

# COCHLEAR IMPLANT CHAMPION NEWS

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welcome to the first ever CI Champions newsletter. This is the first of our quarterly newsletters, which will be sent to all CI Champions and Mentors. Our aim with these newsletters is to help us communicate news and updates from both the CI Champions committee and the CI manufacturers to you, the Champions and Mentors!

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN WORKING ON?

- Initial training requirements for CI Champions
- Website content – ensuring it is more logical and easier to find content
- Clearer roles and responsibilities for Champions and Mentors
- Raising awareness of the importance for champions to keep their 1 hour protected admin time per week
- Online networking/FAQ drop-in sessions – more info to follow
- BAA magazine article coming in the summer edition

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

### TRAINING

The first CI Champions training workshop took place in March 2020 at the BCIG conference. Multiple training workshops and webinars have taken place each year since; recordings can be found on the BAA webpage. Joint organisational working with other parties, such as BSHAA ensures training and awareness to none BAA/BCIG members.

### AWARENESS

The CI champions committee has been working hard to increase awareness of CI and CI referrals through:

- Links with ENT Integrate Project
- BCIG crystal report audit. Updated version of the report Jan, 2023 available
- Member of CI International Community of Action

### RESOURCES

Resources have been developed to help referring clinicians, including:

- It's time to talk about Cochlear Implants
- Managing expectations during CI referral counselling: a guide for referring clinicians
- Cochlear Implant Assessment. Information sheet for adults and their families'. Easy read version available.
- CI Audit toolkit
- Speech Test Equipment videos

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## BCIG CONFERENCE 2023

Another hugely successful BCIG Conference was held in Cambridge on 13th and 14th April. The CI Champion workshop was very well attended, with approximately 40 champions at the event. Valuable training was undertaken and the feedback has been great. Post event resources will be available soon.

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Cochlear Implant Champions track is now underway at #BCIG2023 starting with a session on cochlear implant in congenital hearing loss #CIChampions @BCIG\_UK @BAAudiology



Thank you to the team who put the agenda together, and thank you to all the fabulous speakers who shared their knowledge and experience with us.

## DO YOU NEED SUPPORT?



### SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FROM MANY PLACES...

- Website content – there are so many valuable resources. Check them out in your admin time, on lunch, or send the links to your colleagues!
- Introduce yourself to your Mentor (please ask if you do not have your Mentor details)
- Contact us at [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org) or [info@bcig.org](mailto:info@bcig.org) (your email will be forwarded to the CI Champion committee)
- The manufacturers are happy to help, and their contact details are shown on their update pages

## SPREAD THE WORD AND GROW THE SCHEME

The CI Champions Scheme continues to grow; we currently have 122 champions and 25 mentors across the UK!

We are always keen to encourage more champions and mentors, so please speak to your friends and colleagues in different departments and help us spread the word.