



BAA Horizon

your audiology update

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In this week's edition we bring you updates, opportunities, news, and information from across the field of audiology.

If you have any information that you would like to be included in a future edition of Horizon, please contact admin@baaudiology.org. The next deadline for submissions is the **30th October 2019**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog. Sue Falkingham BAA President continues her blog on the BAA website. You can follow Sue [here](#):**
- **New Direct Referral Balance Guidance document published.** The Service Quality Committee (SQC) has recently published a new guidance document that is available on the website for members. The purpose of '*Setting up a Direct Referral Balance Service (Audiology)*' is to give guidance to clinicians and service leads on how to set up a direct referral balance service and hopefully builds on the information provided in Provision of Adult Balance Services A Good Practice Guide (Department of Health 2009), which still holds relevance today. As well as practical advice, the document also includes case studies from professionals who have already been through the process. Download it [here](#).
- **New examiners wanted for BAA Higher Training Scheme (HTS).** A big thank you to those members who have already expressed an interest in becoming an HTS examiner for the BAA. There is still time if you are considering putting yourself forward. If you think you may have the experience, skills and a little time to share your expertise then please have a read of the criteria and complete the expression of interest form [here](#). All prospective examiners are welcome to attend the examiner's meeting on 13th November at 3pm in Liverpool (day before the conference), although spaces are limited so please contact the BAA in advance to reserve a place.
- **Can you spare some time to help your professional body?** Two of our teams need some new people. Our regional groups would really like someone in the South West of England to join them. Our regional reps organise meetings that are free of charge to all and provide an opportunity to network and learn. If you would like to get involved with the BAA at a regional level and help support your local peers and you are based in the South West of England, please get in touch: admin@baaudiology.org
- **Our Pubs & Comms team would like a new Sub-Editor for the BAA magazine.** Sara Coulson, our magazine editor, needs some help. Could you spare some time to help her with a couple of issues a year? If you are interested, please click [here](#) for a brief outline of the role and information on how to apply. This is a voluntary position and you will be paid in eternal thanks from the Pubs & Comms team!

- **Earn some Amazon vouchers before Christmas!** BAA would like more members like you and to help achieve this, the BAA referral scheme has been launched. Between now and December 31st, for every audiologist you recommend who signs up as a full member with the BAA, you will receive a £15 Amazon voucher. The new member will also gain an additional three months membership for their money - 15 months for the price of 12. If you work with someone who shares your passion for audiology, recommend they join you as a member of the BAA and let's grow our professional voice. Further information can be found [online](#).

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Members like you
REWARD
£15 voucher

BAA helps our members grow professionally,
now you can help grow your association

£15 Amazon Gift Card for you, when a colleague joins the BAA*

BRITISH ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY

Offer ends on **Tuesday 31st December**
*Terms and conditions apply

Help the BAA grow and make our professional voice even louder

Other News:

- **New CPD Guidance video from HCPC.** The Health Care Professions Council has released a new video that talks through the different types of learning that count as CPD activities. The HCPC video gives case studies and examples from three of the professions it regulates. Any activity from which you learn or develop professionally can be considered eligible for CPD, though you should ensure that these complement your practice and enhance the service you provide. Take a fresh look at your CPD possibilities [here](#).
- **Practitioner Training Programmes Review.** The National School of Healthcare Science is undertaking a major review of the Practitioner Training Programmes. The key aim of the review is to determine if any changes are needed to the current programme, including the design, structure, content and delivery formats, to deliver the practitioner scientist workforce in line with changes such as genomics, digital healthcare, apprenticeships and the NHS People Plan. The survey is now available for completion by accessing the link: [PTP Review](#)
- **Tinnitus assessment and management.** The NICE [draft guidance](#) consultation for Tinnitus assessment and management is still open for all stakeholders to comment. The consultation for review and comment closes on Friday 1 November 2019 at 5pm. If you haven't already registered as a stakeholder, you can also do this on the NICE website, where you can register as an organisation or individual. BAA board will be responding as a stakeholder. Read more [here](#).
- **Potential new drug to protect hearing?** Action on Hearing Loss has funded research to understand how a new drug could protect hearing when they must take medication that can damage hearing. Ototoxic drugs such as the anti-cancer drug cisplatin and some antibiotics can affect the auditory system causing permanent hearing loss, so it is important to find treatments to protect hearing from the side-effects of these life-saving drugs. Researchers at the University of Sussex in the UK (supported by AoHL) have been working with a team at the University of Washington to study a new drug, ORC-13661, that shows promise as such a treatment. Read more [here](#).

