BHIVA Clinical Audit and Standards Sub-Committee: opportunities for trainees

The BHIVA Clinical Audit and Standards Sub-Committee invites trainees with an interest in HIV to put themselves forward, as follows:

1. **Appointment of trainee lead for 2022 national audit of routine HIV monitoring through the covid-19 pandemic**
   BHIVA's Audit and Standards Sub-Committee regularly appoints a specialist registrar or trainee researcher lead for each of its major national audit projects. Trainees are invited to put themselves forward for this role for the 2022 audit, which will focus on the extent to which services were able to maintain routine HIV monitoring between 2019 and 2022. This will involve national collection and analysis of case-note review from each participating clinical service, accompanied by a brief survey of HIV clinical services' current arrangements.

   The trainee lead for a national audit project is co-opted as a member of the Audit and Standards Sub-Committee and his or her role is to:

   > Work with members of the committee and BHIVA's clinical audit coordinator (Hilary Curtis) in planning the audit and analysing the data

   > Present the audit findings orally at BHIVA conference

   > Prepare and submit an article based on the audit findings for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, for which s/he would normally be first author. The committee's view is that this should be submitted within 6 months of the conference presentation.

   In practice the audit co-ordinator does the bulk of the work involved in the planning and data analysis, with advice from the trainee lead.

2. **Analysis of qualitative responses to survey on HIV specialist clinical services adapted and responded to the covid-19 pandemic**
   During 2021 the Audit and Standards Sub-Committee conducted a survey of how UK HIV clinical services were affected by and responded to the covid-19 pandemic, including staff re-deployments, changes in methods of consultation, monitoring and medication supply, and encouragement of covid-19 vaccination. A summary report of the findings is in preparation, to be fed back to participating services. In addition the survey has yielded write-in response data which have not yet been fully analysed and which may include learning for the future of HIV services. A SpR or research trainee with an interest in qualitative methods and ideally some experience of qualitative research is invited to study these data with a view to writing up for peer-reviewed publication if appropriate. A substantial number of respondents to the survey expressed willingness to be contacted to provide more in-depth information via an online focus group or qualitative interview; while there is no funding for this work, it would be open for the trainee to undertake this.

Ideally, applicants should have had at least 2 years' experience working in HIV, and need to be nominated by a consultant or senior member of the BHIVA Audit and Sub-committee. The trainee should also have the support and agreement of their own consultant or principal investigator, if

different. Successful applicants should be BHIVA members for the period of time they are on the committee.

Interested trainees should contact a consultant member of the sub-committee (see list below) to request nomination, stating which of the above roles they wish to be considered for. If this is agreed, the consultant or senior member should submit the trainee's name and contact details to Hilary Curtis (hilary@regordane.net) by **Friday 19 November**. The successful candidates will be selected at random from those nominated for each role, and notified during the following week.

List of consultant/senior members of the sub-committee
The secretariat bhiva@bhiva.org will forward emails to these members on request:

Professor Fiona Burns
Dr David Chadwick (chairperson)
Dr Emily Cheserem
Dr Duncan Churchill
Dr Andrew Freedman
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