AN AUDIT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF COMPLAINANTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT COMPARED WITH THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV (BASHH) 2011 GUIDELINES

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Background The revised BASHH guidelines for the management of sexual assault were published in 2011. Introduction of a new electronic patient record (EPR) at a sexual health clinic provided an opportunity to audit the management of sexual assault.

Aims To review the clinical care of complainants of sexual assault against the auditable outcome measures identified in the guidelines.

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THE ACCEPTABILITY OF USING SOCCER CLUBS AS VENUES FOR CHLAMYDIA SCREENING IN YOUNG MEN: RESULTS FROM A QUALITATIVE STUDY

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Background Many non-clinical, including sports, settings have been used in an attempt to screen more men for Chlamydia. While feasible there is very little research exploring their acceptability among users of these settings.

Objective We explored the acceptability of, and the best way to deliver, Chlamydia screening in soccer clubs among young men who play amateur soccer.

Methods 18 semi-structured, face-to-face interviews with men aged between 18 and 35 who play soccer in London-based non-professional leagues. Interviews were carried out from October to December 2011 and analysed using a framework approach.

Results Soccer clubs are acceptable venues to access Chlamydia screening because they offer several potential benefits over screening in traditional settings. Importantly they are discreet testing venues and allow screening to take place within the context of normal daily routines. Having testing kits handed out to all team members by a senior member of the club (captain/coach/manager) or a visiting health care professional (HCP) meant that no one would feel singled out for testing and overcome barriers to asking for, or collecting a kit from central collection points. While some men preferred to use the test kit there and then and return samples to a collection point at the club, others preferred to use kits at home and return samples to the laboratory by post. However, concerns about confidentiality and test tampering meant that some men favoured a visiting HCP to coordinate testing rather than a member of the club.

Conclusion Soccer clubs appear to be acceptable venues for young men who play soccer to access self-collected testing kits for Chlamydia. Processes for accessing, using and returning test kits should be discreet, easy and quick. We will be developing testing pathways in soccer clubs to pilot in six London clubs during the 2012–2013 season.

IMPROVING CLINICAL STANDARDS IN GU MEDICINE: A RETROSPECTIVE AUDIT OF NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE

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Objectives This was a retrospective analysis of clinic performance in the management and treatment of Neisseria gonorrhoeae (GC) according to BASHH guidelines.

Methods All cases of GC diagnosed at our clinic between 1 January and 30 June 2011 were identified. The case notes were reviewed and assessed against current BASHH criteria. This was compared to data collected in the same clinic from 1 January to 30 June in 2007, 2008 and 2009. The number of cases identified for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011 was 41, 61, 78 and 75 respectively.

Results

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<td>CR1 – ≥9% of genital GC cases should be cured by first line therapy</td>
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<td>CR2 100% patients with GC should be screened for Chlamydia trachomatis or receive presumptive treatment</td>
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<td>CR6 For each case at least 0.6 sexual partners should be verified as having been satisfactorily managed within 4 weeks</td>
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Treated, and 27% (33) were biological false positives. Those with untreated STS—median age 30 (IQR 26–35); ethnicity: 45% (20) black African, 23% (10) black Caribbean, 18% (8) white other, 9% (4) Asian, 2% (1) black British, 2% (1) white British. All women attended the GU clinic for treatment and follow-up; with one exception who remained untreated (late latent STS) and was repatriated prior to delivery to Uganda in 2004. GU screens identified Chlamydia (5), TV (2), warts (2), herpes (1), BV (6), thrush (5) and hepatitis B (4) in those with untreated STS.

Discussion Our innovative MDT approach where each positive team and we encourage its use nationally.