



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 **4 March 2020**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** Please click [here](#) to read Karen Shepherd's President Blog.
- **Heads of Service day: lead, inspire, shape the future.** BAA has organised a **Heads of Service day** for the 26th March in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. Amongst the speakers will be Deputy CSO Angela Douglas who will share news of the CSO strategy on the People Plan and careers/education in Healthcare Science for NHS England. We will also discuss the parallel approaches in all the home countries throughout the day. Please find more details [here](#).
- **You are invited to a Paediatric Focus Day.** The British Academy of Audiology and the Ida Institute invite you to a **Paediatric Focus Day** in Milton Keynes on **23rd September**. Places for this event are free and for BAA members only. Numbers are limited so please reserve your place as soon as possible. A final agenda is being drawn up and will be available soon. Book your place [here](#).
- **Free North West Regional Meeting on 1st April.** An afternoon of training has been arranged at the University of Manchester on 1st April. This Regional Meeting will feature talks on the Ida Person-Centred Care approach and telehealth in the NHS. Lunch will be provided from 1pm. The regional meeting is 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](#). Please save the date for the next North West Regional which is already booked for 1st September. Other regional meetings will be announced shortly.
- **New BAA Regional Representative.** We would like to welcome Maria to the growing BAA Regional Representative team. Maria Kyriacou is our new BAA regional rep for London, and she is keen to organise regular regional meetings and training days. Maria graduated in 2014 from the University of Bristol with a BSc in Audiology. She is an Advanced Paediatric Audiologist, at the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital in

central London.

Please get in touch if you have any suggestions for topics you would like to cover at London regional meetings. You can email the [office](#) with your suggestions.

- **Regional Reps needed for Scotland and Northern Ireland.** Following several years volunteering as our Northern Ireland Rep, Lorraine Feinte has now stepped down – good luck with the new arrival Lorraine! Therefore, we need someone to take on the role of organising our Northern Ireland meetings. Could you spare just a little time to help? You will receive full support from Board, particularly from our Immediate Past President, Sue Falkingham.
We also need a new representative in **Scotland**, if you have some time, or know someone who would be good at organising local meetings, engaging with fellow audiologists and working with Board? More information can be found [here](#).
- **Consultation:** Your comments are required on jointly written guidance from the BAA and BSHAA. 'Funding Considerations for Adult Hearing Care' is aimed at managers and commissioners who make decisions about the funding of audiology services at the Health Board/Clinical Commissioning Group level. Read the document and give your feedback on the BAA [website](#). Comments are required by 27th March 2020.
- **Last few days 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. You can also find more information [here](#). Those who have already expressed an interest, need to make sure you return your forms before the training on 11th March.

Other News:

- **BSA Consult on Aural Care Minimum Training Guidelines.** The British Society of Audiology's Professional Guidance Group has sent out for Public Consultation the *Aural Care Minimum Training Guidelines*. To view the document please click [here](#). The BSA ask that when you respond to the consultation that you use the appropriate form to report the areas of the document that require the authors' attention, and these should include making any suggested changes. To access this form please click [here](#). The deadline for this consultation is Monday 23rd March 2020 at 12 pm and all replies should be sent to bsa@thebsa.org.uk.
- **World Hearing Day Event at The University of Manchester.** "HEAR FOR YOU" A Primary Health Care Approach for Hearing Health: Implications for Research, Policy, and Practice is a free event offered by The University of Manchester on World Hearing Day – 3rd March 2020.
The first event of its kind, the day will cover hearing health research in Primary Care, with inspiring talks from cutting-edge researchers of the field (from the Institute for Health Policy and Organisation, the Manchester Centre for Audiology and Deafness, the NIHR Nottingham Biomedical Research Centre and the National UK Charity "Action on Hearing Loss"), who will explain why effective communication is a fundamental aspect of active ageing and well-being.
Lunch will be provided, tickets are free, but places are limited! Find out more about the day,

including program details and access to the ticket link on the BAA [website](#).

- **Quarterly Board Report.** The NHS England Healthcare Science Workforce Partnership Board meets once a quarter. You can read the December Board Report [here](#).

