



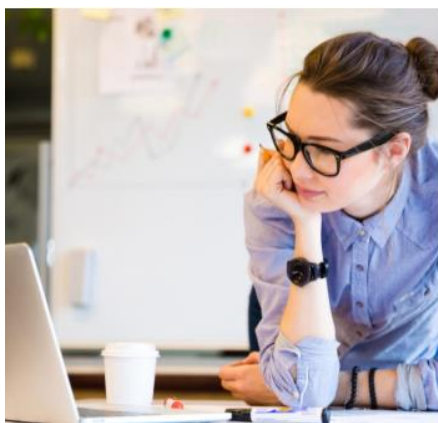
## BAA Board & Committee News



Hear from your BAA President, Karen Shepherd

President's Blog

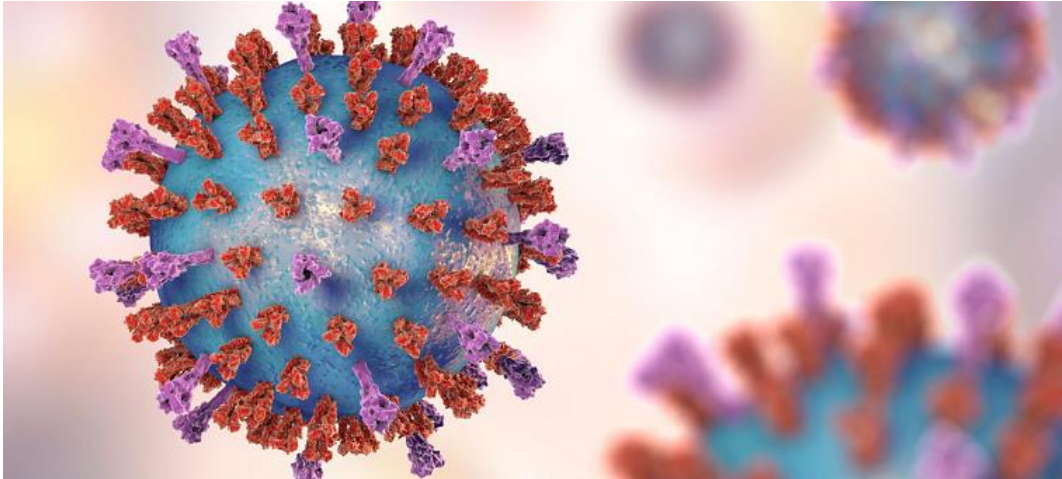
**The new BAA Website is live.** We are delighted to announce after months of blood, sweat and tears, our new website is finally live. We are endeavouring to offer you, as members, much more content and a significantly higher level of resource to support you in your work and career development.



Please make sure you have a good look round the members section. There is still much more for us to add as the website continues to grow as a resource for you over the coming weeks and months. Let us know if there is content you would like to see.

In the meantime, please have a scroll through all the pages which include many more images, videos and presentations.

Take a look



**British Academy of Audiology Joint Guidance for COVID-19:** On the 9th April the following statement was released. “AIHHP, BAA, BSA and BSHAA recognise that guidance on how to practice is required during the COVID-19 epidemic. All four bodies have worked closely together to produce one guidance document. This document will be reviewed and updated regularly.”

Read more

**Tinnitus Services and COVID-19:** Tinnitus has not been identified by the BAA as either an essential or urgent activity in our Covid guidance, however many face-to-face appointments can be replaced with telephone/skype consultations and this would include Tinnitus. Providing a remote service and signposting the online resources available will help alleviate anxiety related to tinnitus for many, particularly at this difficult time. Click on the link below to read the co-authored paper from the British Academy of Audiology and the British Tinnitus Association.

Read more



**Newborn Hearing Screening:** Since our last Horizon eNewsletter, a core group of representatives from BAA, BSA and some experts in Paediatric Audiology have been working with Public Health England to offer COVID-19 guidance for audiologists working with newborn babies. A Guidance document has been issued, click on the link below.

The group are meeting (online) every two weeks and notes from these meetings are also on our website. We will keep you updated as this group provides further information.

[Read more](#)

**BAA Heads of Service meetings:** The BAA board are holding bi-weekly online meetings for Heads of Service during the COVID-19 outbreak. The recordings of the first two webinars are on our website for those wishing to listen back or see the presentation content. The next meeting is scheduled for this Thursday (23rd) at 9am. Please email [victoria@baaudiology.org](mailto:victoria@baaudiology.org) if you wish to join online.

**2019 Conference presentations:** We have released a valuable treasure trove of presentations to help with member CPD during this challenging time. In the new website just log in to the members area and look for Conference 2019 under the resources tab on the left-hand side. Below is the quick link.

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**Other  
News**



**Help needed with PhD project:** Lizanne Steenkamp, postgraduate student in the School of Health Sciences at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh and BAA board member is undertaking a critical exploration of the lived experience of audiology professionals in the United Kingdom. The purpose of this mixed methods study, as part of her PhD research, is to explore the lived experience of audiology professionals in the United Kingdom. Take part in the survey by clicking on the link below.

[Take the survey](#)

**NHSP template letter:** Following on from the NHSP guidance issued by Public Health England has issued a letter for audiology departments to use for screen referrals during COVID-19 if they are unable to offer an assessment appointment within 4 weeks due to service/clinic closures. Find the template in the link below.

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**Upcoming  
Courses &  
Events**



## **BAA Annual Conference 2020**

26-27 November 2020 | Manchester  
Click on the link for conference highlights,  
abstracts & more!

**BAA 2020**

### **Deaf Awareness: Online Training for Audiologists**

This BAA accredited UCL short course is designed for Audiologists to improve deaf awareness and approaches for communicating effectively with Deaf and hearing-impaired patients. It provides practical workplace strategies to help meet the Accessible Information Standard. Videos of patients' and Audiologists' real-life experiences convey information and enrich the learning experience. The 2-hour course is self-directed and online, so study at your own pace. Click on the link below for more information. Special rate for BAA members: £29 (To access this special rate please enter voucher code DAAUD10 at checkout)

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# **Job adverts**



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Community Healthcare West, HSE Community Audiology Services,  
Galway, Ireland**

There is one permanent whole-time vacancy available.

A panel may be formed as a result of this campaign for Community Healthcare West from which current and future, permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part-time duration may be filled.

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