

COCHLEAR IMPLANT CHAMPIONS COMMITTEE - JOINING INFORMATION

The aim of the project is to educate and develop 'CI Champions' in all UK Audiology settings, thus enabling them to train and support their colleagues in the field of Cochlear Implant referral. The hope is that better awareness, education and resources will help clinicians determine referral candidacy and offer high quality referral counselling to appropriate candidates, therefore ensuring people with severe to profound hearing loss are fully aware of their treatment options and can make an informed decision about attending a CI assessment.

ROLE OF THE CI CHAMPION COMMITTEE

- The committee will raise awareness of CI as a treatment option for severe to profound hearing loss, among the public and professionals (including students).
- The committee will actively encourage enrolment and development of 'CI Champions' in all UK Audiology settings.
- The committee will organise annual training for the 'CI Champions'.
- The committee will work together to share ideas of ways to improve engagement with 'CI Champions'.
- The committee will plan and develop resources for professionals, patients and families to support informed choice and shared decision making when considering a CI assessment.
- The committee will be available to support 'CI Champions' when required and provide additional training resources as needed.
- The committee will encourage CI departments to nominate a 'Mentor' to support Champions from referring services (Appendix C).
- The committee will support and encourage CI champions and their local CI mentors to work together to ensure better communication referral teams and CI centres.

All appointed members of the committee will be invited to serve initially for a period of 3 consecutive years.

PERSONAL QUALITIES



Members should have an interest in training and educating others on CI referral, developing resources to support CI referral and improve understanding of expected outcomes with CI.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ROLE

- To support the CI Champion leads and the committee, particularly in those areas in which you have specialist knowledge and experience.
- To provide advice, guidance and support to board member and committee.
- To undertake work in-between meetings and present progress of assigned actions.
- To contribute to the annual work schedule of projects.

The committee will meet virtually twice each year in September and January, the frequency of meetings will be increased when/if required. Committee members are expected to attend meetings on a regular basis

If you would like to apply to be a member of the CI Champion Committee, please provide us with the following information

Name	
Contact email address	
Contact mobile phone number	
City and Country where you are based	
Job Title	
Main Responsibilities	
BAA Membership number (if applicable)*	
BCIG Membership number (if applicable)*	
What could you bring to the Champions initiative?	

*All CI Champion committee members must be a member of either BAA and/or BCIG



Should the number of applications exceed the number of available positions, a committee vote will take place.

Please return the above information to admin@baaudiology.org