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BASHH Annual Review

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This is a stand-alone review that allows the individual Branches and Groups to highlight their activities over the year.
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Overview

President's report

Working as BASHH President has been an incredible privilege over the last 12 months, meeting so many members, working closely with advocates, third sector agencies and cross sector colleagues has been a delight. I am prouder than ever to belong to this amazing group of carers, thinkers and doers.

I would like to thank my incredible colleagues, BASHH officers, BASHH board, special interest groups, including all those delivering guidelines and standards whether that be in administrative, analytical or delivery work- you have all contributed and the organisation goes from strength to strength because of you all. I would also like to express my deep thanks to past presidents and in particular Dr John McSorley, immediate past president for all his help and guidance and continued work.

When I took up the post of President, I set the organisation three goals, which I talked about at the president's dinner in March 2022 and in my address to members that month. Firstly, and crucially, I want to press ahead with widening participation and inclusion across the organisation. We have more nurses than ever delivering roles within sexual health services and we must include and empower nurse colleagues to set their own path and direction within the organisation. This began with changes at annual conference and some changes to nurse membership fees and conference attendance. The journey is only just beginning, and we must press ahead. The same must also be said for health advisers, an unsung and critical part of the sexual health workforce whose role has been incredibly challenging over the last decade – we support you and we must ensure we platform your critical skills and knowledge. The same must be said for Specialty (SAS) doctors- they are a critical backbone for delivery and again we must ensure they are platformed and supported and enabled to take on additional roles. I predict that the SAS role will become ever more important and perhaps we will see changes in the entire structure for training and specialisation. Broader engagement from specialty trainees, non-speciality doctors and medical students has increased immeasurably with the development of STASHH, (Student and trainee Association for Sexual Health and HIV). The inauguration of the Racially Minoritised Communities Special Interest Group has challenged the organisation to move forward where care still is inadequate and inequitable. We are incredibly grateful for the passion and commitment of the Chair Dwayne-Wilson Hunt and colleagues. This work must now press ahead.

Secondly, I wanted to increase the professionalisation of the organisation. We ask members and affiliates to commit a huge amount of time and work in what is effectively their own time. In days gone by this was possible and worked to the benefit of both the organisation, to those delivering and the wider membership. This is no longer sustainable and reduces diversity across the membership and diverse involvement in the organisation. My plan has been, with the agreement of board and the wider membership, to identify roles that BASHH can support financially. Currently there have been no roles receiving remuneration in BASHH, no payments made to trusts to ensure time in job plans including for president and officer roles- those most heavily time demanding. We have begun by approving funding for 2 hours per week for the Clinical Standards Unit lead and this will follow with 2 hours per week of paid time for the Clinical Effectiveness Group lead. We have approved a programme of delivery for the social and digital media work. M and F health have been contracted to increase our reach and influence via social media. We have a social media strategy which aims to increase exposure of BASHH and drive the organisations objectives across professionals, students, service users, patient groups and aligned organisations and charities. We have also approved a contract with a

medical writing company who will plan and co-ordinate delivery of clinical guidance, including the management of each guideline development, searching medical literature, referencing and working with the Clinical Effectiveness Group lead and lead writers to deliver guidance in a timely way. This has been co-ordinated by Professor Margaret Kingston and Dr Craig Tipple and is approved by board. We will continue to look for ways we can improve the efficiency of the organisation and support colleagues to deliver this valuable work.

The third goal I set was to improve visibility of the organisation at a political level, BASHH must drive the recognition of the valuable work we do as an organisation. In order to meet our core objectives, BASHH must raise awareness of the value of this work, describe the scope of care services currently can deliver and where the gaps exist, define them and seek redress. BASHH has worked with colleagues within the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for HIV and AIDS and M and F health on widening our reach with policy makers and politicians, more closely than ever before. This year we have led BASHHs first major event within the Houses of Parliament and House of Lords, an event regarding the impact of Mpox (formerly known as Monkeypox) on PrEP delivery. We aim to increase this over the next 12-24 months. Planning ahead, we will plan events focussing on *Prevention* and another on *Workforce*. Our aim is to draw attention the many gains for patients by improving access to sexual health services with evidence informed service planning and delivery of care. *Prevention* will focus on antimicrobial resistance, Access to PrEP, Vaccination delivery and service access. *Workforce* will look at the needs of patients, the range of service needs and ensure that we develop a workforce plan that can robustly sustain the workload we need to deliver.

In addition, we have had a very challenging year as an organisation and a group of professionals within sexual health services. Increasing demands on services and rising STIs with further reductions in public health grants, Mpox outbreaks across the world starting in London was incredibly challenging. The first cases of Mpox, identified by GUM physicians in May 2022, came without warning, as outbreaks often do. Many services had to dramatically change delivery, with incredible pressure being placed on services and colleagues. In order to ensure good access to Mpox assessment and later roll out of vaccine delivery, colleagues worked tirelessly. Nationally, BASHH officers attended hundreds of hours of meetings advocating for patients and services. BASHH collaborated with valued partners, across the sector including public health, commissioners of services, Terrence Higgins Trust, National AIDS trust and the Local Government Association. We worked with UKHSA and NHSE, to support their knowledge around the challenges of this outbreak. There are still challenges ahead with regard Mpox, vaccination delivery and wider STI outbreaks.

BASHH continue to use BASHH bitesize to engage with membership, commenced by Dr John McSorley during the COVID pandemic. The collaboration with IUSTI has been an incredible success and feedback regarding those events has been fantastic. The annual conference in 2022 in Sheffield, led by Dr Chris Ward was a fantastic success. Wider events delivery has been better than ever which we look forward to building on in 2023.

Alongside the organisations plan to widen participation, I have sought to engage with aligned professionals across the sector and ensure all 4 nations within BASHH regions have equal opportunity to be represented. This was emphasized when the Mpox operational group began with colleagues from all over the four UK nations contributing, sharing expertise and knowledge. It was this collaborative energy that we will continue to harness over the coming challenges and continue to deliver better support to members. We thank colleagues in OHID, STI liaison within UKHSA and wider networks that have helped support delivery over that last year. We are aware of the incredible work these groups deliver to support sexual health services and will continue to work closely with these organisations over the coming years.

Finally, I must thank all members for your incredible work and dedication, I look forward to another year of supporting and delivering for the interests of our members to enable improving services and care for our service users.

Dr Claire Dewsnap
President

Treasurer's report

Financial Review

2020 was a financially challenging year for BASHH. As the result of COVID-19 lockdown, BASHH had to cancel all its training and educational events between February and September 2020. This has begun to be mitigated in 2021 through an increase of face to face activity and sponsorship. BASHH's income and expenditure have both increased in the year 2021-22.

As a result, BASHH made a surplus of £67,040.00 before net gains on investments (2021: surplus of £2,946 before net losses on investments) in the financial year ending on 31 July 2022.

Expenditure has increased from £476,564 in 2021 to £647,111.00 in 2022 due to a return to face-to-face events and workshops, with some increased support costs, as well as increased support during the Mpox outbreak.

Fixed asset investments performed less well in 21-22 than the year. The value decreased by £79,466.00, which overall brings BASHH to a deficit at year end of -£12,426 with a reported end funds of £1,932,414.

Principal Funding Sources

Income for the charity comes from investments, membership subscriptions, and educational events. Because of the charity's stable financial position, there are no proposals to increase membership fees although this will be considered in the next financial year.

At 31 July 2022, the charity has total reserves of £1,932,414 (2021: £1,944,840). This comprised of £4,150 (2021: £4,150) restricted reserves, £10,000 (2021: £10,000) endowment fund, and £1,918,264 (2021: £1,930,690) unrestricted reserves. Unrestricted reserves have decreased by £12,426 for year ending 131st July 2022 (compared to an increase of £248,180 in 2021).

Professor Matt Phillips
Treasurer

Clinical Governance Committee Review

Membership

Dr Rona MacDonald	Chair
Mr Hu Clarke	Secretary
Dr Noel Connolly	Cheshire and Merseyside BC
Dr Serish Basavaraj	East Anglia BC
Dr Jane Hussey	Northern BC
Dr Say Quah	N Ireland BC
Dr John Sweeney	NW BC
Dr Angela Bailey	Oxford BC
Dr Bridie Howe	Scotland BC
Dr Elizabeth Claydon	SW BC
Dr Rita Browne	Thames NE BC
Dr Dawn Friday	Thames NW BC
Dr Mark Pakianathan and	Thames SE BC
Dr Aseel Hegazi	
Dr Deborah Kirkham and Dr Malika Mohabeer	Thames SW BC
Dr Hayley Wood	Trent BC
Dr Laura Cunningham	Wales BC
Dr Sangeetha Sundaram	Wessex BC
Dr Lisa Goodall	W Midlands BC
Dr Natasha Astill	Yorkshire BC
Dr Lindsay Henderson	DIT Rep
Mr Hu Clarke	HA rep
Hasan Mohammad	Pharmacist rep
Mr Alan Haskell	Nurse rep
Dr Srinivasulu Narayana	SAS rep
Ex-officio members	
Claire Dewsnap	President
Kaveh Manavi	Vice President
Matt Phillips	Treasurer
David Phillips	General Secretary
Chris Ward	Conferences and Communication
Sophie Forsyth	Education Committee
Margaret Kingston	CEG
Vanessa Apea	NAG
David Phillips	Information group
Emma Fox	Mentoring group
Emily Clarke	Clinical Standards Unit
David Phillips	Web team

Objectives

This committee consists of regional representatives from all of 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 Advisers, 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.

- 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.

