

BAA President Blog – 11th January 2021

How are we all doing? It can be difficult having to face yet another lockdown and pressures on our services and still keep as cheerful as we can for our patients and team members.

Over the last week there have been lots of enquiries from Audiologists on what we should be doing now. We had a quick catch up with the Presidents of BSHAA and BSA to see if any amendment was needed to the joint guidance. We are reviewing it on the 15th January but did not feel there was any immediate change to be made. A statement was put out to say this and to point to the section of the guidance that is relevant at this time. Since then, BAA have issued a further statement regarding working at this time, as there have been a number of services that have been told to stop, where others are service as usual.

There was an update from NHSE (applies to England services) on Friday (see [here](#)) regarding NHSP which states that this service should continue.

We will be discussing this at the BAA Heads of Service meeting on the 27th January.

Your Board continues to work for the profession, and we are in daily contact with each other to respond to members and anything else that comes our way that we need to respond to.

We have also been discussing Conference for 2021 and how we may be able to proceed.

There are a large number of projects that Board will be working on and we will update you on these on all our media as we have further updates. There may be projects that you might like to get involved in and we will be putting out calls for interest.

Don't forget we are here for you. Please ask for support – if we can help we will.

Stay safe and stay well.

Kath Lewis