

Interactive Debate Wall Responses

Question: Do you feel BAA Communicates with Members effectively?

Responses:

- I sometimes feel the email communications are too long – short snapshots are better. I prefer lengthy communication by post.
- Yes! BSNA, BSA, BAA should have one big conference too. Need to represent all audiologists otherwise NHS Audiologists work in their own site – need to move with the times and be inclusive

Question: Should BAA Represent All Audiologists or Focus on those in Traditional NHS Roles?

- I think there is a growing need to cover NHS and private working audiologists. There is more and more collaborative working so this makes sense. Sharing knowledge and experience is of course key!
- BAA should represent all audiologists, particularly those who started in the NHS. It's where we start that is important, not where we end up. Thanks to BAA and the NHS many of us have moved forward to great careers outside the NHS but still need to be part of BAA and should be represented by BAA.
- The field of audiology extends far beyond the NHS and to an extent AQP is evidence of this. As an NHS trained Audiologist with experience in the independent sector, I feel that the BAA has a role to support all professionals in the field and tailor advice and audience accordingly. The interests of the patients are what is of highest importance, not whether the patient is paying for a product or accessing services for free.
- As an audiologist, hearing therapist and dispenser I strongly feel that BAA is for all audiology professionals regardless of where they work. We should be working towards the same standards. Having worked in the NHS for more than 29 years, the third sector for a couple of years and now have my own audiology practice I use BAA as my main source of information. I was the chair of the British Society of Hearing Therapists and the ethos on the shadow board of BAA prior to its official formation as a professional body was that it was very much intended for it to be for all audiology professionals regardless of role and/or workplace. Long may it continue...?

Question: What has been your favourite topic at Conference?

- 'Repulsing Patients' – using appropriate non-negative descriptors with patients
- From Carol Flexer – The Brain!
- Writing a business case – Helen Martin and both of Caroline Rae's talks were very good
- Locus of Control and Tinnitus.
- Hyperacusis in Children