Significant activities/ Outputs 2021-2022

- The CGC met 4 times, 3 virtual and one face to face during Sheffield Spring conference.
- Prior to COVID-19 all meetings were face to face, on discussion with member's, agreement made to continue with virtual meetings and one face to face meeting during the Spring conference. This will hopefully reduce time burden on participants
- During meetings several governance problems discussed such as drug shortages, workforce issues, COVID-19 recovery and Mpox
- In addition to meeting there is a WhatsApp channel which is used to disseminate information quickly to members
- The CGC has developed Roles and Responsibilities for branch chairs and representatives with expected time required.
- The CGC is developing guidance with the Education Committee for chairs and representatives on how to organise meetings
- Funding for regional meeting continuing professional development (CPD) is now supported by BASHH
- The CGC has been an effective ongoing channel to disseminate intelligence and information between BASHH and its members rapidly on issues such as COVID-19 recovery, Mpox outbreak etc
- Ongoing development of contact details for each clinic

Future plans

- To support BASHH's commitment to equitable geographical provision of on-line services that support high standard face to face sexual health services
- To support BASHH to lead on the development of coherent holistic sexual health strategies for all four nations in the UK

- To provide training to all representatives on managing funds by BASHH Treasurer
- To support BASHH in assessing senior workforce numbers

Dr Rona MacDonald
Chair Clinical Governance Committee

Education committee review

Membership

Dr Sophie Forsyth	Chair
Dr Kanch Seneviratne	Secretary
Ms Ceri Evans	Health Advisor Representative
Dr Stuart Flanagan	HIV/BBV SIG Chair
Dr Georgina Morris	Dermatology SIG Chair
Dr Toni Masters	Doctors In Training Representative
TBC	Public Health SIG Co-Chair
Dr Chris Ward	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 Catherine Chima-Okereke	BHIVA/BASHH Mentoring Group Chairs
Prof Anna Maria Geretti	Journal Editor (STI)
Dr Jake Bayley	HPV SIG Chair
Dr Shalini Andrews	Sexual Dysfunction SIG Chair
Dr John Green	HSV SIG Co-Chair
Dr Matthew Grundy-Bowes	STI Foundation Committee Co-Chair
Prof Cathy Ison	Bacterial SIG Chair
Dr Lewis Lau	SAS Group Representative
Dr Kaveh Manavi	BASHH Vice President
TBC	GSM SIG
Dr Raj Patel	HSV SIG Co-Chair and RCP CPD Representative
Prof Matt Phillips	BASHH Treasurer
Dr Luciana Rubinstein	STI Foundation Committee Co-Chair
Dr David Phillips	BASHH General Secretary
Ms Jodie Crossman	SHAN SIG Chair
Dr Deb Wardle	Sexual Violence SIG Chair
Dr Mike Rayment	Journal Editor (Int Journal of STD & AIDS)
Dr Claire Dewsnap	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 brought new challenges in delivering education and training and our members have continued to adapt to teaching online ensuring that events are interactive and inclusive. We have started to

arrange more in-person events again this year as well as hybrid events while recognising the benefits in terms of accessibility of virtual meetings.

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, hybrid and in person such as Genital dermatology, SAS Doctors conference, HIV masterclasses and the Diplomas in GUM and HIV revision courses. A new Racially Minoritised Communities SIG has been established in the past year and has already been very productive contributing to several projects and leading a symposium at the spring conference.

Our trainee representative Dr Ellie Crook has continued to lead the Student and Trainee Association for Sexual Health and HIV (STASHH) to great achievement. 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 put on monthly webinars and also contributed to the Spring conference.

BASHH scientific meetings

The EC is responsible for providing regular Scientific meetings (BSM) 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 mostly been held virtually over the past year with one hybrid meeting in March with excellent attendance figures and good audience participation via chat.

In July 2021 there was a BASHH symposium at the online ISSTDR/IUSTI led by the NATSAL team. The virtual BASHH 2021 conference replaced the autumn BSM.

The January meeting was led by the dermatology and HIV/BBV SIGs with Prof Kevin Fenton receiving an Honorary Life Fellow Award and bringing the virtual house down with a truly inspiring speech. March saw our inaugural hybrid BSM with the Bacterial SIG and Public Health England informing and entertaining audiences both at the Royal Society of Medicine and many more around the UK and beyond on Zoom. 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.

Scholarships, Fellowships and Travel awards

The Education Committee continued to support the BASHH Educational Fellowships previously 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 UKHSA and other members of the Prison SIG. They will present their work at an upcoming BSM.

The Undergraduate Essay prize winners were Angharad Rose and Kathleen Rafferty and prizes were presented at the spring conference.

We look forward to ever more ingenious and exciting educational events in 2022-3 be they virtual, in person or hybrid.

Dr Sophie Forsyth
Education Committee Chair

Prizes and programmes

BASHH Undergraduate Prize Winners

Clinical prize

Sexual Violence in Conflict & the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health in Crisis Situations. An analysis of international data

Kathleen Rafferty, University of Bristol

Research Prize

Delayed blood test monitoring during the COVID-19 pandemic suggests that annual HIV viral load monitoring is safe in stable patients

Angharad Rose, University of Sheffield

Scientific programme

Virtual Scientific Meeting – 7 January 2022

Programme organised by the HIV & Derm SIGs

13:00-14:00	Delusional Parasitosis, Dr Steve Walker, London
14:00-14:50	Drug Reactions, Dr Jen Sharif, Manchester
14:50-15:20	Screening for Domestic Abuse in People Living with HIV, Dr Nadia Ahmed, London
15:20-15:30	Break
15.30-16:00	Honorary Life Fellow Award, Professor Kevin Fenton CBE MBBS (Hons) MSc PhD FFPH

Hybrid Scientific Meeting – 18 March 2022

Programme organised by the UKHSA & BSIG

13:00 Welcome Chair: Sophie Forsyth

BSIG

13:00-14:45 BSIG Chair Welcome and Introduction – Achyuta Nori

13:00-13:05	Non-candida vaginitis – Dr Kate Nambiar
13:05-13:20	Extensively Drug Resistant (XDR) Shigella sonnei outbreak in England– Prof Daniel Richardson
13:25-13:40	Disseminated gonococcal infections and Multi-drug resistant gonorrhoea – Dr Helen Fifer
13:45-14:00	Syphilis – the great masquerade – Dr Achyuta V Nori
14:05-14:20	BSIG app – Dr Frances Keane and Prof Cathy Ison

UKHSA

15:00-15:05	PHE Introduction - Katy Sinka, UKHSA
15.05-15.25	The HIV-STI syndemic: epidemiology of bacterial STI in gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men in England (2015-2019) - Dr Mateo Prochazka, UKHSA
15.25-15.45	Staging late latent syphilis: are we underestimating the burden of infectious syphilis among heterosexuals in England? A case study in the North West (BASHH fellowship talk) - Dr Ergul Kaide, Liverpool University Hospital Foundation Trust
15.45-16.05	Changes to the National Chlamydia Screening Programme, and a focus on re-testing - Simon Walker, UKHSA
16.05-16.25	An update on the PrEP Impact Trial - John Saunders
16.25-16.45	update on RiISH-COVID survey 4: STI/HIV risk behaviour, testing and testing need among MSM after the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in late July 2021 - Jack Brown, UCL
16.45	Close – Sophie Forsyth

Named Groups

BASHH/FSRH Integrated Information Group

Membership

Dr David Phillips	(Co-chair, BASHH)
Dr Evelyn Kerr	(Co-chair FRSR)
Dr Jonathan Shaw	(BASHH Rep. & EPR lead)
Dr Asha Kasliwal	(FSRH Rep.)
Dr Anatole Menon-Johansson	(BASHH Rep.)
Dr Achyuta Nori	(BASHH Rep.)
Dr Rona MacDonald	(BASHH Rep.)
Dr Usha Kumar	(FSRH Rep.)
Dr Nathan Acladius	(FSRH Rep.)
Dr Susannah Hall	(FSRH Rep.)
Mr Cuong Chau	(UKHSA HARS)
Mr Hamish Mohammed	(UKHSA GUMCAD)
Mr Stephen Duffell	(UKHSA GUMCAD)
Ms Stephanie Michelsen	(UKHSA GUMCAD)

Ms Ana Karina Harb	(UKHSA GUMCAD)
Ms Kate Thurland	(UKHSA)
Ms Helen Leake	(UKHSA)
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, UKHSA and other agencies regarding information issues to achieve best outcomes for both patients, the public 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 2021-2022

- The Group met on 3 occasions during 2021-22
- The Group responded to the Mpox virus outbreak by liaison with services and UKHSA to develop and rapidly deploy intuitive and practical Mpox activity and diagnostic codes: these pave the way for accurate capture of epidemiology data, vaccine roll-out, but also service provision that can be aligned with tariff algorithms.
- The Group advised UKHSA around the messaging and communications with services regarding use of patient identifying information (PII) on Mpox laboratory request documents in order to patients' wider sexual health status and tests.
- The Group have advised DHSC on the further reworking of the consensus statement for confidentiality in Sexual Health Services (following the lapse of the NHS STI regulations).

- The Group advised UKHSA on the development of patient information leaflets which detail how their personal data is managed both within services and when anonymised for national surveillance reporting.
- The Group reviewed the Scottish tissue and cells donation service (TCAT) and considered issues of confidentiality and information governance relating to sexual health patients and services. This culminated in a set of best practice recommendations produced by the joint information group and submitted to TCAT.
- The Group have responded to numerous questions posed by BASHH members regarding data management, information governance and statutory reporting for sexual health services.
- The Group have considered matters of relevance to GUM Clinics, SRH clinics and Integrated Services in relation to statutory reporting including GUMCAD, SRHAD and HARS.
- The Group have advised UKHSA on matters arising including GUMCAD and HARS
- The Sexual Health – EPR (Electronic Patient Record) working group has continued to develop the standardised specification for EPR and launched a national survey to evaluate sexual healthcare practitioners' experience of EPR systems.

Future plans

- To continue to work closely with members of the FSRH, National Institute for Health Protection, UKHSA, 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 and iteratively develop it.

