



BAA Board & Committee News



President's blog. Please click on the link to read Kath Lewis's President Blog.

[President's Blog](#)



Call for nominations. Today is the **last day** to get your nominations in to stand for election to join the BAA Board from November 2021. There are **three** positions available. If elected, directors serve a for a three-year term. Please

consider joining our proactive, engaged board and play an active part in the future of the profession.

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Audiology and Otology Guidance during COVID 19

From the UK's audiology professional bodies

Published 1st October 2021

Due for Review 1st April 2022



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Joint Guidance Review. The Joint Guidance for Audiology and Otology during the Covid 19 pandemic was scheduled for review on October 1st, 2021. The guidance has been reviewed; however no significant changes are added at this time. The next review date has been set for 1st April 2022. Please find the latest version here:

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- 1 Assisted conception
- 2 Hearing loss in adults
- 3 Removal of excess skin following significant weight loss
- 4 Breast augmentation and reconstruction
- 5 Male and female sterilisation

Hearing aid provision in Staffordshire. Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent commissioners are once again reviewing the provision of hearing aids to adults. More information, including previous reports and the new survey to complete can be found here. Please read through the documents provided.

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BAA ONLINE WEBINAR SERIES

VEMPs: What is the potential?



Presenter: Simon Howe, BSc (Hons) MSc FBSA RHAD

VEMPs: What is the potential? Join Simon Howe for a presentation on VEMP testing. The webinar on **8th October at 2pm** will make the case for more widespread use of vestibular evoked myogenic potential (VEMP) testing, to help remove barriers to successful introduction of the tests to clinical practice, and to offer tips and tricks to improve the quality of test results.

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Advanced interpretation of video head impulse testing (vHIT)



Presenter: David Jay, Clinical Scientist (Audiology)



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Managing Less Straightforward Patients in the Balance Clinic



Presenters: Mahdiyya Dharas and Dean W Metz

Advanced interpretation of video head impulse testing (vHIT). vHIT is still an emerging testing paradigm, and as yet there are no evidence-based recommended procedures or guidelines for interpretation. David Jay, a clinical scientist in audiology working at Manchester Royal Infirmary, will summarise the emerging literature and offer some tips and tricks for interpreting vHIT in this webinar on **Tuesday 12th October at 1pm.**

[Register](#)

Managing Less Straightforward Patients in the Balance Clinic. Join us for our final Balance webinar in October with Dean Metz and Mahdiyya Dharas. Dean Metz is a Falls and Vestibular Specialist Physiotherapist and Mahdiyya Dharas is a Vestibular Audiologist and Director of Dizzy Ears. They will present for 30 minutes each on **Friday 22nd October from 1.45pm.** See their presentation titles and register here:

[Register](#)

Newborn Hearing Screening Programme. The results of the recent Public Health England consultation on changing some of the KPIs for the newborn hearing screening programme have now been published. As detailed in the link below, the BAA together with ENT UK and BAAP met with the PHE team following the consultation and outlined the clinical difficulties with some of the proposals.

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BAA ONLINE WEBINAR SERIES

**Apprenticeships in Audiology update:
food for thought and lessons learned**

Wednesday 10th November
9.30am - 10.30am



Presenter: Lianne Steenkamp



Apprenticeships in Audiology update: food for thought and lessons learned. This webinar will provide an update on available apprenticeships and how to access them, as well as how to select the right one for your department. With advice from departments who have experience of utilising the different levels.

[Register](#)

Early Professionals Resources. A new top tips article is available for Student members from our Early professionals Team. Just login into the members area and have a look at the EPs page! There is also a new webinar recording on providing Deaf Awareness training. You can find that in the Knowledge Hub area of the members' pages.

[Read more](#)

*Congratulations
Dr Lingard!*



Audiology graduate from the HSST. Claire Lingard has just passed her Doctorate of Clinical Science viva which makes her the first successful audiology trainee to graduate from the Higher Specialist Scientist Training Programme. The title of her dissertation was "Hearing in Visually Impaired Children". BAA Board of Directors would like to say, "Congratulations, Dr Lingard!"



