

BAA President Blog - 13th July 2020

We had our first member webinar on the 8th July and over 160 of you joined in. As we had twice monthly heads of service webinars from late March, we felt it would be good to share what we had been discussing during that time.

There were some updates on what many of you had been doing, such as redeployment and sharing ideas for restarting some services. We also had some updates on working during Covid-19 and the guidance that has been developed with BSA, BSHAA, AIHHP and ourselves. There have been plenty of CPD opportunities during this time too and I hope that you feel BAA has been proactive in providing some of these along with our partners such as BTA and IDA on our new website.

There will be lots more online learning and webinars in the coming months so keep a check on the website for these.

Not being able to hold a face-to-face conference is disappointing as we enjoy catching up with friends and colleagues from all over the UK, learning, networking and seeing what new technology is being launched, not to mention the social events. However, we can still achieve a lot of what we would do at conference albeit virtually, and your conference team have certainly made some great plans. So, we will still be holding the poster competitions and awards and still having our conference speakers during a week of webinars.

As to the awards, these are really important for all of us. Please nominate your colleagues as there has been some amazing work going on and it will be really great to celebrate these achievements.

We may not be able to have any social events yet – unless there is a way of doing that online - but hope to make up for all that next year.

Keep sharing your stories and ideas with us and keep safe.

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