Summer 2016 News

SSHA and BASHH have piloted new Sexual Health Advising competencies—these could be available as soon as 2017. MI study days have now been updated (see page 2) and the website has been upgraded to be more user friendly www.ssha.info. At conference SSHA will launch the new 2016 PN Guidelines—go to page 3 to see a programme and register on the website.

Good Practice: Provider Referral  
Rachel Wanvik, Sexual Health Adviser, Crawley Hospital

‘I’m aware that you need confidence to raise PN with a partner. This means I read the notes before the patient comes in and consider if they might benefit from PR. I always offer it early in a consultation and stress how easy it is to use.

I explain how PR works: we send the partner a text message from an nhs account asking them to contact a health adviser. If they live out of area we’ll ask another clinic to contact them but we don’t pass on any patient details. When the partner phones in we don’t tell them who the person is or when and where they tested. I also say that we can’t let them know what happened as confidentiality works both ways.

PR is simple, easy to explain and effective — and it’s an important contribution to public health in West Sussex’.

Would you like to let other health advisers know about an example of good practice? Email: Richard.williams@wsht.nhs.uk

As a SSHA member you can receive the following benefits:

- Contingent Medical Malpractice Liability Insurance—cover for both nursing and health advising roles
- Reduced cost SSHA Annual Conference
- Reduced cost Continuing Professional Development through SSHA Study Days
- Support via your Regional Rep
- Trade Union Membership

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CPD: SSHA Study Days

New Motivational Interviewing study days

Talk Change—Change Talk

Advanced Communication Skills for Practitioners in Sexual Health

Friday 28th October, Unite the Union Building, 26-34 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2AA
Friday 11th November, Unite the Union Building, Salford Quays, Manchester, M5 3SG

Sessions include:

- The Pillars of Motivational Interviewing
- The Righting Reflex
- Engagement through reflection
- Identifying ‘Change Talk’
- OARS
- Complex Reflections
- Practical engagement in your setting

Cost: SSHA/Unite Member £70 Non Member £80

For further information and a booking from go to: www.ssha.info

PN study days: ‘Introduction to PN’ will be held in 2017—check on SSHA website for details

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SSHA Annual Conference 2016
Saturday 10th September 2016, UNITE Building, Theobald’s Street, Holborn, London

9.00   Registration and coffee
9.30   President’s welcome and housekeeping
9.40   Skeletons in our Closet: Sexual Health Advisers and Chemsex
       Bernard Kelly, Clinical Team Lead Sexual Health Advisers, Kings
10.05  Ethical Dilemma (1) Partner Notification in an HIV Outbreak in People Who Inject Drugs
       Patricia Anderson, Specialist Sexual Health Nurse Adviser; Martin Murchie, Senior Sexual Health Adviser, Sandyford/Brownlee NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
10.40  Coffee

11.10  The Changing Role of SHA in Current Climate of Commissioning, Tendering, Integrated Services and KPIs
       (Speaker to be confirmed)
11.40  Partner Notification Bureau – Centralised Management of STIs
       Gill Bell, Nurse Consultant Sexual Health Adviser
       Partner Notification Bureau
       Merle Symonds, Head of Health Advisory Service, Bartes Health NHS Trust
12.30  SSHA AGM and Update

12.45  Lunch

1.30   HIS UK Condom Study: An intervention development study working with young men to improve condom use skills and enhance condom use experiences
       Sydney Anstee, Research Fellow and Professor Cynthia Graham, University Professor/ Academic Lecturer, the Centre for Sexual health Research, University of Southampton
2.00   Sexual Health Advising Competencies (title to be confirmed)
       Miranda King Nurse Consultant in Sexual Health; Sue Hyatt Health Adviser GUM, The Park Centre for Sexual Health, Weymouth.
2.20   Ethical Dilemmas in Sexual Health Advising
3.00   Update on PEP/PrEP
3.20   Coffee

3.30   Real Time Partner Notification
       Dr Anatole S Menon-Johansson, Director SXT Health CIC
4.10   Final Comments and Close