



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. The next deadline for submissions is the **11th December 2019**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** Karen Shepherd was announced as the new BAA President at Conference 2019. Please click on the link [here](#) to read Karen's first blog as our President.
- **College of Audiology: time to take stock.** Following the announcement of their withdrawal from the college of audiology discussions, BAA Board has decided on their next step. Read more [here](#).
- **Could you be a Cochlear Implant Champion?** The BAA SQC and BCIG are looking for 'CI champions' in all UK Audiology settings. Their role will be to train and support colleagues in their team to identify and counsel patients about implants. Training will be provided annually at the BCIG conference, the next event will be held on March 11th, 2020. To register your interest and get more information please send your name and the name of your service to admin@baaudiology.org You can also find more information [here](#).
- **Regional Meeting at the University of Southampton.** On Wednesday 5th February 2020, Anna Hollingdale, our BAA Regional Rep for the South East, has organised a regional patient-centred care training day. Please put the date in your diary and book your places. This training day is offered free of charge. However, places are limited and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so book early to avoid disappointment. More details about the day and access to tickets can be found [here](#).
- **BAA 2019 Conference in Liverpool.** BAA Board would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the 2019 annual conference. There was a fantastic line up of speakers, new initiatives, such as the dementia-friendly clinic set up and the creche and a fantastic exhibition space. One area that didn't go quite to plan was the evening party night. We wanted to try something different from the stale gala dinner format this year and the party night at the venue on Liverpool docks was generally a big hit with most delegates (particularly the karaoke). However, despite ordering and paying for more food than advised necessary, the venue failed to provide all that had been ordered. We apologise to those who did not share the food provided by the venue and had to have the pizza ordered in to make up for the

venue's failings. We are in the process of complaining to the venue about their handling of the food situation.

- **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](#).
- **Definition of 'optimally aided' agreed by BAA SQC and BSA ARIG**
The Service Quality Committee (SQC) of the BAA and the British Society of Audiology Adult Rehab Interest Group (ARIG) have agreed on the formal definition of 'optimally aided'. Cochlear implants should always be considered as a priority for adults with severe-to-profound deafness; however, it is important to ensure adults are optimally aided so they can get the best possible outcomes with their hearing aids. The optimally added definition exists to support clinicians when making a decision about how to set hearing aids for adults who have severe to profound loss, and when to refer for a cochlear implant. More information is available on the BAA website [here](#).
- **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:

- **Audiology Lead Editor needed for work on Curriculum Review.** The National School of Healthcare Science has begun the review of the Scientist Training Programme (STP) Curriculum and are recruiting an experienced registered Clinical Scientist to be the Lead Editor for the Audiology Curriculum Review Group. Find more information about this post [here](#). Applications deadline is Monday 9th December 2019.

- **What works: Children’s Hearing Services Working Groups.** The latest what works guide has been released as part of the Action Plan on hearing loss. What works: Children’s Hearing Services Working Groups is a guide for commissioners, and health and local authority providers who support children and young people with hearing loss. The ‘What Works’ guides have all been produced in partnership between NHS England, Government Departments, and hearing loss charities. This latest guide was produced in partnership with the National Deaf Children’s Society and updates earlier guidance produced by the NHS Newborn Hearing Screening Programme in England (2010). Download the guide [here](#).
- **NICE guideline on Workplace health.** The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guideline on Workplace health: long-term sickness absence and capability to work has now been published on the NICE website. This guideline covers how to help people return to work after long-term sickness absence, reduce recurring sickness absence, and help prevent people moving from short-term to long-term sickness absence. A link to the guideline can be found [here](#).
- **Regional Talent Boards.** What do you know about your Regional Talent Board? The Regional Talent Boards (RTBs) were created in 2017, by the NHS Leadership Academy, to understand and balance senior level ‘demand’ (vacancies) and ‘supply’ (people). There are now five RTBs in Midlands and East, North, South West, South East and the London RTB. There are some core principles that underpin all of the RTBs that can be read [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.

- **Tinnitus & Hyperacusis Therapy Master Class**

Dates: 13-15 July 2020

Venue: Birkbeck, University of London, London, United Kingdom

Website: <https://tinnitustherapy.org.uk/>

This course is designed for those who wish to provide specialised care for children and adults experiencing tinnitus and hyperacusis. This course will outline psychometric and audiological assessments, appropriate referrals to ENT and mental health, evidence-based practice, application of audiologist-delivered specialist cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) in tinnitus and hyperacusis rehabilitation, and service development.

For more info watch this video: <https://youtu.be/lla41tJxgrs>

Participants of the masterclass will be entitled to “free” registration for the 5th International Conference on Hyperacusis (16-17 July 2020 at Birkbeck College, University of London).

For more info watch <https://youtu.be/1auxv9q2YOI>

To view on the BAA Website please click [here](#)

- **Call for abstracts**

Abstract Submission deadline: 15th February 2020

5th International Conference on Hyperacusis

(also includes **2nd International Misophonia Symposium, Noise Sensitivity Seminar** and the **International Seminar on Hearing Care for Musicians**)

Dates: 16-17 July 2020

Venue: Birkbeck, University of London, London, United Kingdom

Website: <https://hyperacusisresearch.co.uk/>

Suggested topics:

- Causes, mechanism, diagnosis and treatment of hyperacusis
- Hyperacusis and disability
- Management of tinnitus, hyperacusis and hearing impairment in musicians
- Improving access to health, education, and social services for people with hyperacusis
- Misophonia
- Noise sensitivity
- The relationship between hyperacusis and tinnitus
- Loudness Discomfort Levels
- Evaluating impact of hyperacusis using self-report questionnaires

“**FREE**” registration for those whose abstracts will be accepted for presentation at ICH5!

For more info watch <https://youtu.be/Y3kS1vCBHiw>

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Job Adverts

- **We are looking to recruit in the North East/North of England Region**

At Holt Hearing and Balance Services, we have an exciting opportunity for an Audiologist based around the North/ North East of England to join our team to undertake medico-legal hearing tests and the potential for hearing aid fitting and repairs, and tinnitus and balance work on a flexible part-time basis.

Salary will be dependent on the experience and qualifications of the successful candidates.

Please apply to: Philip & Marianne Holt, Consultant Clinical Scientists (Audiology) Holt Hearing and Balance Services Ltd, Basford Consulting Rooms, 540 Etruria Road, Basford, Staffordshire, ST5 0SX

Tel: 01270 211009 Email: aimee@holthearingandbalance.co.uk

Closing date: Friday 6th December 2019

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