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

Clinical Effectiveness Group

Membership

From September 2020 the membership of the group (CEG) is:

Dr Ade Apoola
 Dr Amy Evans
 Dr Helen Fifer
 Dr Sarah Flew
 Ms Alison Grant
 Dr Deepa Grover
 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
- To produce patient information leaflets to support application of the guidelines.
- To liaise 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.
- To 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 choices 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 pandemic and this year have all but one has taken place virtually via Microsoft teams, with one a blended face to face and virtual meeting.
- 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 has proven helpful. This year we have developed a proposal to BASHH for further support from a medical writing company which we hope to gain approval for and implement in the coming year
- BASHH has been a NICE accredited guideline producer since the scheme was introduced. In 2021 we achieved full re-accreditation. This year NICE have informed us of their intention to stop this accreditation scheme.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021-2022

- Maintenance of the BASHH guideline portfolio including co-produced guidelines with key external stakeholders including BHIVA and FSRH
- Ongoing liaison with stakeholders
- Ongoing input into the BASHH annual conference; guidelines session
- Guidelines completed since last report:
 - 2021 BASHH guidelines for the management of *Trichomonas vaginalis*
 - 2021 BASHH guidelines for the management of anogenital *Molluscum Contagiosum*
 - The BASHH Position Statement on Doxycycline as Prophylaxis for Sexually Transmitted Infections (2021 update)

Future plans

- Ongoing maintenance of the BASHH guideline portfolio including new guidelines and collaborations with stakeholders, updating guidelines in a prompt manner.
- Further development of our methodology including support from a medical writing company.

- Please direct all enquiries offering help with producing the BASHH guidelines or feedback to Margaret.kingston@mft.nhs.uk

Professor Margaret Kingston
Clinical Effectiveness Group Chair

Clinical Standards Unit (CSU)

No report submitted (11/2022)

Conference & Communications Group

Membership

Dr Chris Ward	Conference and communication chair
Dr Anne Oliver	SAS Rep
Dr Luke Cannon	Doctor in training Rep
Dr Daisy Ogbonmwan	RMC SIG Rep
Ms Ceri Evans	HA Rep
Ms Jodie Crossman	Nurse Rep

Objectives

- To deliver annual national conference
- To deliver joint FSRH/BASHH conference annually
- To support other conferences significant to BASHH
- To support BASHH column in STI journal

Significant activities

- Delivered first face to face annual conference since the pandemic
 - 20-22nd June
- Delivered virtual annual Joint BASHH/FSRH conference
 - 6th April
- Supported RCGP with GUM/HIV webinar
 - 21st July
- Supported IUSTI with webinars over the year, especially around Mpox

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021-22

- **BASHH conference**
 - Total attendees: 550
 - 44 speakers, 126 posters and 47 oral presentations
 - Surplus share from sponsorship/registration: £22,778.77
 - Evaluation: All talks average feedback rated as either very good or excellent. (66% rated as excellent)

- Role within the conference committee in organising the annual BASHH conference.
- Increasing collaboration with the BHIVA DiT representative and HIV Trainees Association (HIVTA).

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021-22

- National virtual teaching days held in September 2021, February 2022 with another planned for 28th September 2022. Feedback has been well received with trainees' preferring the use of Zoom platform to the PGVLE platform which contained issues with logins/registration for trainees and speakers.
- Plan to re-establish the face-to-face Doctors in Training Day prior to the BASHH conference in June 2022 with only a single virtual teaching day remaining for that calendar year. Will be discussed at GUM Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) in November 2022. Note it is non-compulsory for trainees to attend.
- Followers on the @BASHH_trainees Twitter account continue to increase with sustained promotion of recruitment events and relevant courses.
- STASHH continuing to grow with new committee members. Request of their committee for the BASHH DiT representative to join and lead on the mentoring arm accepted. A decision was made at BASHH board for the incumbent DiT representative to feedback to board concerning STASHH.
- Twenty-three current GUM trainees are current mentors within STASHH with forty pre-speciality doctors contacted to establish a mentoring relationship.
- The DiT representative and other trainees have continued to engage with the development of the new GUM curriculum with a curriculum matching document produced to aid gap analyses.
- A WhatsApp group of all dual-accrediting trainees nationally has been created to discuss ideas and challenges of GIM training in the new curriculum which will be feedback to stakeholders at SAC.
- Incumbent DiT representative part of the BASHH conference in June 2022 committee with the expectation that this is will be on ongoing role for future representatives.

Future plans

- Re-establish face-to-face DiT teaching day around annual BASHH conference
- Maintain an annual virtual national teaching day organised by two host deaneries.
- Continue close involvement with STASHH with the DiT representative expected to contribute to meetings and partake in workshops and projects where appropriate.

Dr Luke Cannon
Doctor in Training Representative

Media Group

No report submitted (11/22)

National Audit Group

Membership

- Dr Vanessa Apea Chair
- Vacancy Secretary
- Dr Ann Sullivan Vice Chair
- Dr Hilary Curtis Audit Co-ordinator

Objectives

- To produce and manage 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
- To respond to requests for national audits by the British Association of Sexual Health and HIV
- To specify 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 HIV post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) pathways completed in liaison with BASHH PEP Group
- Visioning meeting and process to review the future structure and function of the National Audit Group (NAG)
- Proposal to BASHH Board for renewal of the clinical audit co-ordinator role following the planned retirement of the current co-ordinator at the end of 2022
- Liaison with Clinical Effectiveness Group and reviewing and advising on auditable outcomes for inclusion in BASHH guidelines on sexual assault
- Ongoing liaison with the UK Health Security Agency (formerly Public Health England) and National Chlamydia Screening Programme
- Liaison with the LUSTRUM project regarding piloting of proposed new partner notification audit measures

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- Presentation of PEP audit findings and NAG progress and future vision at 2022 BASHH conference
- Dissemination of individualised reports from PEP audit to participating services
- Publication of findings of the 2019 national audit of timelines to be seen, test results and treatment for chlamydia in the *International Journal of STD & AIDS*
- Findings of 2020 national audit of management of gonorrhoea submitted for publication

Future plans

- National audit of management of *Mycoplasma genitalium* infection originally planned for 2020 but postponed to October/November 2022 due to impact of COVID-19 pandemic
- 2023 national audit of clinic attenders not tested for HIV
- Mapping of key topics for audit based on the HIV Action Plan, BASHH standards, Sexual Health Strategy and PrEP Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, as well as BASHH guidelines

Dr Vanessa Apea
National Audit Group Chair

Public Health Group

No report submitted (11/22)

Public Panel

Membership

Dr Patrick French, Chair.

Dr Jennifer Dhingra, Secretary.

Third Sector Organisation Representatives:

The African Advocacy Foundation (London)

Trade Sexual Health (Leicester)

The Terrence Higgins Trust

National AIDS Trust

Brook

FPA: The Sexual Health Company

The Herpes Viruses Association

Sexpression

BHA for Equality / BHA Skyline (Manchester / Leeds)

Sex with a Difference (Dorset)

Positive East (London)

Association for Lichen Sclerosus and Vulval Health

NAZ

Blackbeetle Health (Manchester)

Enhance the UK (Brighton)

Six lay members.

Professional members:

BASHH CEG

Sexual Health Advisers

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 this year. It has continued to increase and diversify its membership. Three new third sector organisations have joined or re-joined the panel – NAZ. Blackbeetle Health and Enhance the UK. Three new lay members have joined the panel.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021-22

The panel has provided feedback on five clinical guidelines and two patient information leaflets. It also contributed to the BASHH social media strategy and the response of BASHH to the Health Unlocked website.

The research panel has now resumed and has provided lay in-put and assessment of several research proposals.

The panel organised and led highly successful sessions at the BASHH conferences in October 2021 and June 2022. In June 2022 the issues addressed in the session were community perspectives on: the importance of sexual pleasure; sex and disability; resources for racially minoritised communities; communication regarding herpes simplex.

Future plans

The panel will continue to provide a community and lay perspective to the work of BASHH. The panel will become more involved in commenting on and helping to shape the BASHH social media strategy.

The public and patient session has become established as a part of every BASHH Annual Conference and the panel has started planning next year's session.

Dr Patrick French
BASHH Public Panel Chair

Revalidation Group

Membership

Dr Janet Wilson RCP Revalidation Advisor for Genitourinary Medicine

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

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021-22

- In April 2022 the GMC gave an update on revalidation for doctors and changes to the notice period in view of the on-going pressures on the profession and the health services and that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic will be felt for a long time.
- In order to support doctors to prepare for revalidation, the GMC is extending the routine notice period given ahead of their submission date from four to 12 months. The change will give responsible officers

the flexibility to submit a recommendation to revalidate a doctor up to 12 months before their submission date and support doctors to revalidate when they are ready.

- Appraisal remains an important foundation stone of revalidation and the GMC expect it to take place annually.
- In June 2022 the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges introduced the Medical Appraisal Guide 2022 (MAG 2022). It replaces the 'Appraisal 2020' process created for the flexible restart of appraisals during COVID-19.
- It builds on the successes of Appraisal 2020, but no longer focuses on the pandemic – instead asking what the impact of the period since the last appraisal has been. In response to what doctors said they valued, it is a return to a more formative and developmental discussion, with less documentary requirements, and an opportunity to talk about health and wellbeing if they wish.
- The GMC has confirmed that these appraisals are consistent with existing GMC guidance for appraisal and revalidation.

Relevant questions and answers on the GMC website are:

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. This includes the pandemic.*

Do I need to do anything differently because of the change to revalidation notice periods?

- *No. You should continue to engage as normal, by collecting the required supporting information and reflecting on it at your annual appraisals. When you are ready to revalidate and your responsible officer has reviewed the information required to make a recommendation, they will submit it to us by your submission date.*

What revalidation date will I be given when I revalidate?

