

# **ANNUAL REPORT** 2023-24



### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Global Action on Men's Health has a very straightforward but also very ambitious mission. We want to create a world where all men and boys have the opportunity to achieve the best possible health and wellbeing wherever they live and whatever their backgrounds. Recognising that we have to focus on specific issues if we want to make an impact, in 2023-24 we began a long-term programme of work looking at men and cancer. Our aim is to change cancer policy at the national and global levels to ensure that it takes proper account of the specific needs of men and boys.

We also began to plan for similar initiatives on men's mental health, sexual and reproductive health and men's use of primary care services. Reports on all these were published in 2024

I was particularly pleased to be able to be one of the representatives of GAMH at the Men's Health World Congress in Malaysia in December 2023. This was the first opportunity in many years for men's health organisations, practitioners, researchers and advocates from around the world to meet face-to-face and share their insights, experiences and ideas. I hope other, similar gatherings will follow.

Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues on the GAMH Board, Director Peter Baker and the team and our members for their continuing commitment, guidance and support.

Derek M. Griffith, Chair

Improving the health of men and boys

### MEET OUR TEAM

#### **Our Operations Team**

- **Research Officer**

#### **Our Board of Trustees**

- Professor Derek M. Griffith Chair
- Professor Dr Doris Bardehle
- Rae Bonney



**Derek M Griffith** 



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11-13 DEC 2023 Borneo Convention Centre Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia



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**Peter Baker** 

GLOBAL ACTION ON **GONE MISSING...** 



The Treatment of Men in Global Cancer Polic

## Men's Health World Congress







Above left - at the World Congress in Malysia; above right - signing our partnership with NOMAN is an Island; top right our cancer report Gone Missing



### OUR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



- GAMH published a report, Gone Missing: The treatment of men in global cancer policy, in Men's Health Week 2023. This marked the start of our advocacy work on **men and cancer policy**.
- We collaborated with the European Cancer Organisation and the European Association of Urology on the development of the **Men** and Cancer Roadmap for action in Europe. Director Peter Baker spoke at the report's launch at the European Parliament in Brussels in November 2023.
- GAMH supported the campaign for a **men's health strategy** in the UK. A submission was made to a parliamentary inquiry and we joined a Department of Health men's health working group.
- A strategic partnership was developed with NOMAN is an Island: Race to End HPV, marking the start of a joint initiative to make the case for global gender-neutral HPV vaccination.
- We also joined the Lung Cancer Policy Network and became an official partner of the Partnership for Male Youth.
- We worked as consultants to Movember on the development of its policy reports on the UK and Australia. This work significantly strengthened our relationship with the world's largest men's health organisation.
- Peter Baker delivered the opening address to the Men's Health World Congress in Malaysia in December 2023. Papers were also delivered by GAMH Chair Derek Griffith, Board member Rae Bonney and by several GAMH members.
- GAMH"'s **membership steadily increased** throughout 2023/24, with numbers up 20% on the previous year.

2023/24 ended with GAMH in a significantly stronger position both internally and externally. The organisation's challenge is to expand our capacity further to develop and deliver the advocacy work that will make a real difference to the lives of men everywhere.

#### OUR MEMBERS

- Total members: 83
- Full members: 14
- Associate members: 21
- Individual members: 48
- Countries represented: 22
- WHO regions represented: 5





#### GAMH has 83 members in 22 countries



#### FINANCIAL REPORT



GAMH ended the 2023/24 financial year in good financial shape with a surplus of GBP 107,263. GBP 76,019 of these funds were 'restricted' (i.e., they can only be spent of the projects for which they were provided). The remaining GBP 31,244 were 'unrestricted' (these funds can be used for any purpose in line with our charitable objectives). The end-of-year bottom line was slightly below that of 2022/23 (GBP 120,885) but this was more than outweighed by higher levels of funding secured in advance for 2024/25.

Income generation continues to be a strategic priority for the charity alongside our policy and advocacy work.

#### LOOKING FORWARD

GAMH has continued to deliver key presentations, reports, and other products since the end of the period covered by the Annual Report for 2023/24. In fact, there has been a steady increase in the scale of our activity.

Our key activities for the rest of 2024 included:

- Publishing and launching five major policy reports:
  - **Absent-Minded: The treatment of men in global mental health policy** in April.
  - Men and Cancer: Charter for Action in Men's Health Week in June.
  - Boys, Men and HPV: A call for Global Gender-Neutral Vaccination, at the World Cancer Congress in Geneva, Switzerland in September.
  - Out of Focus: The representation on men in regional and global sexual and reproductive health policy in September.
  - No Man's Land: How men are considered in global primary health care policy in December.

All these reports were launched or promoted at webinars organised by GAMH.

- In partnership with NOMAN is an Island: Race to End HPV, launching a new call to action for global gender-neutral HPV vaccination which, by the end of the year, had been endorsed by over 30 organisations.
- Promoting the issue of men and cancer and gender-neutral HPV vaccination through presentations and events at the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May, the International Papillomavirus Conference in Edinburgh, the European Cancer Summit in Brussels and the ESMO Asia Congress in Singapore in December.
- Supporting the launch of Movember's men's health reports in July.
- Preparing a report on **prostate cancer** for launch in 2025.

The full annual report is available at gamh.org/annual-reports

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