

BAA President Blog – 10th January 2022

Happy New Year to you all.

I really do hope that we have a settled year ahead after this past 22 months. I am sure that many of you have had pressures at home and work with the rapid spread of this latest variant; some of my team have been affected and it has been a very tight few weeks trying to keep parts of the service going without cancelling many patients. It sometimes feels like one step forward, two steps back. Hopefully we will get through this quickly and back on track again.

Our next Board meeting on the 17th January was going to be hybrid, but we have taken the decision to return to online this time and hope we can have a face to face meeting in April.

We will be reviewing our strategy and looking at Audiology Standards. SQC have just produced a document for Audiology Standards, and this week, Australian Audiology have published theirs. We will be focussing on this as a priority over the coming months working with all the nations on NHS Audiology.

Our conference team are also working with other bodies on 3 separate proposed conferences over the next few years.

There will be more joint working with all our professional colleagues across NHS and the private sector to work towards our common goals. Wax is still on the agenda, and we had a productive meeting with ENT UK, RNID, ENT nursing and NHS Improvement to look at the challenges across the UK.

Take care

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