

SHIP News

Newsletter of the Sexual Health Improvement Programme

Summer 2020

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, public health, commissioners and other stakeholders
- advising on funding applications e.g. through liaising with the National Institute for Health Research HPRU (Health Protection Research Unit), ARC West (Applied Research Collaboration) and the RDS (Research Design Service)
- providing advice and support for the evaluation and dissemination of ongoing projects

March 2020 – SHIP HIT Funding Renewal

We are delighted to announce that the SHIP HIT has received a grant of renewed funding from Bristol Health Partners to enable us to continue our work through 2021. The award includes funding for maintaining the momentum of Fast Track Cities Bristol with workshops and project management support, as well as a Domestic and Sexual Violence Workshop, GP Training Day and Jane Meyrick's work on Patient Voices, story-based methods for examining service barriers for BAME, MSM and sex workers.

SHIP HIT Tackling Stigma with FTCl

SHIP HIT is working with Fast Track Cities to ensure that BAME communities are a focus of our work on reducing HIV diagnoses and stigma. Councillor Asher Craig is working to support us in connecting with BAME communities. As we work to develop the Fast Track Cities Workstreams, Rami Ghali at Brigstowe is ensuring that BAME communities are represented on Workstream 2, Tackling Stigma. SHIP have also received funding from BHP to support Patient Voices at UWE,

BASSH Annual Conference - Virtual

19-21 October 2020

After consultation with BASHH events teams and Bournemouth Colleagues, BASHH have taken the decision to run a virtual conference in October 2020.

Details of conference scheduling and programme will follow.

BASSH have rescheduled Bournemouth Annual Conference to May 2021 and will post details in the future.

More information and registration are available [here](#).

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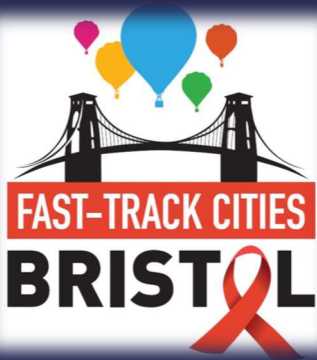


British Association for
Sexual Health and HIV



[Virtual Fast-Track Cities 2020](#) conference will take place September 9-10, 2020.

Organized by IAPAC in collaboration with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), Fast-Track Cities Institute, and other partners.



**Bristol Fast Track
Cities now on Twitter
@BristolFTCI**



in collaboration with Jane Meyrick, an ongoing project capturing patient stories and patient voices with a focus on black men reporting sex with men and sex workers.



Mayoral Signing of FTCI

The hard work of the Bristol FTCI Steering Group and their partners culminated in Bristol officially joining the membership of Fast Track Cities as part of the Bristol One City Plan, and Mayor Marvin Rees signed the official declaration at a public celebration at the Watershed on 30th November 2019. He said “We will work to increase HIV testing in our under-served and marginalised communities, reduce our late diagnosis rate and tackle HIV-related stigma and discrimination across the city. By adopting the Fast Track Cities Initiative’s principles in Bristol and pioneering a One City approach to tackle health inequalities, I am confident that we can rise to this challenge and end new HIV infections by 2030.”

The hard work and passion of our colleagues at Brigstowe and Bristol City Council made the event a highlight of National HIV Testing week and World AIDS Day.



Jan 2020 - FTCI Workshop

A workshop was convened to develop workstreams for the activities of the Fast Track Cities Bristol Initiative, based on the [Bristol HIV Health Needs Assessment \[pdf\]](#). The outputs were used to develop a FTCI Action Plan and three workstreams have been formed: WS1 –



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We welcome new members!

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Increasing HIV Testing, WS2- Tackling Stigma and WS3 - Systems Leadership, Research, Treatment & Care. The workstreams are being chaired by FTCl Steering Group members and SHIP members, and comprise clinicians, community organisers, PLWHIV and members of the public. The first meetings of the workstreams are being planned, and we would be delighted for any SHIP members to get involved.

Finally...

Bristol has been selected to host the UK & Ireland Fast Track Cities Workshop in November. We will update as we have more information.



HIV Evidence Commission

Representatives of SHIP attended the HIV Evidence Commission on 9th March, 2020. The commission has been convened by the government to collect evidence and make clear recommendations about how to end the HIV epidemic in England within the next decade. The event was fully subscribed, with community members, PLWIV, researchers, clinicians, politicians and support workers attending. Roundtable discussions contributed lively debate, and representatives of Bristol Fast Track Cities and SHIP contributed evidence and feedback. After the hearing, commissioners visited a local sexual health clinic, a healthcare centre for refugees and a support centre for people living with HIV. Updates to the work of the commission [can be found online](#).

FTCl Public Health Funding

Bristol City Council has awarded a grant to Brigstowe to support FTCl. This includes funds to support Workstream 2 – Tackling Stigma; using Brigstowe's volunteer network, co-ordinate and promote a city wide awareness of HIV testing in all settings with a particular focus on 'at risk' communities (e.g. Black Africans); work with local organisations (such as churches) within the Black African community to improve HIV dialogue, including tackling the stigma associated with HIV and HIV testing; develop 'community ambassadors' (testing champions) to promote HIV testing across Bristol with a particular focus on Black African communities.

Common Ambitions Funding Application

The Fast Track Cities team are through to the second round of applications for funding from The Health Foundation for a 2-3 year

