

BAA President Blog – 20th September 2022

How a lot can happen in a couple of weeks. I am sure many of you were saddened to hear of the death of our Queen Elizabeth, and have been following what has been happening since. I presume most of you were able to take the bank holiday and follow the funeral. We have given our condolences.

Conference is fast approaching, and the programme is complete with lots of great content. There are a few things we still need to do as Board, including the poster judging. We are looking forward to seeing who our next Vice President will be. We have had many applications for the Board vacancy, so looking forward to seeing who you voted for.

Some of the Board are on the Scottish Review, working with our colleagues in Scottish Audiology and the Health and Hearing groups on quality standards, workforce, leadership and education. We have included more information on our news pages. We are only allowed to share what is in the public domain, but will continue to signpost to the relevant pages for those interested.

We have a similar focus in the rest of the UK, and we will be having some important meetings with NHSE and the CSO office on workforce issues. This follows a letter we sent to several people highlighting our concerns around the workforce. We also continue the discussions with the relevant groups on education in audiology.

I hope you got the chance to join the recent regional meetings, and don't forget we have some webinars on the 29th September on Access to Work, as I am sure we have many questions for them and want to know more about access for our patients.

Our next board meeting was postponed due to the funeral and will now be on the 30th September. Please do raise anything with us if you wish it to be discussed at Board.

Take care

Kath Lewis

President