

World Antibiotic Awareness Week

12-18 November, 2018

Each November, World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW) aims to increase global awareness of antibiotic resistance (AMR) and to encourage best practices among the general public, health workers and policy makers to avoid the further emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance.

More information is available [here](#)

Contact us

We are very happy to hear from you at any time with your ideas for how SHIP can add value to the great work which is going on in our area, or if you have anything you would like included in our next newsletter. Contact us at katy.turner@bristol.ac.uk.

We welcome new members – please email katharine.looker@bristol.ac.uk to be added to the SHIP mailing list.

SHIP News

Newsletter of the Sexual Health Improvement Programme

Autumn/Winter 2018

Preparing Sexual Health Services for the Challenge of Antimicrobial Resistant (AMR) bacteria

On Friday 21st September 2018, we convened an open meeting in Bristol on “Preparing Sexual Health Services for the Challenge of Antimicrobial Resistant (AMR) bacteria”, co-hosted by SHIP and BASHH (British Association for Sexual Health and HIV).

Around 50 clinicians, health professionals, Public Health England employees, academics, laboratory staff, and industry representatives attended, mostly from the South West area. The recommendations from this meeting included:

1. Faster updates and dissemination of treatment guidelines
2. Improved use of local data to inform individual treatment decisions in real time
3. Sharing business plan templates
4. Timely publication and dissemination of data on local service evaluations
5. Investment in implementation and evaluation of new diagnostic tests in clinical practice together with streamlined decision-making processes to support commissioning / funding of new systems
6. Investment in national surveillance utilising routine whole genome sequencing of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* as a priority, followed by *Mycoplasma genitalium*
7. Evaluation of patient and diagnostic pathways including transmission dynamic modelling and cost-effectiveness modelling to inform commissioning decisions
8. Improved informatics relating to partner notification and treatment test of cure and patient follow-up
9. Re-emphasis on primary prevention (condoms) to interrupt chains of transmission
10. Creative approaches to redesigning clinic services and increasing accessibility of quality STI tests through online services

AI in Health and Care: How do we get it right?

28 November, 2018,
1830-2000 Conference
Hall, City Hall, Bristol

Registration is via
Eventbrite [here](#)

BASHH training courses and meetings 2018

BASHH STI/HIV Course
Modules 3 & 4 (5 November)

Masterclass in Sexual
Dysfunction (15 November)

South West BASHH Regional
Study Day (27 November)

Mentoring Skills Training
Course (7 December)

More details and registration
[here](#)

Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare

Education and training
opportunities available [here](#)



On 18th October 2018, Public Health England launched the next part of its sexual health campaign. The previous campaign burst was a great success with strong performance on campaign awareness, intent to use a condom and reported condom use within our target audience of 16-24 year olds. Building on this success, this current campaign encourages young people to carry condoms as a matter of course, making them ready for whatever happens. Pre-order your resources from [here](#).

For more information contact partnerships@phe.gov.uk.

Our purpose

[The purpose of SHIP](#) is to promote evidence-based sexual health improvement in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) as well as nationally. Although we do not provide funding, we can help with projects at all stages by:

- linking together academics, clinicians, patients, providers, commissioners and other stakeholders
- advising on funding applications e.g. through liaising with the National Institute for Health Research HPRU (Health Protection Research Unit), CLAHRC West (Centre for Learning Applied Health Research) and the RDS (Research Design Service)
- providing advice and support for the evaluation and dissemination of ongoing projects

Visit our [Google form](#) to register your interest in our themes:

1. Increasing uptake of HIV testing
2. Improving STI testing and responding to antimicrobial resistant (AMR) infections
3. Patient and public involvement in sexual health
4. Ending domestic violence
5. Reducing health inequalities
6. Informatics and digital transformation
7. Developing a national network