

## **New Vice President chosen by BAA Board**

Sam Lear has been voted in as the new Vice President for the British Academy of Audiology with immediate effect. The appointment follows on from Kath Lewis stepping up to the President role in June 2020.

Sam, Lead Clinical Scientist in Hearing Services at Sheffield Children's Hospital, was the unanimous choice during the BAA Board meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020.

Sam is a registered Clinical Scientist with more than 25 years' experience of working in Audiology in the NHS, progressing from trainee Audiological Scientist back in the 1990s to currently being the Lead Clinical Scientist in Hearing Services at Sheffield Children's Hospital. Her clinical workload consists of complex paediatric assessment, leading the hearing aid clinics and vestibular assessment, and she is also the lead for research and development in the service.

Following the unanimous vote for Sam, President Kath Lewis said, "I am delighted that Sam has been chosen as vice president for our organisation. Sam is a passionate, enthusiastic and dedicated member of our board. Her commitment to our professional body whilst working at Sheffield Children's, undertaking the Higher Specialist Scientific Training programme (the Professional Doctorate in Clinical Science) and continuing to be a peer assessor for UKAS IQIPs accreditation is something to be admired.

"After a month of change on the board, we now look forward to progressing the BAA workstreams for 2020. As a board we have worked hard over the last four months to support our members and the wider audiology profession through the devastating effect Covid-19 has had on our services. This work continues, but now we will also focus on the additional benefits we can bring to our members as we continue to recover," Kath concluded.

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### **Notes to Editor:**

- The British Academy of Audiology is the largest association of professionals in hearing and balance in the UK. Our membership extends internationally and provides services in both the public and private sector.
  - On behalf of its membership, BAA's vision is to provide a clear and strong voice for professionals in audiology and to promote excellence in clinical knowledge and practice.
  - The BAA aims to help its members to develop in their professional skills, provide a benchmark for quality and professional standards and promote audiology as an autonomous profession.
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