Upcoming Courses / Events:



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

Save the date

baaudiology.org British Academy of Audiology @BAAudiology baaudiology

The poster features a central image of a building surrounded by colorful, abstract floral shapes. The text 'Save the date' is written in a cursive font at the top right. Below the main text are social media icons for the British Academy of Audiology.

- 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



RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES
Reviewing & implementing the evidence

REGISTER NOW AT www.thebsa.org.uk/

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020

British Society of Audiology
Promoting excellence in hearing and balance

Wednesday 24th June
Mercure Sheffield St Paul's Hotel

The poster features a circular image of a man speaking at a microphone. The text 'RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES' is in large, bold letters. The main title 'ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020' is in a large, stylized font. The BSA logo is in the top right corner.

- **BSA Annual Conference 2020**
Recommended Procedures: reviewing and implementing the evidence
Wednesday 24th June 2020
Mercure Sheffield St Paul's Hotel

This event is FREE for BSA members and only £45 for non-members.
This year's annual conference will review the evidence and explore the implementation of some of the most recent guidance documents.

Abstract deadline is Wednesday 15th April 2020.
For more information and to register visit

<https://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/bsa-annual-conference-2020/>

- **Free educational event for NHS Audiologists**

Following the success of 2019. GN Hearing UK are delighted to announce that they will be hosting their 5th series of **Complex Needs educational events**.

We would like to invite you to a free event at a location near you

The Cleve Hotel, **Taunton on** 12th May

Strand Palace, **London on** 13th May

Inglewood House & Spa, **Stirling on** 14th May

Cottons Hotel & Spa, **Knutsford on** 19th May

Marriott Hotel, **York on** 20th May

Sketchley Grange Hotel, **Leicester on** 21st May

Places are limited. Please book early to secure your place and specify your preferred location.

RSVP by 13th March 2020 Contact: Claire Hird

Email: chird@gnresound.com

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

- **ANNE DAVIES AUDIOLOGY COURSES**

'Hearing Aids: The Inside Track'

Tue 30 June - Thu 2 July 2020

Booking deadline: Tue 2 June 2020

VENUE: The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 1AU

Residential course: Accommodation is available at £60 per night (en-suite) and £45 per night (non en-suite).

This course is a collaboration across manufacturers. It covers new developments in hearing aid technology, best practice in REM measurements, and management of individuals with non-routine / complex hearing loss.

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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- Countess of Chester Hospital

NHS Foundation

Job Title: Practitioner in Audiology

Band 5

Full/Part Time - Full time

Hours per week 37.5

Shift Pattern - Mon-Fri 8.45am-5.15pm

Perm/Temp/Fixed Term Permanent

We are looking for one full-time Practitioner in Audiology to join our multi-skilled team on a permanent basis.

The start date is flexible as this position is suitable for either existing audiologists or for new graduates who would be considered for a July start.

Find out more and apply online at: https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/?vac_ref=915958137

To view advert in full click [here](#)

- **Oticon Medical**

Because sound matters

Oticon Medical (OM) offers **bone anchored hearing systems** and **cochlear implant** solutions, which address the needs of different patient groups.

The Role - We are seeking a Patient Liaison Co-ordinator to provide support to UK CI & BA sales efforts by spending 75% of their time supporting & influencing potential CI & BA patients to choose OM products and for 25% of their time setting up and running the UK BA Academy.

If you feel you have the relevant competencies required and would like to join an exciting & engaging organisation, then please apply for this job opportunity with your CV and covering letter outlining your current salary and location to Gillian Hutcheson, HR Manager, glhu@oticon.com

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- **CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

FULL TIME AUDIOLOGIST & HEARING AID DISPENSER

BASED IN PLYMOUTH / PLYMPTON

EXCELLENT SALARY, BONUS & FLEXIBLE WORKING

We have a wonderful opportunity for a HCPC registered hearing aid dispenser / audiologist to join us.

If you believe you have the clinical skills, passion and ability to help us to embrace the future changes in private hearing care then please drop us a line to discover an exciting new career.

For a confidential informal discussion please contact or email your CV to Kevin Carlyon:
kevin.carlyon@plymouthhearingcentre.co.uk

www.plymouthhearingcentre.co.uk

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