

UK Sexual Health Service Response to COVID-19 pandemic

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Sexual Health : COVID-19 Response : Communication & Open Sharing : Where we are & what we got

- **Feb/March:** Open sharing of development of Business Continuity Plans across BASHH ; drafts to COVID-19 page on website (NI & RoI)
- **March:** Commissioners/BASHH Officers/Leads Service Providers (London)/ Online Service Providers OPEN Share Daily Teleconference 7/7 for 2 weeks then Monday to Friday (now weekly)
- Reproductive & Sexual Health Sector Teleconference weekly: (England) : led by PHE & DHSC with LGA / ADPH /English Commissioners /BASHH /FSRH /BHIVA /National Sexual Health Helpline
- BASHH Internal Branches: NI, Scotland, Wales & English Regions Clinical Governance Committee: WhatsApp Groups : Team of Teams
- BASHH National : Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales & England

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- Open sharing Draft BCPlans & SOPs on COVID-19 Webpage
- Immediate Plans & created a BASHH Survey of shared intentions plus ideas, with responses collated and posted immediately on Website
- COVID-19 Pandemic Response Document ⁽¹⁾
- Joint BASHH/FSRH/BHIVA request to Government March 2020
- **BASHH Survey #1 & Clinical Thermometer April 2020**
 - Impact of change ; workforce, demand, footfall, switch to distance care
 - Preservation of Essential functions or not...
 - Risk Assessment & care provision to vulnerable & complex care needs
- **BASHH Vulnerability & Complexity Teleconference**
 - Adolescent SIG, Sexual Violence (& Domestic Violence)SIG, Gender and Sexual Minorities SIG, Health Advisers, NAT (VSO Rep) London Met Police etc.
 - BASHH VSO Sector Update & Support TC: hosted by NAT (National AIDS Trust: UK Forum)

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- **PHE SRH Vulnerability & Complexity Working Group** (BASHH/ FSRH/ English Commissioners /Brook/National Sexual Health Helpline to produce immediate, short term, medium and long term support strategies and resources)
 - Comms on “We’re Open, Here for you, just Phone First”
 - Community Partnership Cascade: Remapping and Relinking Services
 - Top Tips for Triage, Telemedicine & Support for Practitioners
 - LGA Generic Guidance & ADPH Guidance alignment through services
 - **KNOWLEDGE HUB** for Sexual Health Sector: Site for ALL Sexual Health Resources
 - PHE Evaluation Toolkit: to support services assessing change, magnitude and impact: to collate and describe issues to feed into subsequent New Sexual Health Strategy
- **TELEMEDICINE Working Group**
- **DIGITAL HEALTH Working Group**

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- **BASHH Survey #2 & Clinical Thermometer June 2020**
 - evidence of significant shift in activity; most services 15% baseline footfall though now with adaptations 45% (range 10 to 90%) activity:
 - Access to Online Testing & Treatment for STIs and enablement for Contraception
 - LARC remains suspended (though exploration)
- **BASHH Recovery Principles Consultation & Draft**
 - Prioritise Vulnerability & Complexity for access to Face to Face care
 - Telemedicine first: attendance by exception
 - Local collaborative decision making : Capacity & Capability
 - Address health inequality
 - Evaluate, Evolve ?Restore, Retain & Reject
- **Future Planning**

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BASHH Website <https://bashh.org/covid-19-resources/>

BASHH COVID-19 Pandemic Response Document

<https://members.bashh.org/Documents/COVID-19/Pandemic%20COVID%2019%20Sexual%20Health%20Services%20Priorities%20v0.5%20BASHH.pdf>

BASHH Principles of Recovery for Outpatient GUM, Sexual Health & HIV Services COVID-19 Pandemic 2020

<https://members.bashh.org/Documents/COVID-19/Principles%20for%20Recovery%20of%20Sexual%20Health%20Draft%2008.06.2020%20-%20for%20website%20upload.pdf>