Complete the survey. The Service Quality Committee and ManCAD would be keen to hear from our members to better understand how audiology services across the UK implement the Accessible Information Standard; please complete this survey to help us understand provision:

[Take the survey](#)



BAA Annual Conference 2021. Early bird booking has now closed, but don't let that stop you joining us at this year's fabulous BAA Annual Conference! Join us for two days of face-to-face, brilliant presentations, workshops and exhibition on 18th – 19th November in Manchester. For more information and registration please click below.

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Other News



Complex needs service provision survey. A team at NHS England are in the early stages of developing a hearing check programme for children and young people in residential special schools, aimed at delivering on the long-term plan commitment. Jack Stancel-lewis, Healthcare Science Fellow & Audiologist, is leading the coproduction survey as part of the engagement process and would appreciate your input to help understand local landscape and facilitate engagement.

[Take the survey](#)

RCCP/AHCS update. What does it mean if you are registered with the RCCP or the AHCS? For now, nothing changes. More communication will follow in the next year, should anything change. There is no need to apply to the AHCS to transfer your registration, if RCCP registered (or vice versa). You do not need to be registered with both the RCCP and the AHCS. One is fine - but be on a register for patient safety! Please read the FAQs below:

[Read more](#)

Celebrate 10 years of the National School of Healthcare Science. This October the National School of Healthcare Science turns 10 with a virtual

celebratory event on Wednesday 20th October 10am-12pm. The event will explore the past, present and future of healthcare science education and training. It will be hosted by Vivienne Parry, OBE and will include a number of guest speakers, including: Dr Navina Evans, HEE's CEO, Sir David Behan, Chair of HEE, Professor Dame Sue Hill, Chief Scientific Officer, and Val Davison & Dr Chris Gibson, previous Heads of the School.

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2021 CSO Conference. The Chief Scientific Officer for England Professor Dame Sue Hill invites you to the online 2021 CSO Conference. Hosted by Vivienne Parry OBE, hear about the latest and greatest work in healthcare science from speakers including Dr Timothy Ferris, Professor Brendan Cooper, Professor Dan Clark OBE, Professor Sir Mike Richards, and Dr Julian Braybrook. They will be live between 9am and 12pm tomorrow (Tuesday 5 October 2021). Join the live event [here](#).

Accessible Information Standard Survey. SignHealth, in collaboration with RNIB, RNID, Healthwatch, RAD and others have launched a landmark survey to check in on the Accessible Information Standard, five years on since its launch. We know how critical the AIS is to Deaf people accessing health services but the collaborators need as much engagement as possible with the survey to highlight the key issues and share good and bad practice. Please take 5-10 minutes to provide some feedback. The survey is in both English and BSL:

Take the survey

Upcoming Courses & Events



Introduction to iCBT for Tinnitus

10 November 2021, 9am to 4pm

Venue: Online via zoom

Course tutor: Dr Hashir Aazh

Fee: £150

Website: <https://tinnitustherapy.org.uk/introduction-to-icbt-for-tinnitus/>

This course is designed for those who wish to utilise internet Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (iCBT) for adults experiencing tinnitus disorder. Participants will learn the details of the iCBT for tinnitus programme and gain the required knowledge with regard to using it as a standalone treatment or in combination with other services that they provide. The content of this course has been certified by the CPD Certification Service as conforming to continuing professional development principles. The course has 5 CPD points.

To view on BAA Website click [here](#).

Specsavers Virtual Autumn PAC

11 – 15 October

Join industry-leading experts, senior clinicians and your peers for case-based discussion and topics relevant to you – **for all practitioner groups**

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To view all events in full click [here](#).

Job adverts



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The next deadline for submissions is Thursday 14th October 2021.

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