Upcoming Courses / Events:



- **BAA Annual Conference 2019 – Our conference programme this year will once more have a strong clinical focus as we feel this is what we do best in BAA and follows guidance from our delegate feedback from previous years.** There will be updates from the world of research, overviews of policy updates, exciting service innovations and examples of clinical excellence. Our main aim is always for delegates to leave the conference with a clear idea of how they can implement what they have heard in their own departments or careers. All our invited speakers are asked to summarise their talks with the popular '3 things to do on Monday' message. Key sessions will cover paediatric assessment, vestibular updates for both assessment and rehabilitation, how to deliver patient centred care, implementing new technology in both the NHS and Private Sector and implantable devices.

View the full programme at www.baaudiology.org/conference

- **UCL Ear Institute**

Auditory Processing Disorders

Auditory Processing, Hearing and Cognition: their interactions in children and adults

Dates: 3rd, 4th and 5th March 2020

Course Directors: Prof Doris-Eva Bamiou & Dr Peter Keating

This 3-day comprehensive Masterclass in Auditory Processing Disorders brings together experts from across the UK and overseas to provide an update on current understanding of auditory processing, hearing and cognition. Further information and booking is available at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/study/cpd-courses

Click [here](#) to view course details in full on the BAA website.

- **UCL Ear Institute**

Advanced Audiological Management Masterclass

Dates: Wednesday 18 March - Friday 20 March 2020

Course Director: Carolina Leal & Hannah Cooper

This module takes the form of a 3 day masterclass that will investigate current trends in adult and paediatric amplification. The aim of this module is to enhance clinical practice in the assessment, diagnosis and rehabilitation of adults and children with hearing loss. Further information and booking is available at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/study/cpd-courses

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- **ANNE DAVIES AUDIOLOGY COURSES**

'Paediatric Hearing Aids: An Introduction'

Tue 21 - Thu 23 April 2020

Booking deadline: Tue 24 March 2020

VENUE: The Park Royal Hotel, Stretton Warrington.

This is an introduction / update on the clinical skills required for paediatric habilitation.

Course information is on 'Anne Davies Audiology Courses' website:

www.audiology-courses.co.uk

Click [here](#) to see course details in full on the BAA website.

- **ANNE DAVIES AUDIOLOGY COURSES**

'Steering a True Course'

Practical Skills for Leading Audiology Services, Taught by Senior Leaders in NHS Audiology

Tue 28 - Thu 30 January 2020

Booking deadline: Tue 31 December 2019

VENUE: High Leigh Conference Centre, Lord Street, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire EN11 8SG

Leadership Development, specifically for Audiology. This course is for anyone in a clinical lead role who aspires to lead an Audiology service. It is also suitable for those who are new to managing Audiology services.

Course information is on 'Anne Davies Audiology Courses' website:

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Job Adverts

- **NHS Lothian
Audiology Department, Lauriston Buildings, Edinburgh
Audiologists (2 Posts)
Band 5 (£24,670 - £30,742) per annum
Full-time 37.5 hours per week
Ref No 002921.**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for well-motivated Audiologists to work providing Audiology Services within the Lothian region. The postholders will be based in Edinburgh but will have to participate in peripheral clinics throughout Lothian.

To apply please visit <https://jobs.scot.nhs.uk/Details.aspx?vacNo=597293>
Closing date 16th October 2019.

Click [here](#) to see details in full on the BAA website.

- **De Montfort University (DMU)**

Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in Audiology

Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

Ref. H-60896567-02

Grade F, £34,804 - £38,017 per annum

**Permanent, Full-time
Leicester**

Build your career, join De Montfort University (DMU) in Leicester as a Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in Audiology. De Montfort University is a large university with a commitment to the public good and is proud of its achievements in successfully supporting students from diverse backgrounds which are underrepresented within Higher Education.

Interviews will take place on Wednesday 27 November 2019.

For any informal enquiries, please contact: Rakesh Patel (Associate Head of School Allied Health Sciences) Tel: 0116 250 6503, email: rkpatel@dmu.ac.uk

To discover more and apply, please click [here](#).

Closing Date: 10th November 2019.

Click [here](#) to see details in full on the BAA website.

- **The Interacoustics Academy**

International Clinical Trainer / Manager with Audiological background

*Would you like to join a leading diagnostic solution provider in the hearing and balance field?
Do you have a diverse audiological background combined with good presenting skills and understanding of learning technologies?*

We are currently looking for a new member to join and manage our branch The Interacoustics Academy. At Interacoustics we are dedicated to providing training and access to materials related to audiological, vestibular and balance technologies and their applications.

If you find this position interesting, we would love to hear from you. Please upload your CV and cover letter explaining why you are the ideal candidate for the role.

The application deadline is November 1st, 2019. First round interviews will be held in the UK and second round at our headquarters in Middelfart, Denmark.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Bue Kristensen at buek@interacoustics.com

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