team on researchgrants@bma.org.uk.

**There is still time left to begin your entry for The BMJ Awards**

You now have until 2nd February to submit you entry to The BMJ Awards Call for Submissions. Submit today to join us at the 10th Annual BMJ Awards and showcase the inspiring contribution your team have made to UK Healthcare.

Benefits of entering include:

- Opportunity to raise your profile on your commitment, creativity and professionalism
• Showcase the excellence in your team and wider organisation
• Gain the recognition that provides a critical boost to your staff and patient care
• Leverage speaking opportunities to permanent placements and potential funding

Submitting an entry takes just 20 minutes and is completely free. Your team may enter as many categories as they wish with different projects, but each project must only be entered once. Please use this link to access your entry

The BMJ Awards Team awards@bmj.com

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**Upcoming Events**

Fourth Joint Conference of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) with the British HIV Association (BHIVA). 17th - 20th April 2018 at Edinburgh International Conference Centre, The Exchange Edinburgh, 150 Morrison St, Edinburgh, EH3 8EE

For more information and to register, please use this link

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**STIF Competency Train the Trainer workshops**

The next half day STIF Competency Train the Trainer workshop will take place at 09.30 on 9th March 2018, London at the Royal Society of Medicine.

Places are limited – please register as soon as you are able. To register please click here

This half day practical workshop is recommended for GUM medical and nurse consultants, SAS doctors and clinical nurse specialists involved in training and assessing doctors and nurses within their own departments. It provides guidance about running the STIF Competency training and assessment programmes and how to use the assessment tools. Attendance at the workshop is a requirement for STIF Competency Trainer registration

BASHH Genital Dermatology Plus Course 2018 - 15 June 2018
This course was initially designed for those who have attended the Genital Dermatology basic course and want to learn more. There is an excellent panel of speakers most of whom have contributed before. There will be comprehensive photographic examples to support the talks and opportunities to question experts and find answers for dermatological enigmas. Previous attendees from GUM, Dermatology, General Practice and Gynaecology have all found it a very informative day.

Book early to avoid disappointment - [click here](https://mailchi.mp/a2be2b18106b/bashh-newsletter-no-85-february-2018) for more information.

**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 as well as for those senior healthcare professionals who wish to further their professional development. It is modular, enabling applicants to attend some or all of the modules.

The dates for the STI modules are: May 14-18 (Module 1/2 – Epidemiology of STIs, Bacterial STIs, Sexual Health and Sexuality) The dates for the HIV and other viral infections Modules are: November 5-9 (Module 3/4 – HIV and other viral infections). Please email Dr Ngozi Dufty on ngozi.dufty@nhs.net for details.

**BASHH HIV Masterclass 2018**

The eagerly anticipated BASHH HIV Masterclass returns to Manchester from the 15-16th March 2018. Following on from the success of last year’s meeting, this Masterclass will include topical discussion on HIV prevention as well as providing practical advice/ethical debate on the management of patients with both acute and advanced HIV. This event is often highly subscribed and remains open to all healthcare professionals but is free for BASHH Members.

In order to avoid disappointment we recommend registering early. Please [click here](https://mailchi.mp/a2be2b18106b/bashh-newsletter-no-85-february-2018) for further information and registration for this meeting.

We look forward to welcoming you to the academic oasis of Trinity College Dublin in the centre of this friendly and bustling city, where we will host the IUSTI World + IUSTI Europe 2018 Congress in a university atmosphere, where the quadrangles will allow time for conversation and discussion. In choosing the theme "The Appliance of Science", we wish to emphasise the great practical advances that science has brought to our day-to-day clinical practice with patients, and to public health.
"Dublin will be Different". We plan a great and memorable congress, not only for the programme content, but also for meeting our colleagues and gaining new ideas and concepts. Dublin is a great city to visit - "2nd of Top Friendliest Cities". Ireland is a mecca for pre and post congress holidays.

BASHH Members receive a discount of €100 on the overall registration fee! Click the link to register

BASHH 21st Annual Conference for SAS Doctors Working in Sexual Health
Save the date! The annual SAS doctor conference is to be held on the 7th and 8th September 2018 at Keele University. The programme and registration will available on the BASHH website in April. The dates are confirmed so please book your study leave now! This conference aims to provide relevant and useful educational updates from eminent speakers and workshop facilitators. It is aimed at SAS doctors but doctors in training and GPs are also welcome.

NEPTUNE E-LEARNING MODULES NOW AVAILABLE
New free e-learning for clinical management of club drugs and novel psychoactive substances
The NEPTUNE project (Novel Psychoactive Treatment UK Network) is delighted to announce the publication of seven e-learning modules on the clinical management of harms associated with novel psychoactive substances (NPS) and club drugs. Building on the evidence-based NEPTUNE clinical guidance, the modules provide accessible and easy to use training for busy front-line clinicians. Upon successful completion of each module, you will receive a certificate. Developed in partnership with the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the modules use the College’s principles of Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

The modules are open access (free of charge)

Men’s Attitudes to Intimate Life (MAIL) study end-of-project event
Men’s Attitudes to Intimate Life (MAIL) study is the first research study to explore views about parenthood among gay and bisexual men living with HIV. Based on interviews with patients and healthcare practitioners, the study examines how considerations about having (or not having) children relate to other considerations about intimacy and the future of HIV-positive men.