- *When we approve your responsible officer's recommendation, you will be given a new revalidation date five years from the date of your previous revalidation date. This will have the effect of extending your next revalidation cycle if you revalidate early in your notice period.*

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. 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.*

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

SAS Doctors Group

Membership

Dr Helen Mullan	Chair
Dr Kajal Verma	Secretary & Conference Committee
Dr Anne Oliver	Financial Officer & Conference Committee (Chair)
Dr Karl Hollows	Database
Dr PN Sashidharan	BASHH Board
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 Sanjiva Dharmaratne	
Dr Georgina Forbes	
Dr Neil Lazaro	
Dr Hannah Leng	
Dr Sophie Nicholls	FSRH SAS Lead
Dr Soosan Romel	FSRH Representative
Dr Rachel Sacks	
Dr Rizwaan Sheriff	
Dr Helen Sherrey	

Objectives

- To represent the professional interests of 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

- The BASHH SAS Doctors' 24th Annual Conference 2021 was delivered virtually on 10th & 11th September 2021. It attracted 190 delegates – 79 (41%) of whom were non-BASHH members.
- Ninety-six per cent of delegates rated the overall quality of education as 4 or 5 (of possible 5) and 91% reported that they would modify their practice as a result of attending.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- Publication: Sherrey H, Forbes G, Mullan H. Room for a Specialist? International Journal of STD & AIDS. 2022;33(7):731-733. doi:[10.1177/09564624221100068](https://doi.org/10.1177/09564624221100068)
- Poster: BASHH Annual Conference, June 2022. National audit of Syphilis management and Impact of COVID-19. Dr Kajal Verma. Affiliations: BASHH SAS Group, BASHH National Audit Group

Future plans

- BASHH SAS Doctors' 25th Annual Conference 2022 will be delivered as a hybrid, with Leicester as the venue

Dr Helen Mullan
SAS Group Chair

STI Foundation & Competency Group

Membership

Dr Matthew Grundy-Bowers	Committee Co-Chair (competencies) - outgoing
Dr Luciana Rubinstein	Committee Co-Chair (theory) - outgoing
Dr Sarah Edwards	Committee Chair - incoming
Ms Jodie Crossman	Committee Deputy Chair – incoming
Dr Nick Theobald	Executive Post
Dr Ramona Malek	e-portfolio lead
Dr Andrew De Burgh Tomas	Honorary Treasurer
Dr Emile Morgan	Sexual Health Consultant
Dr Johnny Boylan	Sexual Health Consultant
Dr Ushan Andrady	Sexual Health Consultant
Dr Jessica Daniel	Sexual Health Consultant
Dr Rita Browne	Sexual Health Consultant
Mrs Cheryl Marfo	Nurse representative
Ms Hayley Berry	Pharmacy representative
Dr Tim Girling	SAS Doctors representative
Dr Richard Ma	Primary Care representative
Dr Joseph Heskins	Trainee representative
Dr Jenny Heathcote	FSRH representative – outgoing
Ms Jessica Ronan	Physician Associate representative – incoming
Ms Jen Kendrick	NHIVNA-STI Foundation Intermediate/Advanced competency lead/NHIVNA representative
Mr Brad Sewell	Physician Associate representative / STI Foundation fundamental competency lead - outgoing
Ms Ceri Evans	Health adviser competency lead/HA representative
Mrs Naomi Goodhand	Intermediate competency lead
Ms Emma Collins	Advanced competency lead
Mr Jonathan Roberts	NHIVNA-STI Foundation Intermediate/Advanced competency lead
Dr Rona McDonald	Integrated competency lead
Ms Eleni Kousti	Gateway competency lead
Dr Adam Black	Non-medical prescribing symposium lead
Dr Ellie Crook	Academic link
Vacant	Webmaster

Objectives

- The STI Foundation committee will be responsible for promoting best clinical practice.
- The STI Foundation members will be responsible for reviewing and/or producing STI Foundation theory and STI Foundation competencies content under the guidance of the STI Foundation committee
- At the request of Education Committee or its officers, the STI Foundation committee should provide advice on, or development of, educational materials for target groups such as undergraduates, postgraduates, other health professionals and the public

- The STI Foundation should hold educational events as relevant to its product development and in discussion with the members of the education committee.

Significant activities

- Co-created and took through approval the STI Foundation terms of reference
- Assigned and recruited to new roles within the committee, including a new chair and deputy chair
- Celebrated the STI Foundation 21st anniversary at an event with course directors and trainers during the BASHH National Conference
- Updated the STI Foundation Course material following review of feedback from participants and course directors and faculty
- Organised a second virtual national course, attended by 30 participants
- The STI Foundation Executive, Dr Nick Theobald, directed the first course for BUPA, with the participation of general practitioners and health care assistants
- Continued to move all products to e-portfolio
- Significant revision of NHIVNA-STIF *Core*, which has been rebranded NHIVNA-STIF *Intermediate*
- Updating STI Foundation-NHIVNA pathway
- Working with BSIG to create a set of new competencies for microscopy
- Created and started to pilot the new STI Foundation Gateway competency for entry level nurses and healthcare assistants
- Revised STI Foundation Fundamental to become a competency-based assessment, rather than an OSCE based assessment
- Led the work between the FSRH and NHIVNA for the Advanced Clinical Practitioner credentialing pilot
- Working with University of Greenwich for academic 'tariff' to allow trainees having completed STI Foundation products to gain academic credits for their learning to be used towards a masters' level award

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- Significant improvement in income

Future plans

- To embed the new structure of the committee
- To launch the joint BSIG/STI Foundation microscopy competencies
- To continue the promotion of e-portfolio and of the STI Foundation Programme with the support of M&F Health
- To launch credentialing of ACPs through the joint curriculum and credentialing committee between BASHH, FSRH, & NHIVNA

Dr Matthew Grundy-Bowers
STI Foundation Committee co-chair (Competencies)
Dr Luciana Rubinstein
STI Foundation Committee Co-Chair (theory)

STI & HIV Course

No report submitted (11/2022)

Special interest Groups (SIGs)

No report submitted (11/2022)

Adolescent Group

No report submitted (11/2022)

Bacterial Group

Membership

Professor Catherine Ison	London (Chair)
Dr Suneeta Soni	Brighton (co-chair elect)
Dr John Saunders	London (co-chair elect)
Dr Rachel Drayton	Cardiff (secretary, webmaster)
Dr Achyuta Nori	London, scientific meeting organiser
Dr Sheel Patel	London, Treasurer
Dr Elizabeth Claydon	Barnstaple
Dr Michelle Cole	London
Dr Claire Dewsnap	Sheffield
Dr Rachel Drayton	Cardiff
Dr Helen Fifer	London
Dr Emma Harding-Esch	London
Ms Victoria Miari	London
Ms Alice Pickering	Brighton
Ms Rachel Pitt	London
Dr Amanda Samarawickrama	Plymouth

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 Paddy Horner and Frances Keane stood down from the group; both were founder members of the Bacterial SIG and contributed to multiple projects over many years. Dr Keane was secretary for over 10 years. Both will be sorely missed.
- Dr Sunhil Maharjan also left the group.
- Two meetings of the Bacterial SIG took place on 14 September 2021 and 15 March 2022. Additional meetings were held to discuss the succession planning for the BSIG leadership team. All meetings were held virtually.
- Continuation of work streams to raise awareness of the Position statement on Inappropriate use of Multiplex testing platforms and suboptimal use of antibiotic treatment regimens.
- Organisation of sessions at a number of conferences in 2021/22.
- Joint scientific meeting organised between BSIG and UKSHA on 18 March 2022.
- Launch of responsive website and App on Microscopy of STIs.
- Response to requests from BASHH to review various documents.
- Updating of BSIG website.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021-22

- Succession planning for the leadership of the Bacterial SIG took place throughout the year and Dr Rachel Drayton became secretary in March 2022 and Drs Suneeta Soni and John Saunders agreed to co-chair the group from March 2023.
- Work continued to raise awareness of the Position statement on Inappropriate use of Multiplex testing platforms and suboptimal use of antibiotic treatment regimens, previously published on the [BASHH website](#). It is ongoing within the work streams; Core group (with oversight of all work streams), Guidance and Standards, Evidence, Patient and Public engagement, Political engagement and Dialogue with services.
- The statement was introduced and discussed at a BASHH Bitesize session in February 2022. The background was given by Dr Suneeta Soni, and then a series of short presentations were given by Dr Ellie Clarke (Online testing providers), Dr Liz Okecha (Online pharmacies), Dr Achyuta Nori (CEG guidance), Simon Whaley (Political engagement) and was concluded with a panel discussion on next steps.
- Dr Emma Harding-Esch gave a presentation entitled 'Ensuring safe and quality patient care in the era of online testing and treatment providers for sexually transmitted infections in Great Britain' at the Julius Schachter International Symposium on Human Chlamydial Infections in June 2022.
- Two manuscripts were accepted for publication.
 - Clarke E, Horner PJ, Muir P, *et al* Assessment of online self-testing and self-sampling service providers for sexually transmitted infections against national standards in the UK in 2020 *Sexually Transmitted Infections* Published Online First: 12 April 2022. doi: 10.1136/sextrans-2021-055318
 - Okecha E, Boardman E, Patel S, Morgan E. Online prescribing for sexually transmitted infections – what's on offer? An evaluation of internet pharmacies based in the United Kingdom medRxiv 2021.11.27.21266931

