

GPs. The service opened in March 2014 as a monthly service (Friday 2–6 pm) and was provided by an experienced dual trained speciality doctor, band 6 nurse and band 2 technician together with the community nurse specialist for children with learning difficulties. The service provided STI/HIV screening and management, a full range of contraception choices and sexual health advice. New patient appointments were 1hr and involved time with both the Dr and nurse in order to meet the complex needs of the patients. After 14 months we relocated the service to our level 3 Sexual Health centre located on the main hospital site due to practical difficulties with providing a remote service to a complex group of patients. We changed the clinic session to a regular weekly session on a Wednesday afternoon (3–6 pm). From March 2014 to Dec 2015 there have been 60 attendances by 18 patients (13F, 5M; 17 heterosexual, 1 MSM; 90% white British). 50% patients were under 25 years with a range from 16 to 40 years. Number of STI screens: GC, chlamydia and HIV = 15; GC and chlamydia only = 10; HIV only = 3. STIs diagnosed: chlamydia = 3, TV = 1, PID = 2, 1st episode HSV = 1. Contraception services provided: implant 3, IUS 1, depo 2, COCP 2, EMC 2, PT 6. Historic child sexual abuse was disclosed by three patients.

**Discussion/conclusion** We successfully established a dedicated sexual health service for people with learning difficulties. Although numbers of attendances are small the patients present with complex needs and require long appointment times. 38% of our patients were diagnosed with an STI. The service team benefited from additional training in learning difficulties and capacity assessments and support from senior staff in the level 3 clinic.

#### P192 ACUTE HEPATITIS C INFECTION: ARE WE DOING ENOUGH?

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**Background/introduction** Hepatitis C (HCV) is an important blood-borne virus in the UK with high morbidity/mortality. Injecting drug use has traditionally been seen as the most important risk factor for transmission in Britain, but since 2000 there has been an emergent rise in infection rates amongst HIV-positive men who have sex with men (MSM). This is thought to be driven by risky sexual/drug taking behaviours.

**Aim(s)/objectives** Review viral response of acute HCV infections after treatment with current NICE approved therapy.

**Methods** A prospective case note review was performed of patients diagnosed with acute HCV between 2004–2015.

**Abstract P192 Table 1** Data for acute HCV treated within 6 months of diagnosis

Response	SVR	No SVR	Predictive value(%)
RVR	4	0	PPV = 100
No RVR	7	1	NPV = 12.5
EVR	6	1	PPV = 85.7
No EVR	1	0	NPV = 0

RVR = Rapid viral response, EVR = Early viral response, SVR = Sustained viral response, PPV = Positive predictive value, NPV = Negative predictive value.

**Results** There were 102 acute HCV infections. Median age 37, (range 20–61), all cases were male and MSM. 91 (89%) patients had Genotype 1 infection, and 98 (96%) were co-infected with HIV. 36 (35%) patients had a history of injecting drug use. 20 patients were initiated on pegylated interferon/ribavirin within 6 months of diagnosis.

**Discussion/conclusion** Only 4 (20%) acute HCV patients achieved simultaneous RVR/SVR within 6 months of diagnosis (PPV = 100%). Novel direct acting antivirals (DAAs) have SVR rates above 90%; this alone is a compelling reason to promote DAAs in managing the burden of HCV infection thus reducing propensity for onward transmission.

#### P193 MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH HIV AND HEPATITIS C CO-INFECTION AT A SMALL TEACHING HOSPITAL; AN AUDIT AGAINST 2013 BHIVA GUIDELINES

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**Background/introduction** HIV positive patients with Hepatitis C (HCV) progress to cirrhosis faster than patients without HIV. BHIVA guidelines 2013 recommend surveillance for cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma.

**Aim(s)/objectives** To evaluate the management of patients with HCV and HIV co-infection against current guidelines for surveillance for liver disease, including with Liver Transient Elastography (TE).

**Methods** The clinical records of all patients with HIV and HCV co-infection in the last 10 years were reviewed.

**Results** 41 patients had co-infection; 6 patients spontaneously cleared HCV. 100% (41/41) of all new diagnoses of HCV received HCV RNA measurement. Genotyping carried out in 86% (30/35) of patients and not possible in 6 cases. Annual HCV RNA was carried out in 76% (29/38). Only 8% (3/36) cases had initial TE result. In 17/36 the result was not recorded, and there was no evidence that the TE had been carried out. In 14/36 the patient did not attend the tertiary centre. Two of the initial TEs were reported as normal (less than 7 kPa). For annual TE assessments, 5/36 were reported.

**Discussion/conclusion** Most patients reviewed did not have assessment for liver disease per national guidelines. Our monitoring of patients with HCV and HIV co-infection particularly with liver TE is poor. The main barrier to co-infected patients receiving care is non-attendance at the tertiary centre. The Trust is now a “spoke” in a hepatitis C network and has local TE, which may improve monitoring of co-infected patients. We will re-audit after this programme has been running for one year.

#### P194 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION (STI) SCREENING IN MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM)

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**Background/introduction** MSM are at increased STI risk. Easily accessible and thorough STI screening should be available to all MSM. BASHH recommendations for MSM STI screening include guidance about which tests to offer and to whom, and suggested frequency of testing.