To share the findings of our research, we are organising an end-of-project event, which will take place in Central London on Thursday, 29 March 2018. If you are interested in attending, please email Robert Pralat (rp422@cam.ac.uk). You can also follow us on Twitter (@mail_study).
Consultations

BHIVA standards – consultation now open
A complete draft of the new Standards is now available online for public consultation through to Tuesday 20 February 2018. We look forward to receiving your comments. We would like to hear your views and comments on the draft BHIVA Standards of Care for People Living with HIV 2018. These standards are an update to the BHIVA Standards of Care for People Living with HIV 2013.

The consultation is open until 1730 on Tuesday 20 February 2018.

BHIVA pregnancy guidelines are open for consultation
The BHIVA guidelines for the management of HIV infection in pregnant women 2018 are now open for public consultation to 1730 on Monday 19 February 2018. The overall purpose of these guidelines is to provide guidance on best clinical practice in the treatment and management of pregnant women living with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) in the UK and their infants. The scope includes guidance on the use of antiretroviral therapy (ART) both to prevent vertical transmission of HIV and for the welfare of the mother herself, guidance on mode of delivery and recommendations in specific patient populations where other factors need to be taken into consideration, such as co-infection with other agents. The guidelines are aimed at clinical professionals directly involved with, and responsible for, the care of pregnant women living with HIV.

UK national guideline of the sexual healthcare of MSM
The United Kingdom national guideline on the sexual health care of men who have sex with men is now published online in the International journal of STD &AIDS and on the BASHH website. The consultation process was completed in 2017 and the final document offers a comprehensive reference source on the assessment and care of MSM in sexual health services.

Many thanks to hardworking co-authors and those who provided feedback during the development process.

BIA UK NSC consultation open: chlamydia screening in pregnancy – responses to Anna Goodman by 9am 22-Feb-2018
The UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) has started a national consultation on chlamydia screening in pregnancy. As a current stakeholder, we thought that you might be interested in submitting a consultation response. More details of the consultation can be found on our website. We would welcome comments from you on the draft review which can be downloaded from the above hyperlink. Please be aware that all responses will be published on the website after the UK NSC makes its final
recommendation.

There is more information about the work and remit of the UK NSC at http://www.screening.nhs.uk/about. Our policy review process is described at http://www.screening.nhs.uk/policyreview, where you can also download a guide for stakeholders on engaging with the UK NSC’s policy review process. Please find above for your information, awareness and review. Responses / feedback back to anna.goodman@gstt.nhs.uk please by 9AM Thursday 22-Feb-2018.

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**Help Wanted**

**BASHH Genital Dermatology SIG**

**New committee members including a trainee representative.**

The GD SIG run two highly popular study days a year and are looking for replacement committee members who have time and energy to make a positive contribution.

If you are interested in joining us please write to the Chair, at christine.bates@rlbuht.nhs.uk with a summary of your interest in genital dermatology and what feel you could contribute to the group.

**Survey on Sexual Health and HIV prevention**

A research group at the University of Nottingham aims to collect information about the sexual practices of individuals in order to develop better prevention protocols for HIV. The information we collect will contribute to the development of a “morning after” medication for HIV prevention. The [questionnaire](#) should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Participants can in no way be identified.

We are very grateful for your important contribution to this research. Thank you for your time.

**Society of Apothecaries of London**

**Diploma in Genitourinary Medicine - Diploma in HIV Medicine**

Expressions of interest are sought from consultant educational / clinical supervisor physicians in Genitourinary (GU) Medicine or Infectious Diseases (ID) to become examiners for the Society of Apothecaries for either the:

a) Diploma in G-U Medicine or

b) Diploma in HIV Medicine.

As specialty trainees in GU Medicine require both Diplomas as part of their training, applicants must have relevant experience as clinical or educational supervisors in GU Medicine (for Dip GU Med or Dip HIV
Med), or in ID (for the Dip HIV Med).

Further details and a self-nomination form are available as follows:
G-U Med – examoffice@apothecaries.org
HIV Med - asstreg@apothecaries.org
The closing date for receipt by the Society of a self-nomination form and short CV is Tuesday 20 February 2018.

Provision of Vulval Pain clinics across the UK
Study on the provision of Vulval pain clinics across the UK. If you haven’t already completed this survey from the December newsletter, we are still collecting data, here it is again.

We are assessing the availability of clinics that are specifically for women experiencing Vulval Pain, in different Trusts across the UK. The data is being collected by a 4th year medical student as part of a research project at Brighton and Sussex Medical school in collaboration with The Horizon Clinic at Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals. If you are a clinician who provides care to women experiencing Vulval Pain please click on the link below to fill out a short questionnaire

BASHH hope that you like the new BASHH newsletter and would welcome your comments in order that we can make further improvements

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**Diary Dates**

**Sex and the law on Friday 16 February 2018 at the RSM, London**

**BASHH Scientific Meeting** 9 March 2018 at RSM, London

**STIF Competency Train the Trainer** 9 March in London

**BASHH HIV Masterclass 2018** 15-16 March in Manchester

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

**Edinburgh Clinical Research Methodology Course** 23-24 April 2018

**RCPE Symposium: Infectious Disease** 14 June 2018 at RCP, Edinburgh

**BASHH Genital Dermatology Plus Course** - 15 June 2018
RCP Annual Conference, Innovation in Medicine 2018 on Monday 25–Tuesday 26 June 2018 at ExCel London

IUSTI World Meeting 27-30 June 2018 in Dublin, Ireland

BASHH 21st Annual Conference for SAS Doctors Working in Sexual Health 7-8 September 2018 at Keele University

BASHH Scientific Meeting 28 September 2018 at the RSM, London

ISSTDR/IUSTI joint meeting in Vancouver 14—17 July 2019

The deadlines for newsletters in 2018, please make a note in your calendar to ensure that news items are received promptly

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