- Publication of the updated Position statement on Doxycycline as Prophylaxis for Sexually Transmitted Infections in November 2021 and subsequent work to raise awareness of the recommendations:
 - Session delivered by Drs Suneeta Soni and John Saunders on STI prophylaxis at the STI Journal symposium during BASHH annual conference 2022 in June.
 - Publication of BASHH column in STI journal highlighting the updated position statement: Kohli M, Medland N, Fifer H, Saunders J. BASHH updated position statement on doxycycline as prophylaxis for sexually transmitted infections. *Sexually Transmitted Infections* 2022;98:235-236.
- The BSIG delivered a session at the October 2021 virtual BASHH conference. It was chaired by Dr Emma Harding-Esch with contributions from Dr John Saunders (Update on the new NCSP) and Rachel Pitt (Homotypic/genotypic AMR and chlamydia) followed by a debate 'Abandoning the two-week window period for testing for Chlamydia'. Dr Paddy Horner spoke for and Dr Achyuta Nori spoke against the motion.
- A session entitled 'Hot Topics in STIs' was delivered at the Federation of Infection Society (FIS) in November 2021 on behalf of BASHH. It was chaired by Professor Catherine Ison and included talks by Professor Jonathan Ross (Gonorrhoea resistance and an update on management approaches), Dr Achyuta Nori (Syphilis masquerading as malignancy), Dr Helen Fifer (Congenital syphilis: an update) and Dr Mike Rayment (Treatment challenges in symptomatic *Mycoplasma genitalium* infection). FIS targets infectious disease consultants outside the STI speciality. There were 243 people online.
- The BASHH scientific meeting in March 2022 was organised jointly between the BSIG and UKHSA. The BSIG session was organised and chaired by Dr Achyuta Nori with contributions from Dr Kate Nambiar (Non-candida vaginitis), Dr Daniel Richardson (Multi-drug resistant *Shigella spp.*) and Dr Helen Fifer (Disseminated gonococcal infections and Multi-drug resistant gonorrhoea). The BSIG website and App on Microscopy of STIs was formally launched by Professor Catherine Ison and Dr Frances Keane and is now available through the BASHH website and can be accessed through a browser (website: bsigmicro.org) or Apple App store/Playstore for tablet or phone (bsigmicro App). The first quarter shows the total website users were 2546 and there were 182 App downloads (49 Android, 133 Apple)
- Continual review and updating of the [Bacterial SIG webpage](#) with links to the Position statements.
- The Microscopy course has not restarted since the pandemic. Re-organisation to identify a suitable format and venue for any face to face teaching was discussed and is ongoing

Future plans

- Transfer of the chair of the BSIG will take place in March 2023.
- Continue to raise awareness of issues raised in both Position statements.
- Arrange meetings to follow up with key stakeholders and prepare clear options appraisal about key pieces of work around delivery of the Position statement on inappropriate testing platforms and treatment of STIs.
- Explore embedding a question about use of antimicrobial treatment for STI prophylaxis into routine consultations and consider an audit.
- Contribute to scientific sessions at various meetings including Federation of Infection Society and IUSTI Europe in September 2022.
- Publication of BASHH column on BSIG activities.

- Continue ongoing discussions with the STI Foundation course to explore producing competencies for Microscopy for STIs.
- Further promotion of the BSIG website/App will continue, particularly for teaching purposes.

Professor Catherine Ison
Chair Bacterial Special Interest Group

Genital Dermatology Group

Membership

Dr Georgina Morris	Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV - Chair
Dr Sarah Edwards	Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV - Secretary
Dr Imali Fernando	Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV - Treasurer
Dr Parameswaran Sashidharan	Specialty Doctor in Sexual Health - Web master
Dr Serish Basvaraj	Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV
Dr Hannah Yeend-Curd Trimble	ST5 in Sexual Health and HIV Trainee Representative
Dr Komal Plaha	Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV
Dr Jill Pritchard	Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV
Dr Ben Goorney	Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV
Dr Lisa Haddon	Consultant in Sexual Health and Dermatology
Dr Sarah Schoeman	Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV
Ms Paula Chaplin	Lead Nurse in Genital Pain and Dermatology (Joined March 2022)
Ms Fabia Brackenbury	Lay member

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

Guidelines

BASHH Molluscum contagiosum management guideline published

Genital Dermatology Surveys:

- For SIG members – in depth evaluation of numbers and types of patients ‘attending’ with genital dermatology conditions on two dates in Sept 2021.
Included questions about commissioning and changes to services since COVID-19 and impact on Genital Dermatology provision
- Shorter survey circulated to Clinical Leads via BASHH newsletter to give a national picture in Jan/Feb 2022.

- Data currently being analysed – plan to present at next years' BASHH Conference

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021-2

- **BASHH Scientific meeting** – Jan 7th 2022 (joint with HIV/BBV SIG). Dr Jen Sharif spoke on Acute Drug reactions (arranged by Genital Dermatology SIG). Well attended with good feedback
- **Virtual Genital Dermatology Plus Course** (on Zoom) – held on Friday 19th Nov 2021
 - All day meeting (9am to 4.30pm, 6 CPD RCP points approved)
 - 307 registered delegates (not including SIG members) – Largest ever audience for a non-conference BASHH event
 - Range of Speakers – Consultants and Academics – all recognised national or international specialists – mostly Dermatologists, 2 dermatopathologists, one Oral medicine specialist, Urologist – talking about PeIN and penile cancer
 - Introduced a trainee presentation session for the first time
 - Feedback received has been very positive

Future plans

- **11th Genital Dermatology Basics Course** – planned for Friday 2nd Dec 2022 - half day virtual course. Follow up practical workshops are planned for Spring 2023
- **Guidelines:**
 - Scabies – plan for revised BASHH guideline with Dermatology and Public health input
 - Pubic lice – update in progress
 - Balanitis – re-write post CEG review in progress (needed greater Dermatology and Urology input).

Dr Georgina Morris
Chair Genital Dermatology Special Interest Group

HIV & Blood Borne Virus (BBV) Group

Membership

Dr Stuart Flanagan	Chair & Treasurer
Dr Elizabeth Okecha	Secretary
Mrs Justine Mellor	Nurse Rep
Dr Deborah Goode	SAS Rep
Dr Joseph Heskin	Trainee Rep BBV
Dr Laura Waters	BHIVA Chair
Dr Susan Cole	Community Rep
Dr Melissa Chowdhury	ID Trainee Rep
Dr Julia Bilinska	Trainee Rep HIV
Mrs Portia Jackson	HIV Pharmacy Association Rep
Mr. Phil Samba	Community Rep

Dr Emma Page
Dr Monique Anderson
Dr Tristan Barber
Prof Fiona Burns
Dr Ian Cormack
Dr Gail Crowe
Dr Lisa Hamzah
Dr Liz Hamlyn
Dr Charlotte Hopkins
Dr Babu Kulasegaram
Dr Nicky Mackie
Dr Harri Lloyd-Williams
Dr Kaveh Manavi
Dr Anatole Menon-Johansson
Dr Rebecca Metcalfe
Prof Mark Nelson
Dr Rasha Omer
Prof Mary Poulton
Dr Killian Quinn
Prof Nicola Steedman
Dr Ann Sullivan
Dr Christopher Ward

Hepatitis Lead

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
- Providing education in the form of the following three main events:
- HIV Masterclass (annual)
- Dip HIV revision course (led by us annually; course is biannual and supported by BHIVA annually also)
- OGM (in conjunction with the GSM SIG)
- Fundraising for the SIG
- Comment on external consultations related to HIV and BBV on behalf of BASHH

Significant activities Aug 2021-Aug 2022

Membership

- 7 new members (6 x HIV/GU Cons, 1 x SpN) have joined the SIG since June 2022.
- Dr Chris Ward stepped down as Treasurer in January 2022.
- Call out for a new treasurer has unfortunately not seen any response from within the SIG. Stuart Flanagan has taken on this duty in addition to chair temporarily. We may call out to the wider BASHH membership for interest in the Treasurer role.
- Secretary Liz Okecha is taking a temporary break from duties for 6 months from September 2022. Her role will be covered by Dr Julian Bilinska (HIV Trainee rep).

Education

- BASHH Masterclass Lite 2021 x 4 evenings on 9th - 30th September
 - 4 x weekly sessions on Thursday evenings via Zoom
 - 125 registered attendees
 - Updates on HIV and COVID-19/Menopause/Pregnancy/Ethics
 - Sponsored by Gilead/MSD/Viiv
- vBASHH slot October 2021
 - 1 hour, Joe HesKin update on PrEP access for armed forces (20 mins)
 - (40-minute slot with RMC SIG on engagement)
- DIP HIV Revision Course January 2022
 - organised by Dr Chris Ward and Dr Babu Kulasegaram – switched to virtual in light of high COVID-19 levels.
- BASHH Masterclass 2022
 - Virtual 2-day event 10-11 March 2022
 - Sponsored by Gilead/MSD/Viiv
 - Topics included: Metabolic Syndrome, Viral hepatitis, OIs, Frailty, Pregnancy, Resistance
 - Feedback: 98% rated good, very good or excellent meeting (60% excellent).
 - CPD successfully applied for.
- BASHH Conference 2022: HIV-BBV SIG represented by Dr Liz Okecha on HIV Symposium panel regarding engagement in care.
- HIV masterclass Lite Virtual Meeting 16th September 2022
 - Was planned to be F2F but switched to virtual in light of train strikes
 - 120 registered attendees, 65 attending on the day.
 - Sponsored by Gilead/MSD/Viiv
 - Topics included Mpox & HIV, Adolescent Health, IPV and Domestic Abuse, Bone health.
 - Feedback awaited.
 - CPD applied for.

National Strategies Statements

- Hep Delta Update - NICE Appraisal for Bulevirtide, stakeholder statement submitted with input from SIG members: Prof Mark Nelson, Dr Emma Page and Prof Monique Andersson
- Gamete Donation NAT Statement and Petition

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- See above

Future plans

- Appoint new Treasurer (may advertise outside of SIG to rest of BASHH)
- F2F HIV Masterclass at Sheffield Hilton 16/17th March 2023
- BASHH Dip GUM revision Day December 2022 or January 2023

Dr Stuart Flanagan
Chair HIV-BBV Special Interest Group

Herpes simplex virus (HSV) Group

Membership of SIG or committee.