**Aim(s)/objectives** To ascertain if our service is following the 2014 BASHH recommendations for MSM STI screening.

**Methods** 97 MSM attending December 2014 to July 2015 coded T2 and T4, (Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea screening performed and Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea, HIV and Syphilis screening performed respectively), and MSM requesting post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) were included.

**Results** 3% met Hepatitis C screening recommendations but were not offered testing. Hepatitis C risk factors were not always documented so it is likely more patients should have been offered Hepatitis C screening. Some tests were not indicated for every patient, for example Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea screening is not routinely offered until the 2 week visit for patients attending for PEP due to the 2 week window period for these infections.

**Discussion/conclusion** BASHH recommend 97% of MSM attending a sexual health service with a new episode of care should be offered STI screening with 80% uptake. Targets for offering HIV and Syphilis screening were achieved but targets for offering Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea and Hepatitis B screening were not met and need to be improved upon. The results also highlighted screening for Hepatitis C risk factors (such as chemsex) needs to be routinely undertaken. The target for STI screening uptake in all areas was achieved. Repeat STI testing needs to be routinely offered to MSM.

**P195** **DIAGNOSING RECENT HIV INFECTION IN AN URBAN SEXUAL HEALTH CENTRE: COULD MORE HAVE BE DONE TO PREVENT ACQUISITION?**

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**Background/introduction** There are a number of strategies that may be employed by sexual health services to prevent HIV transmission, including motivational interviewing and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). In order to utilise resources effectively, prevention strategies need to target those at high risk of acquiring HIV such as those having unprotected anal sex or who had known rectal infections.

**Aim(s)/objectives** We aimed to identify individuals in our cohort diagnosed with recently acquired HIV infection, review whether they had previously been accurately identified as high risk and what strategies had been employed to attempt reduce their risk.

**Methods** Electronic records of patients diagnosed HIV positive at an urban sexual health centre over a two year period were reviewed for timing of acquiring infection and previous engagement with sexual health services. Recently acquired infections were determined by: positive avidity, a negative test or a history of seroconversion symptoms in the 6-months prior to positive result.

**Results** 68 patients were diagnosed with HIV; 30 (44.1%) were recently acquired infections. Of these, 13 (43.3%) had attended a sexual health service in the year prior, 12 (92%) of whom had been identified as at risk and had risks discussed by a healthcare professional.

**Discussion/conclusion** Almost half of our patients with recently acquired HIV had had contact with sexual health services in the year before their diagnosis, and the vast majority were identified at high risk. Being able to correctly identify patients at high risk of HIV has implications for using strategies such as PrEP in the future.

**P197** **EVALUATION OF THE CLINICAL UTILITY OF THE BECTON DICKINSON PROBETEC QX (BDQ) TRICHOMONAS VAGINALIS MOLECULAR DETECTION TEST IN TWO LARGE, URBAN GU MEDICINE SERVICES**

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**Background** BASHH guidelines recommend molecular tests to aid diagnosis of *Trichomonas vaginalis* (TV), but many clinics use relatively insensitive techniques (pH, wet-prep microscopy (WPM) and culture).

**Objectives** To establish a laboratory pathway for TV testing with the BDQ assay, determine TV prevalence, and identify variables associated with TV detection.

**Methods** A prospective study of 900 women attending clinics for STI testing was undertaken. All were offered TV BDQ tests. Data collected: demographics, symptoms, results of near-patient tests and BDQ for TV, *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC). Women with any positive TV result were treated and invited to attend for test of cure (TOC). Data were collected in Excel and analysed in SPSS.

**Results** 891 women had a TV BDQ test. 472 (53%) were white, 143 (16%) black; median age 28yrs. 499 (55%) were symptomatic. Infections detected by BDQ: 11 TV (1.2%), 3 GC (0.3%) and 44 CT (4.9%). Of BDQ+ TV infections: 8 (73%) black, 7 (64%) symptomatic, 4/7 (57%) WPM+, 4/4 (100%) pH > 4.5, 7/7 (100%) Hay-Ison Grade 2, and 1/3 (33%) TV culture+. Mean BDQ turn-around time: 3.44 days. All received treatment. 9/9 (100%) were BDQ negative at TOC (mean time to TOC 15 days (range: 7–42). In univariate analysis, only black ethnicity was associated with likelihood of TV BDQ+ (RR 10.2 [95%CI 2.15–48.4]).

**Discussion** The use of the BDQ enhanced detection of TV in asymptomatic and symptomatic populations. Cost effective implementation of the test will rely upon further work to reliably detect demographic and clinical variables that predict positivity.

**P198** **COMPARISON OF RECREATIONAL DRUG USE (RDU) AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIS) IN HIV POSITIVE MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM) AND HIV NEGATIVE MSM RECEIVING POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP)**

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**Introduction** Recreational drug use (RDU) in a sexualised context ("chemsex") is increasing amongst MSM regardless of HIV status and is associated with poor sexual health outcomes. National guidelines for both PEP and HIV management suggest regular sexual health screens (SHS) and screening for RDU and alcohol use.

**Aim(s)/objectives** To audit the documentation of SHS and RDU history from HIV positive MSM attending routine outpatient clinics compared to HIV negative MSM accessing PEP.