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# Appendix 1. Stakeholder engagement

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## Introduction

The information below outlines the variety of activities UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has undertaken to inform our work on reviewing the strategic approach to sexually transmitted infection (STI) control. A wide range of stakeholders have input into the development of the STI Prioritisation Framework, including testing the practical application and usability of the document.

# Stakeholder engagement activities undertaken as part of the development of the STI Prioritisation Framework

## STI Roundtable Meetings

Three STI Roundtable Meetings were held during 2023 and 2024, chaired by UKHSA's Chief Medical Adviser. These meetings provided an opportunity to collectively consider existing and emerging interventions for STI control and provide expertise and insight into acceptability and practicalities of each group of interventions.

Participants in these roundtables have included representatives from British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH), Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH), English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners Group (EHSCHG), Local Government Association, voluntary and community sector, academia and government.

## Regular updates and awareness

UKHSA used existing channels and networks to ensure regional and local stakeholders were informed of ongoing work and to identify opportunities to collaborate and input of expertise as appropriate.

Meetings, symposia and presentations took place at BASHH annual conferences in 2023 and 2024 and the 2024 bacterial special interest group scientific meeting to inform and seek input from clinicians.

Over 20 presentations on the scope and purpose of the review of the strategic approach to STIs work were delivered via regional commissioner and provider networks, national stakeholder meetings and BASHH meetings and conferences.

## Modified Delphi consensus process

Following advice from the second roundtable, a consensus building process was initiated. We undertook a modified Delphi exercise to build national consensus from stakeholders across the STI system on both a set of guiding principles and how existing and emerging interventions should be prioritised to optimise the desired outcomes of reducing harm from STIs and reducing inequalities related to STIs. This included 2 online survey rounds, with participants invited to reflect and prioritise according to their own experience and expertise.

Further detail on this process can be found in [Appendix 4](#).

## Working group: interdependencies

Following the first roundtable an interdependencies working group was established to scope potential issues that need to be considered regarding the introduction of proposed new STI control interventions. This includes exploring and proposing ideas on how these issues can be better understood and therefore addressed and to consider the implementation challenges (including communications and messaging) related to introducing these changes and explore what key messages might be.

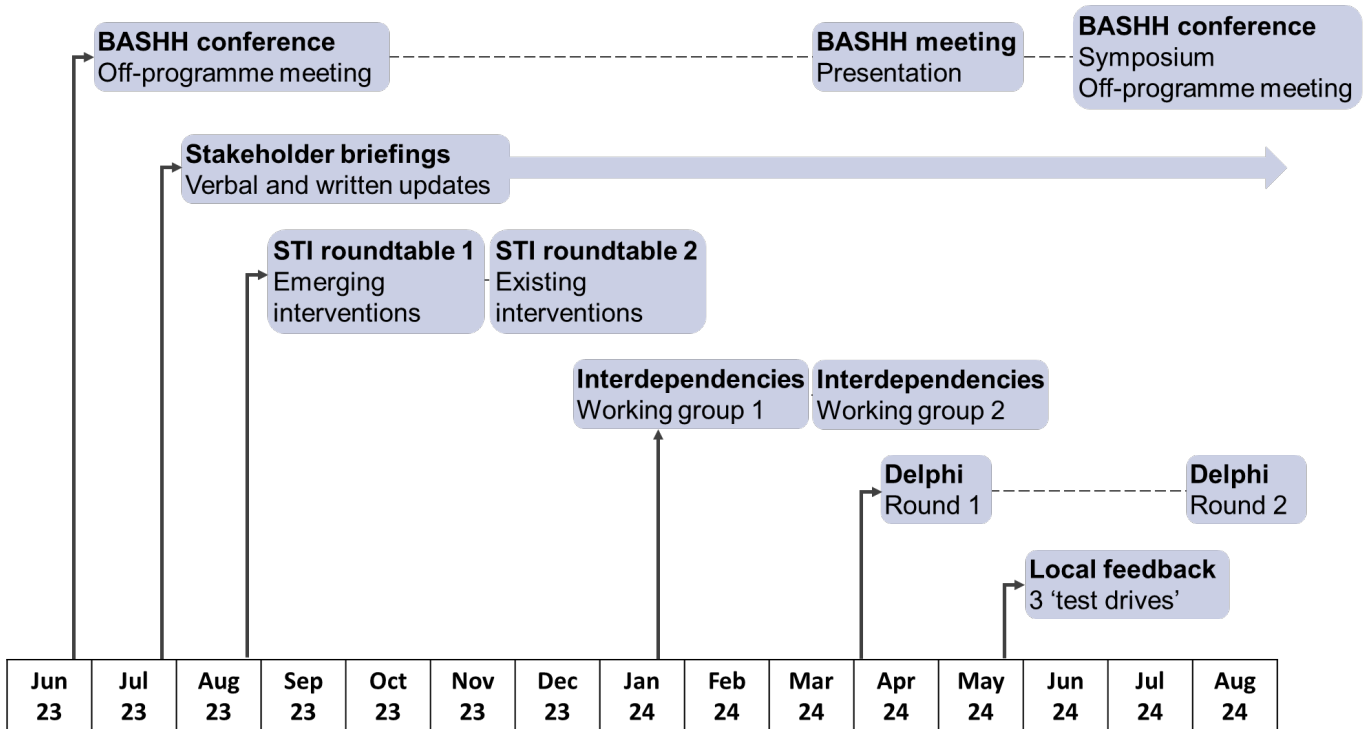
This group included representatives from BASHH, ESHCG, ADPH, voluntary and community sector, academia, and government.

This work is currently ongoing.

## Document review

We tested the prioritisation framework with representatives of our key intended audience and sought their feedback on the content, style and presentation of the document. The 3 groups we tested the document with were the ESHCG executive team, the BASHH President and Vice-President and Derbyshire sexual health service and local authority. This process was used to inform any final revisions of the document.

**Figure 1. Timeline of stakeholder engagement activities undertaken as part of the development of the STI Prioritisation Framework**



### Accessible text version of Figure 1

The figure visualises the timeline of stakeholder engagement activities that have underpinned the development of the STI Prioritisation Framework.

#### Activities with BASHH:

- June 2023: BASHH conference (off programme meeting)
- March 2024: BASHH meeting (presentation)
- June 2023: BASHH conference (symposium and off-programme meeting)

#### Briefings:

- July 2023 onwards: stakeholder briefings (verbal and written updates)

#### Roundtable meetings:

- August 2023: STI roundtable 1 (emerging interventions)
- November 2023: STI roundtable 2 (existing interventions)

#### Interdependencies working group meetings:

- January 2024: interdependencies (working group 1)
- March 2024: interdependencies (working group 2)

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### Modified Delphi:

- April 2024: Delphi (round 1)
- July 2024: Delphi (round 2)

### Stakeholder feedback:

- May 2024: local feedback (3 test drives)

## Abbreviations

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
ADPH	Association of Directors of Public Health
BASHH	British Association for Sexual Health and HIV
EHSCHG	English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners Group
STI	sexually transmitted infection
STIs	sexually transmitted infections
UKHSA	UK Health Security Agency



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