Dr Raj Patel	Chair
Dr John Green	Co-chair
Dr Roberta Brum	
Dr Emily Clarke	
Dr Elizabeth Foley	
Dr Dornubari Lebari	
Ms Marion Nicholson	Herpes Virus Association (HVA)
Ms Felicity Young	Nurse Consultant

Objectives

- To provide expert input into HSV management guidelines, education programs and educational materials

Significant activities

- The SIG meets infrequently and completes its tasks principally through Teleconferences.
- During the last year members of the SIG contributed to updating the e-LfH genital ulceration modules
- The SIG is planning an OSM (Spring 2023)
- Members continue to deliver the BASHH Advanced STI HSV course
- The Herpes in Pregnancy Guideline (Joint Guideline with the RCOG) is currently being updated (2022)
- The BASHH Guideline on the Management of Genital Herpes (2022) has been completed
- Members are working on the IUSTI GH Guideline 2023
- Members completed a mystery shopping audit of access of patients to services with initial episode GH (presented BASHH 2022)

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021-22

- Update of Guidelines for BASHH GH and RCOG guideline of Guideline in Pregnancy

Dr Raj Patel
Chair HSV Special Interest Group

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Group

Membership

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

Objectives

- Improving knowledge of HPV, its clinical sequelae and advice on vaccination.

Significant activities

- Updated a FAQ for health care professionals around HPV epidemiology, transmission, testing and treatment of clinical manifestations of HPV infections
- National campaign detailing recent changes to the national HPV schedule for MSM in GUM/SRH clinics from 2022
- New national guidelines on HPV and warts are about to be completed
- In the early stages of putting together a bid to the National Screening Committee to look at evidence and feasibility of a new national anal cancer screening program after new evidence showing treating AIN lesions dramatically reduces anal cancer incidence
- Arranging a national course for those interested in high resolution anoscopy (due March 2023)

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- Raising national awareness of the changes in HPV vaccination for MSM GUM/SRH-clinic attendees through national and local channels
- Editorial in BMJ STI detailing the new vaccination program and update on HPV-related clinical issues
- Updated FAQ for health care professionals on HPV transmission and treatment

Future plans

- To develop national screening guidelines for anal cancer (possibly just those living with HIV, but may have wider remit)
- Ratify and disseminate new guidelines for anogenital warts
- Arrange national anoscopy course for mid-2023

Dr Jake Bayley
Chair HPV Special Interest Group

Mentoring Group

No report submitted (11/2022)

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
Ms Kathy Jones	Health Advisor
Dr Sum Yee Chan	Consultant in genitourinary medicine
Ms Jodi Aldridge	Specialist nurse
Dr Jenny Murira	Clinical Infection Research Fellow
Mr Dave Mansley	Matron in GU medicine
Dr Imogen Murray	Speciality doctor 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

- Ongoing Project (almost near completion):
Five Educational Fellows were appointed to carry out three main projects:
 - 1) Developing a clinical standards document – ongoing.
 - 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).
- Scientific Meeting by Prison SIG planned for 14th October
- Established link with patient representative
- Increased number of memberships

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- 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.

Future plans

- Opportunities to publish work carried out by our Educational Fellows at BASHH annual conference and other international conferences.
- BASHH column for STI journal - final date of submission is 1/4/2023
- To join conference RCGP Health and Justice Summit

**Dr Nurul Huda Mohamad Fadzillah
Ms Felicity Young**

Current co-chairs Prison Special Interest Group (covering maternity leave)

Racially Minoritised Communities (RMC) Group

Membership of SIG:

Mr Dwayne-Wilson Hunt	Chair, Steering Group
Dr Frances Lander	Secretary, Steering Group
Mr Zoch Nwaosu	Webmaster, Steering Group
Jose Trueba	Treasurer, Steering Group
Dr Joseph Heskin	Steering Group
Dr Taslima Rashid	Steering Group
Dr Rageshri Dhairyawan	Steering Group
Mr Marc Thompson	Steering Group
Mr Phil Samba	Steering Group
Dr Vanessa Apea	Steering Group
Dr Elizabeth Okecha	Steering Group
Aisha Namurach	Steering Group
Dr Tom Nadarzynski	Steering Group
Dr Daisy Ogbonmwan	Steering Group
Dr Dornu Lebari	Steering Group
Dr Kyle Ring	Steering Group
Dr Annabel Sowemimo	Steering Group
Dr Andrew Jajja	Steering Group
Simphiwe Sesane	Steering Group
Glenda Bonde	Steering Group
Harvey Kennedy-Pitt	Steering Group
Carlos Corredor	

Objectives

- Promote best clinical practice in sexual reproductive health for racially minoritised communities at a strategic/policy level including: access to information, education, health promotion, prevention, treatment and care.
- Review evidence-based guidelines and comment on local and national consultations in the area of racially minoritised populations on behalf of BASHH
- Contribute to the development of guidelines and ensure targets and commitments are met through national and local audits
- Engage and collaborate with BASHH SIGs and related community organisations to prioritise sexual health and recommend approaches for successfully executing this work among racially minoritised communities
- Support health professionals to deliver culturally sensitive practice including cultural competence and humility in their practice.
- Influence and encourage specific research within certain racially minoritised communities and disseminating to groups who would benefit from findings

Significant activities

- Past events
 - UK x USA Speakers Panel July 2022
- Future events
 - Untitled PreventX event
 - Untitled PreventX speaker's dinner
 - BASHH scientific meeting January 2023
- Conferences
 - FSRH/BASHH joint conference
 - BASHH 100 conference
 - SSHA conference

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021-22

- Launched the SIG in late 2021
- Contributed to vBASHH 2021 conference, part of HIV/BBV SIG
- Made submission to Lancet on need for stakeholder input in research
- Gaining support for upcoming Desi project
- MPV national strategy group
- Group BMJ-STI submission – pending
- Working with Sexual Health London (SHL) commissioners – co-partnership
- PreventX collaboration
- Prison SIG guidelines co-opt contribution
- APPG report co-opt contribution
- Set up Chair/webmaster BASHH column
- Work with iNews, Independent news, BBC news, BBC Radio
- Name adjustment to RMC SIG
- Chair talked at London School of Tropical Hygiene & Medicine re. racial inequalities in sexual health

Future plans 2022/23

- BASHH 2023 conference SIG session
- SHL (Sexual Health London) online data review

- Present at BASHH Scientific meeting
- Form a STASHH co-opt post
- Desi Project x eLFH module – to be confirmed
- LatinX / Spanish demographics identifiers / Office of National Statistics project
- Gain BASHH social media support
- Write BASHH column Jan 2023 - Chair
- LatinX Project (follow up to Desi Project)
- NHS Race Health Observatory co-opt
- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists collaboration
- Open letter to FSRH (Faculty of Sexual Reproductive Health) regarding colour of EVRA patches
- Develop Racial Health education
- Develop liaison with external Sexual Health commissioners
- Collaboration with PreventX for racial health promotion UK wide – date to be confirmed
- Recruit a community and nurse representative for the SIG and consider research fellow

Dwayne-Wilson Hunt & Dr Frances Lander
RMC Special Interest Group Chair & Secretary

Sexual Dysfunction Group

Membership

Dr Shalini Andrews	Chair
Dr Penny Goold	Secretary
Dr Nadia Ahmed	
Dr Jane Ashby	
Dr Joanne Bassett	DiT Representative
Mr Hu Clarke	Health Advisor Representative
Dr Wallace Dinsmore	
Dr David Goldmeier	
Dr Karen Gurney	Clinical Psychologist
Dr Karl Hollows	
Dr Uday Joshi	
Dr Emma McCarty	
Dr Ali Mears	
Dr Kirstin Mitchell	
Ms Agnes Mosobela	Nurse Representative
Miss Sarah Wolujewicz	Physiotherapy Representative
Mr Mike Yates	Clinical Psychologist

Objectives

- To improve the quality of care given to patients presenting to Genitourinary Medicine and HIV Clinics with Sexual Dysfunction
- To provide a forum for education, training and research in the area of sexual dysfunction for all

Significant activities

Educational Activity

- Introduction to Sexual Dysfunction for Sexual Health Nurses and Health Advisers: This online study day held on 26 November 2021 attracted 41 participants and received excellent feedback
- eLFH: Updated the online (e learning) modules in Sexual Problems

Media requests

- SIG responded to three BASHH media requests on priapism, libido supplements and sexuality in older people

Other Activities undertaken by SIG Members

- BSSM/COSRT review of national psychosexual service provision
- SFEQ: Evaluation questionnaire for effectiveness of treatment for sexual difficulties was developed and validated
- Curriculum on Sexual Medicine for University Level across Europe
- FECSM (Fellowship of the European Committee of Sexual Medicine) Exam committee membership

Future plans

- Organise educational courses: ABC of Sexual Dysfunction every 2 years
- Contribute to BASHH scientific meeting
- Update eLFH online course as required
- Offer expertise to BASHH members queries on Sexual Problems and its management

Shalini Andrews
Chair Sexual Dysfunction Special Interest Group

Sexual Violence Group

No submitted report (11/2022)

Sexual Health Adviser and Nurse Group

Membership

Ms Jodie Crossman	Chair
Ms Lisa Walton	Secretary
Ms Belinda Loftus	Treasurer
Ms Lisa Walton	Webmaster
Ms Laura Ellis	Scotland
Mr Zac Dolan	North East

Ms Helen Jackson	North East
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 Felicity Young	Isle of Wight
Ms Regina Sliw	London
Mr Tristan Griffiths	London
Mr Alan Haskell	Solent
Mr Jodie Walker- Haywood	Midlands
Ms Natasha Mallett	London
Ms Penny Burr	Kent

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 Advisers and Nurses working in integrated sexual health (GUM & Contraception) and/or HIV services, including those in Research and community charitable sexual health focus organisations.
- To promote Health Advisers 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 Healthcare agenda as a whole and the agenda of BASHH.
- To be a body for Health Advisers and Nurses on other BASHH committees to report to and seek support from.

