



# 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 **5 February 2020**.

## BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** Please click [here](#) to read Karen Shepherd's President Blog. Her latest post includes information from the first board meeting of the year, along with Board positions, a workforce survey update and future meetings currently being organised.
- **Free Regional Meeting at the University of Southampton.** The official link to book your places has now closed for the Adult Rehabilitation and Person-Centred Care day in Southampton. However, if you would still really like to go, then send a quick email to: [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org) to see if they can still squeeze you in! Anna Hollingdale, our BAA Regional Rep for the South East, has organised the training for **Wednesday 5th February 2020** and it is being offered free of charge. Find out more [here](#).
- **North West Regional Meeting on 1st April.** You can now book your place on the North West Regional Meeting organised by Alison Edwards. An afternoon of training has been arranged on April 1st at the University of Manchester. This Regional Meeting will feature talks on the Ida Person-Centred Care approach and telehealth in the NHS. Lunch will be provided from 1pm. Places are provided free of charge, but please reserve your place to give us an idea for numbers for the lecture room and lunch! Thanks to Sivantos, who are kindly sponsoring lunch. Free tickets available [here](#).
- **Heads of Service Date.** The date is now set for the BAA Heads of Service day. Please reserve the **26th March** in your diary - an invite and agenda will be sent out shortly. Deputy CSO Angela Douglas has agreed to speak at the meeting to share news of the CSO strategy on the People Plan and careers/education in Healthcare Science. We would like to ensure we have Heads of Service from Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England, and our President is working to make sure this is an event with national relevance for all.
- **Blast from the Past!** Were you involved with the organisation of the various Schools of Audiology in the BAAT days? If you were, please contact BAA on [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org) to help us update the educational history of the organisation. Please forward this message if you know someone who may have been involved but is no longer practicing or may not be a

member of BAA. Thank you, BAA Board Directors for EAR.

- **Still time to sign up and become 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. A Cochlear Implant Champion's 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](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org). You can also find more information [here](#).
- **Welcome to our new Board Director.** We were delighted to welcome new Board Director, Laura Finegold, to her first Board Meeting last week. Laura has spent several years as a member of our Service Quality Committee and has now joined our team of (volunteer) Board Directors.  
Laura completed a BSc in Audiology in Leeds in 2011 and then completed the STP in 2014. She was Head of Paediatric Audiology at Royal Derby Hospital until July 2017, before moving to the commercial sector to work as an account manager and clinical trainer for GN Hearing UK Ltd. Laura is passionate about striving towards more standardised services meaning that service users across the country receive an equally high standard of care.

## Other News:

- 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.surveygizmo.com/s3/5341824/d79878602d0e>

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

- **Please can you help us gain an insight into the use of speech testing in Paediatric services in the UK?** The University of Manchester would like your help to improve our understanding of the types of speech testing being used in Paediatric Audiology services. By completing our short 5-minute questionnaire you will help to shaping the future direction of our research in this area. Your responses are anonymous and we would really appreciate your information and opinions please follow the link to complete the survey: <https://www.redcap.rss.mhs.man.ac.uk/surveys/?s=XPH9REE37M>
- **Staffs CCG.** Six Clinical Commissioning Groups in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are seeking views from patients across five service areas. One of those areas is Hearing Loss in Adults. BAA are working with its partners in the Hearing Loss and Deafness Alliance to respond to this work. BAA also committed, during the 20th Jan Board meeting, to send a response to the survey. Find out more [here](#).
- **Tinnitus Week.** The 2020 BTA Tinnitus Week will take place from 3-9 February and the theme for the week is tinnitus research. BAA will be launching a Tinnitus Training Module for professionals that week. We will also be releasing one of the fantastic tinnitus presentations from the 2019 annual conference, so keep an eye on our social media channels and

website, for how you can access these materials.

- **Research Grant available.** The Ida Institute has announced that their 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 eyes to measure hearing?** An article in Neuroscience News features some research work from the University of Oregon which shows that eye-tracking and pupil dilation may be a new way to measure a person's hearing ability. Two Neuroscientists have published a freely accessible paper in the Journal of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology about their work using eye-tracking technology simultaneously as they conducted traditional hearing exams with 31 adults in a quiet room. Read more [here](#).
- **BTA launch two new text-based services.** The British Tinnitus Association has introduced two new text-based services – SMS chat and web chat – to complement their existing Freephone helpline and email support. Find out more about this service [here](#).

## Upcoming Courses / Events:



The graphic features the British Academy of Audiology logo on the left, followed by the text: "BRITISH ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY", "17th Annual Conference", "26-27 November 2020", and "Manchester Central Convention Complex". Below this is a row of social media icons for the website (baaudiology.org), Facebook (British Academy of Audiology), Twitter (@BAAudiology), and Instagram (baaudiology). On the right, a "Save the Date" graphic shows a globe surrounded by colorful, abstract floral shapes.

- **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/](http://www.baaudiology.org/)

- **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](http://www.audiology-courses.co.uk)

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