

THE BASHH/ STIF COMPETENCY PROGRAMME

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The STIF *Competency* Programme is a nationally recognised training and assessment qualification in sexual health. It is a modular competency-based training and assessment package for non-specialist and specialist healthcare professionals requiring skills development to manage people with sexually transmitted infections. Trainees successfully completing the competencies are registered on the national STIF *Competency* database of accredited healthcare professionals. There are currently four levels of qualification:

STIF *Fundamental* Competency

This is an OSCE style, half day assessment assessing the competence of health professionals who wish to deliver Level 1 sexual health services. STIF *Fundamental* is primarily aimed at those who deliver asymptomatic STI care and onward referral. The assessment can take place following a STIF Foundation course or as a standalone event. For more information about the assessment visit: www.STIF.org.uk/stif_fundamental

STIF *Intermediate* Competency

STIF *Intermediate* Competency is a work place based training package to train and assess the competence of healthcare professionals to manage patients in primary and secondary care presenting with symptomatic sexually transmitted infections. It involves intensive and tailored one-to-one clinical training and assessment (using workplace based assessments) by specialists within a sexual health clinic setting. You can now also apply to do STIF *Intermediate Competency* with academic accreditation from the University of Greenwich for 15 credits at Level 7. For more detailed information about the competencies to be assessed and how to register visit: www.STIF.org.uk/stif_intermediate

STIF *Advanced* Competency

STIF *Advanced* Competency is designed for Specialist Sexual Health/Genito-Urinary Medicine nurses who are working towards independent practice and have already successfully completed STIF *Intermediate* Competencies. The training and assessment is structured as a clinical attachment within a Level 3 sexual health service and comprises a minimum of 50 clinical sessions including a log book and reflective writing, formal assessment of competence every 4-6 weeks using assessment tools (mini-CEX forms and case-based discussion) and completion of an audit. It is also suitable for SAS doctors working in GU Medicine but who do not wish to take the DipGUM exam. For more detailed information about the competencies to be assessed and how to register visit: www.STIF.org.uk/stif_advanced

STIF *Integrated* Competency

COMING SOON! STIF *Integrated* Competency Training and Assessment provides a streamlined, cost-effective and fit-for-purpose training pathway in the new era of integrated sexual health provision. It builds on STIF *Intermediate* with additional work place assessments in contraceptive care. STIF *Integrated* can be completed at the same time as STIF *Intermediate* or can follow on from successful STIF *Intermediate* Competency certification. STIF *Integrated* is not a standalone contraceptive qualification. For more detailed information about the competencies to be assessed and how to register visit: http://www.STIF.org.uk/stif_integrated

STIF *Sexual Health Advising* Competency Coming later in 2016, STIF *Health Advising* Competency is a comprehensive training and assessment package developed in collaboration with a team of expert Health Advisors, encompassing skills for health advisors and nurses with significant health advising roles. This is a standalone module, however, those who have already completed STIF *Intermediate* will be exempt from repeating the competencies that overlap.