



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 **22 January 2020**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** Please click [here](#) to read what Karen Shepherd has been doing as BAA President and see how the BAA Board is working for you and fellow members.
- **Free Regional Meeting at the University of Southampton.** Why not kick start your year of learning and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) with a day at the University of Southampton? Anna Hollingdale, our BAA Regional Rep for the South East, has organised a training day focused on Adult Rehabilitation and Patient-Centred Care. Please put the date in your diary - **Wednesday 5th February 2020** - and book your place. 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. Read more and book your place [here](#)
- **Audiology training and events.** Whilst you are planning your training and CPD have a glance through the events pages on the BAA website. As well as our BAA Regional meetings, there are masterclasses, courses and training on offer covering all aspects of audiology, delivered by many different skilled providers. If you are interested in any of the following, have a look through the dates and venues on offer.

* Counselling * Paediatric Assessment & Habilitation * Otoscopy & Impression taking * Tinnitus & Hyperacusis * Deaf awareness for audiologists * Hearing Therapy skills * Auditory Processing Disorders * Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV) * Adult audiology management *

Brush up on some old skills or learn some new ones. New courses are added every week, so keep an eye on the page: [Events](#)

- **BAA Mentoring Scheme.** We've had some superb professionals sign up to be Mentors on the new BAA Mentoring Scheme. If you would like to benefit from their years of experience, then join as a Mentee and access a wealth of knowledge and skills in audiology, management, service provision, people, healthcare science and much more.

The BAA Mentor Scheme is designed to bring together experienced Audiologists, service leads, early professionals and other partners 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, you can read a lot more about the scheme [here](#) and join other members who have already signed up for the new scheme.

- **Heads of Service Event.** In response to popular demand, we are planning another Heads of Service day. Please keep an eye on our social media (and Horizons) for news of this popular event. We are endeavouring to get a date in the diary for March and will let you know as soon as possible.
- **Could you be a Cochlear Implant Champion?** Thank you to all the audiologists who have already expressed an interest in becoming a Cochlear Implant Champion. It's not too late to join them. 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](#).

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Other News:

- **National Patient Safety Alert.** A reminder that just before the Christmas break a National Patient Safety Alert was issued by NHS England and the NHS Improvement patient safety team. The safety alert is for all organisations supplying NHS-funded hearing aids to babies, children or adults. The alert about the risk of harm to babies and children from coin/button batteries in hearing aids and other hearing devices, includes information from the Child Accident Prevention Trust that suggests around two children per year in the UK die from coin/button battery ingestion, but the actual numbers seriously injured or requiring hospital treatment are unknown. The implementation of actions from the patient safety alert are to be completed by 11th September and should be co-ordinated by the head of audiology, or equivalent role, with oversight by an executive leader. A reminder of these actions can be found [here](#)

- **Can you help recruit study participants?** The University of Manchester would like your help to recruit young people with hearing loss to participate in their READY study. Posters and leaflets are available for your department. Find out more [here](#)
- **Research Grant available.** The Ida Institute has announced that the Ida Institute Research Committee is now accepting proposals for projects investigating outcomes of the use of Ida tools for our 2020 Research Grant. Funding will be awarded to projects that develop evidence related to Ida Institute methods and tools and aim to demonstrate the effects of person-centred care in hearing rehabilitation. Up to \$10,000 USD is available. More details can be found [here](#)
- **The 2020 Chief Scientific Officer's Annual Conference Awards.** With the theme "Working Differently", the CSO's annual conference has been announced for 17th and 18th March 2020. Places are free of charge. The Chief Scientific Officer's Awards nominations webpage is now live. Nominations for awards need to be made by 19th January. Further information [here](#)
- **Date for your Diary.** The British Tinnitus Association Tinnitus Week in 2020 is taking place from 3-9 February and the theme for the week will be tinnitus research. Without research, we won't find a cure for tinnitus, so Tinnitus Week will be a great opportunity to showcase: research that is currently going on across the UK; research the BTA is involved with; what the future holds. Read more [here](#) to find out how you can get involved.

Upcoming Courses / Events:



BRITISH ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY
17th Annual Conference
26-27 November 2020
Manchester Central Convention Complex

Save the date

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- **Save the Date: BAA Annual Conference 2020 is taking place on 26th-27th November 2020 at the Manchester Central Convention Complex.**

Registration opens in May at www.baaudiology.org/

- **Survey**

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences is committed to providing high-quality graduate education, including our doctoral degree for professionals seeking to advance their careers in the United Kingdom. To best serve the needs of prospective degree seekers, we are asking for your professional insight through a 5-minute online survey. The survey may be accessed at

Website: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5341824/334b074a189e>

Newsletter: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5341824/d79878602d0e>

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

- **Mon 17th - Tues 18th Feb 2020 | Starkey UK, Stockport**

As a world leading earmould manufacturer, Starkey Hearing Technologies are committed to supporting hearing professionals in producing a perfect earmould fit every time. The BSA Otoscopy and Impressions course is aimed at professionals who may already take impressions but would like to gain a formal BSA Accredited Certificate qualification so they can confidently and competently demonstrate their skills in taking impressions.

To register please contact Sarah Weir (Sarah_weir@starkey.co.uk).

To view course details in full please click [here](#)

- **ANNE DAVIES AUDIOLOGY COURSES**
'Sharing the News (Gwen Carr)'
Communicating Effectively with Families at the Time of Early Identification of Deafness and the Period Following
Tue 9 - Wed 10 June 2020
Booking deadline: Tue 12 May 2020

VENUE: Manchester Conference Centre, Sackville Street, Manchester.

This course is led by Gwen Carr, working with a team of professional actors. The course is now in its 15th year. This year, for the first time, the course is a collaboration between Gwen Carr and Anne Davies Audiology Courses.

Course information is on 'Anne Davies Audiology Courses' website:
www.audiology-courses.co.uk

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

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Job Adverts

- **Paediatric Audiologist and Clinic Manager**

If you are looking for a refreshing change from working as a Hospital based Audiologist and would like to use your entrepreneurial, organizational and interpersonal skills to manage and grow a well-established private ENT clinic then this job is for you!

This is a unique opportunity for an Audiologist wishing to further their career with Clinic Management and Business Development exposure.

We are looking for a dynamic, enthusiastic hard-working individual who can rise to the challenges of running a private clinical practice and develop new clinical services as well as

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If you wish to apply please contact us either by email at office@ent4kids.co.uk or by telephone on 02074875677 and ask to speak Lee Tacon our current Clinic Manager. We look forward to hearing from you.

Closing date for applicants 31st January

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