Significant activities

- Working with other SIGs, working groups, members, BASHH Secretariat and outside organisations and individuals on queries, requests and input on areas needed.
- Organisation and facilitation of the MDT Innovation Award 2020 (Cathy Harman) This year awarded to Rosie Jennings (Specialist Health Advisor for Reproductive Health & Wellbeing / Midwife) for their submission 'Provision of free formula milk for women living with HIV' at the Sunflower Clinic, Lawson Unit, Brighton.
- Creation and review of National SH PGDs alongside SPS & FSRH.
- Promotion of BASHH membership to SHA & Nurses across the UK
- SHA & Nurse Conference Symposium for BASHH 2022
- Nurse and HA representation on conference planning teams

Future plans

- Arranging SHAN BASHH Scientific Meeting now planned for October 2023 with the theme to be confirmed
- Continuing to promote BASHH membership to SHA & Nurses across the UK
- Developing a Mentoring role of senior nurses/health advisers
- Establishing Nurse and HA members within all BASHH SIGs
- Planning for Nurse/SHA symposium for 2023 conference
- Developing conference/abstract training for nurses and health advisers
- Engaging with nurses and HAs from across BASHH

Jodie Crossman
SHAN Special Interest Group Chair

Regions

Cheshire & Mersey Branch

No report submitted (11/2022)

East Anglia Branch

Membership

Dr Durba Raha

Regional Audit Lead

Dr Serish Basavaraj

Branch Chair Representative to the CGC

Objectives

- To promote high standards of care in sexual and reproductive health and HIV services across the region
- 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

- Continuation of MGen testing as core clinical service delivery
- Mpox outbreak response
 - o Testing
 - o Case management
 - o Pain management
 - o Out of hours cover for Mpox cases
 - o Pathways, Standard Operating Procedures and processes
 - o Vaccination roll out (patients and staff)
 - o Peer clinical supervision for complex cases
- Continuation of online testing for both asymptomatic and symptomatic patients
- Routine PrEP delivery
- COVID-19 recovery models of service delivery, encompassing F2F and virtual management for HIV, RH and GUM cohorts
- Video consultation as alternative to tele-med and F2F appointments
- Regional and national audit plan
- Clinical Advisory Group meetings
- Waiting list initiatives for LARC and PrEP delivery
- Focussed LARC and PrEP activity to meet backlogs and redirection from Primary care
- Postal medication service (Royal Mail)
- Pilot of TV and MGen online testing
- Further digital front door development
- HIV ART Home Delivery
- Specialist Pharmacy support model (patients and staff) - Pharmacy Helpline
- Reintroduction of F2F services whilst maintaining remote access where clinically appropriate

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021/22

- Participation in national and regional audits
- ART Prescribing - Invest to Save Scheme

Future plans

- Expansion of online testing (MGen and TV test of cures)
- Continuation of MPX vaccination programme (patients and staff)
- Online booking
- Ordercomms and lab links
- Digital front door, access and telephony reviews
- Online RH access
- HIV app
- Electronic Prescribing of ART
- Implementation of Orderwide electronic stock management system for drugs
- Introduction of use of ultrasonic vein detection devices
- Introduction of use of electronic platform for antibiotic auditing

Dr Serish Basavaraj
Branch Chair

Ireland Branch

No report submitted (11/2022)

North West Branch

Membership

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| • Dr | John Sweeney | Branch Chair |
| • Dr | Dornubari Lebari | Regional Audit Lead |
| • Dr | Wai Lin Htun | Secretary |

Objectives

- To hold 4 meetings a year to discuss sexual health and HIV issues
- To update colleagues about CGC issues
- To disseminate good practice

Significant activities

- Planning regional education update

Future plans

- To plan local/regional audits
- Discuss standardisation of practice

Dr John Sweeney
Branch Chair

Northern Branch

Membership

Dr Jane Hussey

Branch Chair

Regional rotation quarterly for organising education and minute taking

- March meetings (Sunderland / South Tyneside)
Dr Stephen Bushby
Dr Jane Hussey
Dr Medhat Basta
- June meetings (Newcastle)
Dr Sarah Duncan
Dr Pam Barnes
- September meetings (Durham / Darlington)
Dr Alison Wardropper
Dr Susan Ralph
Dr Daisy Ogbonmwan
- December meetings (Northumberland / Teesside)
Dr Oluseyi Hotonu
Dr Babiker Elawad
Dr Sarup Tayal

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, over MSTeams throughout 2022
- 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 2021-22

- Virtual meetings for BASHH and urogenital pain MDT
- Regional Congenital Syphilis awareness event aimed at antenatal, obstetric and paediatric services (October 2021)
- Pathway developed to ensure timely assessment of pregnant women with syphilis in the absence of Senior GUM medics within services

Future plans

- Continue quarterly education and business meetings
- Updating regional pathway for preventing congenital syphilis

**Jane Hussey
Branch Chair**

Oxford branch

Membership

Dr Angela Bailey Branch Chair

Objectives

- To share information with BASHH members in the region from the CGC and vice versa.
- To hold one regional educational meeting annually

Significant activities

- Renewing and re-establishing links between regional clinicians after the post was vacant for time/COVID-19 disruption.
- Disseminating information rapidly across the region and channelling information back to BASHH as part of the Mpox response.

Future plans

- Hold an educational/networking/business meeting early 2023

**Dr Angela Bailey
Branch Chair**

Scotland Branch

Membership

Dr Bridie Howe Chair

Dr Lesley Graham	Secretary
Dr Rebecca Metcalfe	Audit Lead
Dr Syed Aliakbar	NCCG Rep
Mr Barry Gemmell	Nurse Rep
Dr Lindsay Henderson	Trainee Rep

Objectives

- Recruit to Chair, Secretary, Nurse, Health advisor and Trainee rep roles

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- Business and Educational Meeting 11th December 2020 and 3rd Sept 2021

Future plans

- Annual educational and business meeting Spring/Summer 2023.

Bridie Howe
Scottish Branch Chair

South West Branch

No report submitted (11/2022)

Thames (NE) Branch

No report submitted (11/2022)

Thames (NW) Branch

Membership

Dr. Dawn Friday	Branch Chair
Dr. Vanessa Apnea	Audit Lead
Dr. Frances Lander	Doctor in Training Representative

Objectives

- Promote high standards of sexual health and HIV.
- Gather information from regional clinical leads for discussion at the BASHH CGC meetings and provide feedback.
- Give opportunities for networking across the region.
- Conduct at least one audit and educational meetings per year.

Significant activities

- Successful roll out of BBV (HIV/Hepatitis B/Hepatitis C) testing across London Emergency Departments in April 2022.
- Blood borne virus Testing Conference held on the 29th September looking at achievements in the first 100 days following implementation.
- 28/34 EDs had live testing for at least one BBV.
- Lack of GC Medium for sensitivity testing.
- Disruption to clinics responding to the Mpox epidemic.
- Challenges of scaling up Mpox vaccination.
- Difficult recruitment to consultant posts in some inner London services
- Significant Budget cuts to services responding to the Mpox epidemic, raised with BASHH.
- Communicating to Commissioners the huge role sexual health services played during the Mpox epidemic, impacting on usual business.
- Balancing the demand for PrEP in smaller outer North-West London services.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- Participation in national audits and BASHH surveys
- Regional STI Foundation course
- Regional HIV Meetings

Future plans

- Plan a virtual regional conference in 2023

Dr. Dawn Friday
Branch Chair

Thames (SE) Branch

No report submitted (11/2022)

Thames (SW) Branch

Membership

- Dr Malika Mohabeer Hart South West Thames CGC branch co-chair
- Dr Deborah Kirkham South West Thames CGC branch co-chair

Objectives

- Maintain communication amongst regional clinical leads about key clinical governance issues.
- Take key clinical governance issues from regional leads to central BASHH CGC meetings.
- Raise awareness of important clinical governance issues with local/regional/national leads.

Significant activities

- Liaised with regional leads during the Covid pandemic to seek information about issues affecting their services to take to national meeting.
- Facilitate communication of/circulate information about relevant clinical issues.
- Feedback from BASHH CGC meeting to region.

Future plans

- Support the region with aim to set up regional network/education meetings.
- Support regional leads with information about how to set up meetings/seek funding etc.
- Update list of regional clinics and leads.
- Gather information about staffing, commissioning and key challenges affecting services and take this back to BASHH CGC.
- Support the area with recruitment to vacancies by circulating information.
- Ensure GUM services remain high on the agenda for local authorities and public health bodies.
- Promote GUM as an attractive specialty for upcoming junior doctors in the region.

Dr Malika Mohabeer Hart
South West Thames BASHH CGC co-chair

Trent Branch

No report submitted (11/2022)

Wales Branch

Membership

Dr Laura Cunningham
Dr Helen Bradshaw
Ms Polly Zipperlen

BASHH Wales Chair
BASHH Wales Regional Audit Chair
BASHH Wales 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
- Laura Cunningham on writing group for Welsh Government HIV Action Plan
- Laura Cunningham on writing group for Welsh Government Mpox Plan
- Ongoing input to All Wales Antiretroviral Prescribing Group with production of All-Wales guidance.
- All Wales Antenatal Syphilis in Pregnancy Audit completed and disseminated

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- BASHH Wales Regional Audit Meetings held online in October 2021 and March 2022
- BASHH Branch meetings held online in October 2021 and March 2022.
- BASHH Wales Annual Scientific Meeting – Face to Face – July 2022

Future plans

- Completion of All Wales HIV Action Plan as above
- Bi-annual regional audit meetings and branch meetings
- Annual Scientific Meeting July 2023
- Complete contribution to Welsh Government Mpox plan
- Introduce role of treasure to Welsh BASHH branch

Dr Laura Cunningham
Wales Branch Chair

Wessex Branch

Membership

Dr Sangeetha Sundaram
Dr Amy Pearce
Dr Helen Iveson
Dr Olivia Drew

Wessex Chair
Branch secretary
Regional Audit Lead
Treasurer

Objectives

- To cascade advice and updates on service provision, commissioning and clinical practice from the BASHH CGC committee to individual clinics within network
- To escalate concerns and risks within network to the committee for advice and support
- To share best practice including SOPs /templates developed for certain patient scenarios between the different branches and ultimately enhance patient care

Significant activities

- Three quarterly virtual educational meetings were held (March, June and November 2021)- programmes consisted of diverse topics on GUM/HIV/SRH, interesting case presentations and expert talks.
- Regional clinical governance was meeting held in November 2021 to review service concerns, tendering outcomes, training and education needs and workforce
- Regional HIV mortality meeting was held in January 2021
- Solent STI Foundation course was conducted virtually in June 2021 and well evaluated

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- High level of participation in regional and National BASHH audits
- Excellent attendance and participation at regional educational events

- Services recovered from COVID-19 pressures and increased F2F activity whilst maintaining remote consultations for certain patient scenarios.

