



# BAA Horizon

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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](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org). The next deadline for submissions is the **27th November 2019**.

## BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** Sue Falkingham handed on the Presidential baton to Karen Shepherd at conference last week. During her opening address at the 16th Annual Conference for the British Academy of Audiology, Sue Falkingham announced that the BAA has withdrawn from the current discussions about the potential formation of a College of Audiology. Read what she said to conference [here](#).
- **BAA 2019 Conference in Liverpool.** What a great couple of days we had in Liverpool last week for our Annual Conference. Our outgoing President, Sue Falkingham, announced, during her opening address, that the BAA has withdrawn from the discussions about the possible formation of a College of Audiology. Her announcement received a round of applause from attendees. But there was much more to this year's conference. 55 lectures and workshops, 25 POD talks, 48 exhibition stands, 11 award winners, more than 100 posters and hundreds of audiologists, scientists, researchers, clinicians and students who were keen to learn about the latest research, best practice and technological innovations. The conference certainly was the place to be for announcements and launches this year. For a more detailed overview, click through [here](#).
- **Higher Training Scheme relaunched.** During conference, the revised Higher Training Scheme (HTS) was reopened for new applicants. The HTS is being revised and updated to ensure it meets service needs and is efficient to run. The initial phase has now been completed; the regulations have been updated and the scheme is **open** for new registrations. The new regulations can be found on the BAA website. All those registering on the scheme from 14th November 2019 will be subject to the new regulations. For those already registered on the scheme some aspects of the new regulations will apply. A summary of the main changes is outlined on the BAA website, highlighting those which will also apply to existing registrants. All those involved in the HTS should read the full regulations to make sure they are familiar, and direct any queries to the HTS Committee, via the BAA. A full article regarding the changes and reasoning behind them will be published as soon as possible. Read more and apply [here](#).
- **Mentoring Scheme announced.** A new member benefit was announced during conference. The BAA Mentoring Scheme brings together experienced Audiologists, service leads, early professionals and other partners to mentor within our community. The scheme aims to

improve confidence and self-belief, coach early professionals and offer guidance and support for career development.

At the heart of the scheme is a focus on our members – to do well in practice, their career and work towards achieving their goals more broadly. If you would like to volunteer to be a Mentor or if you would like to benefit from a Mentor, please read more [here](#)

- **New Cochlear Implant video from the SQC team.** The BAA Service Quality Committee has been extremely busy over the last few months and another important output from them was launched at conference. The team have produced a video to raise awareness and remove barriers around Cochlear Implant referral in adults. This video will be useful for patients and their families, audiologists, ENT and GPs. The SQC team encourage you to share this video resource widely. Watch it [here](#)
- **BAA Award Winners.** There were 11 award winners announced at the 2019 conference. Team of the Year, Paediatric Audiologist of the Year and Jos Millar shield winner were just some of the awards given out to very worthy winners in UK audiology. Find out who all the winners were [online](#)
- **Free Amazon vouchers for members!** 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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## Other News:

- **Study:** Other health problems increase with the degree of hearing loss. A Dutch study has found that hearing loss is negatively associated with higher distress, depression, somatisation and loneliness in young and middle-aged adults. The more severe the hearing loss, the larger the risk of distress, depression, somatisation and loneliness. Read more [here](#)

- **BCIG Cochlear Implant Referral Guide 2019.** The British Cochlear Implant Group (BCIG) has published a referral guide which is available to any audiologist who may see patients with a hearing loss that could potentially benefit from a cochlear implant. It includes referral criteria, details of how you should refer and what information is required about the patient, along with a link to Cochlear Implant centres across the UK. You can download (and print) the poster from our website [here](#) or contact the BCIG for a laminated version.
- **Updated Microtia Guidelines launched.** The UK Care Standards for the Management of Patients with Microtia and Atresia have recently been reviewed and the final guidance document has been launched today by the British Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (BAPRAS).  
The BAA was one of the professional bodies consulted during the review process. It is worth noting that the changes made to the care standards were minor and no significant changes have been made. You can find the guidelines [here](#)
- **Hearing Fund UK charity.** Our closing keynote speaker at this year's conference was Justin Osmond. Justin is profoundly deaf and a member of the famous Osmond family. He talked about growing up deaf in a musical family and overcoming obstacles in his path. One of the things Justin has done is establish a charity in honour of his grandma, Olive, who also had hearing loss. The Hearing Fund UK is a charity project that raises funds and raises awareness for deaf children and their families to bring "music to the ears" of thousands of deaf children in the UK. You can find out more [here](#)

## Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **BAA Annual Conference 2019** – Thank you to everyone that came to BAA Annual Conference 2019. This year was yet another success thanks to you! Make sure to save the date in your diary for BAA Annual Conference 2020: 26th & 27th November 2020 at the Manchester Central Convention Complex.
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