Future plans

- Continue high quality quarterly educational meetings and aim to deliver F2F
- Continue to maintain regional communication about service pressures and solutions

Dr Sangeetha Sundaram
Branch Chair

West Midlands Branch

Dr Lisa Goodall - Chair and audit lead

Objectives

- To promote high standards of care in sexual health and HIV services across the region
- To share information from BASHH and the CGC
- To report back any regional issues or concerns to the BASHH CGC
- To participate in national UK clinical governance activity, including national audits, and to facilitate cross-West Midlands clinical governance activities.

Significant activities

- The usual regional BASHH meetings scheduled for 2020/21 were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Regional HIV/ID educational histopathology meeting held November 2021.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2020-21

- Participation in national BASHH audits and feedback of individual regional results.

Future plans

- Branch meetings to be reintroduced virtually biannually following break during pandemic
- Next meeting planned for November 22.

Lisa Goodall
Branch Chair

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
- Dissemination of advice on a range of CG issues
- High level of participation in BASHH and BHIVA national audits
- Continuation of sexual health services, including outreach services, within the region throughout ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and Mpox Virus outbreak
- Provision of Mpox virus cases triage, review & testing, virtual ward management.
- Provision of Mpox vaccination within Sexual Health and HIV clinics.
- Provision of Leeds and mid-Yorkshire monthly Syphilis in Pregnancy MDT
- Continuation of Medical Student F2F clinical lectures and in-clinic teaching experience despite COVID-19 and Mpox pressures

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021-22

- Regional BASHH Audit meeting June 2021 (Joint with HIV Network meeting), Regional BASHH Educational meeting November 2021 and Audit meeting June 2022 (Joint with HIV Network meeting)
- Registrar training day organised by Leeds Registrar team with attendees from Leeds, York, Sheffield and Nottingham September 2022
- Organising STI Foundation course for October 2022

Future plans

- Ongoing Mpox vaccination
- Regional BASHH educational meeting due 2023
- Regional STI Foundation course planned October 2022

Dr Natasha Astill
Branch Chair

Committees with BASHH representation

Joint Specialty Committee for Genitourinary Medicine

Membership

Dr Elizabeth Foley	Chair of the Committee and BASHH Representative
Dr Johnny Boylan	Secretary of the Committee
Dr Janet Wilson	BASHH Representative (until December 2021)
Dr John McSorley	BASHH Immediate Past President
Dr Claire Dewsnap	BASHH Representative and BASHH President
Professor Jackie Cassell	Faculty of Public Health Representative (until 3/22)
Dr Natalie Daley	Faculty of Public Health Representative (from 3/22)
Vacant posts (two)	Patient and Carer Network
Vacant post	Doctor in Training Representative
Dr Rebecca Glover-Thompson	RCP - New Consultants Representative
Dr Jackie Sherrard	RCP - Workforce Representative
Professor Margaret Kingston	SAC GUM Co-Chair
Dr Katia Prime	SAC GUM Co-Chair
Dr Nicola Steedman	Scottish Colleges Representative (until March 2022)
Professor Claudia Estcourt	Scottish Colleges Representative (from March 2022)
Dr Nadia Ahmed	RCP Specialty champion
Professor Andrew Goddard	RCP President (ex officio)
Dr Cathryn Edwards	RCP Registrar (ex officio)

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 December 2021 and June 2022.
- Interim discussions between scheduled meetings have taken place.

Performance/Outputs in the year 2021-22

- 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.
- 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 proposal to change the name of the specialty from 'GU Medicine' to 'Sexual Health and HIV Medicine' has been submitted to the RCP.

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 and a trainee representative.
- Work to ensure training and workforce planning issues are addressed.

Dr Elizabeth Foley
Chair of JSC for GUM

Specialist Advisory Committee

Significant activities & performance Outputs 2021-22

Curriculum

- Current trainees are transitioning to the new curriculum; joint GUM and Internal Medicine Training, which is now mandatory for all newly recruited trainees from August 2022.
- Individual training needs are being discussed and documented at the trainee's next ARCP. Extensions to training will be planned and supported if needed.
- Internal Medicine (IM) ARCPs are to start for those on the new curriculum from June 2023 with local arrangements regarding separate IM ARCPs or IM assessor on GUM panels (this will be the case in London).
- A GUM rough guide has been produced to support the curriculum.
- A syllabus has been developed to aid with DipGUM & DipHIV exam blueprinting.
- A post curriculum implementation questionnaire is being developed.
- The co-chairs attend all national training days and provide workshops at all specialty national conferences to ensure the specialty is well briefed on the new curriculum and have question and answer opportunities.
- The Diplomas we require for the curriculum – the DipGUM and DipHIV have now had the written and OSCE elements un-coupled, so trainees do not necessarily need to pass them at the same sitting, but within 2 years of each other.

Workforce & recruitment

- Health Education England (HEE) are undertaking a workforce review of all training numbers with a view to re-distributing training numbers as they become vacant from inside London to elsewhere. GUM is due to be considered in 2029 which is good news as this will allow time for the transition to the new curriculum to occur.
- We remain very concerned about the high number of vacant posts and the fact that we have an uneven distribution of STIs/HIV and existing consultants and hence training opportunities. The workforce team have looked at population mapped to STI/HIV hot spots plus snapshot of current consultants and trainees which we hope will inform the HEE review. We are working closely with the JRCPTB on this.

Promotion of the specialty

- Working with BASHH conference & media team, and the "Eagles and Sparrows" leadership course regarding the "Love GUM" project.

- Trainee educational fellowship for 2 years running to support this mentored by SAC co-chair Margaret Kingston.
- Working closely with STASHH to improve profile, opportunities and mentorship for medical students and trainees interested in a career in GUM.

Succession planning

- The co-chairs demit this coming year after 6 years in post. We have been the first co-chairs of a SAC and we have found this model to work extremely well, especially with one of us from London and one from the provinces and we hope we have established a precedent for our SAC and for others.
- Invitations to apply for the SAC chair will be extended early in 2023 to SAC members as per the JRCPTB process.

Dr Katia Prime & Professor Margaret Kingston GUM SAC Co-Chairs

Workforce report

- Thank you to Ashini Fox who has stepped down as deputy workforce officer at the end of 2021 and to Imali Fernando who has now taken on the role.
- In 2021, 33 permanent consultant posts advertised– all for a mix of GUM or integrated sexual health with an HIV component. 20 were advertised as full-time posts. 1 post (Jersey) has been advertised 3 times. In addition, in 2021, 29 locum posts (15 full-time) were advertised, the majority for 12 months.
- This is a significant increase compared with 2020 when 26 substantive posts were advertised (12 fulltime) and 18 locum posts. It is similar to 2019, pre COVID-19 when 32 substantive posts were advertised. In the first 7 months of 2022 23 permanent posts and 13 locums have been advertised.
- The current rate of consultant posts being advertised is now beginning to exceed the number of trainees gaining their CCT, although most posts are reported as being filled at present. It remains to be seen how supply and demand will be matched with the impending change to training with dual accreditation, the impact of the low fill rate of training posts in the last 2 years and the upcoming changes to sexual health commissioning. This challenge has been highlighted to the JRCPTB and HEE and a couple of workshops have taken place.
- There have been major changes in the RCP workforce unit and the usual annual meeting did not take place in November 2021. The annual consultant survey for 2020 had a very low return rate of 27% making interpretation difficult. There were 491 (122 part-times) consultants working in Integrated Sexual Health/HIV of whom 332 were female. 440 worked in England, 11 in Northern Ireland, 23 in Scotland and 17 in Wales.

**Dr Jackie Sherrard
BASHH Workforce Officer**

UEMS in Dermatovenereology

Membership

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

- Two hybrid meetings have taken place: November 2021 and the main meeting in March 2022. Most of the communications in the last 12 months have related to the challenges of delivering dermatovenereology training during COVID-19 restrictions across Europe and rapidly changing the European Board of Dermatovenereology Diploma (EBDVD) exam to online.
- In 2021, 129 individuals sat the EBDVD, with the majority being from outside Europe. This is a longstanding situation with a number of European countries having their own board exams or assessments.

	Number of candidates	Passed	Failed
Total	129	85 (66%)	44 (34%)
EUROPEAN	42	26 (62%)	16 (38%)
Non-EUROPEAN	87	59 (68%)	28 (32%)

- Michel Janier has resigned as the chair of the STI division and Marko Potocnik (Slovenia) has been elected as the replacement.

Dr Jackie Sherrard
UK UEMS venereology representative

Journals with BASHH representation

International Journal of STD & AIDS (IJSA)

Throughout 2021, IJSA continued to act as a faithful vehicle for the dissemination of clinically orientated STI research and innovation. IJSA publishes more papers than any other in the STI field and remains the journal of choice for publication of BASHH and the International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI) clinical guidelines.

We have developed new article types this year, to encourage the publication and dissemination of quality improvement work and translational research in clinical settings.

We have become a signatory to the People First Charter, to promote the use of person-centred language in the academic literature of the field.

IJSA accepts a wide range of papers from across the world, and we very much hope that the readership continues to find the journal entertaining and informative.

We remain indebted to our authors and fantastic reviewers, and to SAGE Publishing.

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

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
MGen	Mycoplasma genitalium
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