

## **BAA President Blog – 28th April 2025**

Today we are having our second Board meeting of the year. It is time to catch up with all the activities from the past few months and review the plan for the next quarter. We have a number of large projects on at the moment to bring you an improved offering from us. Our new website is in its final stages. It is easy to forget just how much information is on the website and how many resources there are — until you have to check every single page to ensure all the links are live, all the information is up to date, and each page functions as it should. This has been Victoria's life for several weeks now, and it is nearly ready. We appreciate the frustration that a website can cause, especially around the HTS logbooks. We hope that the new website irons out all these niggles.

You may have read about Board Director Catherine Magee in a previous Horizons. She has been leading the creation of the e-learning content. Catherine, her committee, and several others have spent a huge amount of time creating a range of modules covering all aspects of audiology. The content of our e-learning will continue to grow with time. If you have any ideas for what you would like to see covered, please do get in touch.

On a similar theme of CPD, I hope you are enjoying the webinar series that has started. Tuesday lunchtimes are now synonymous with high-quality CPD and discussions. The webinars have been really well attended. Don't forget, if you missed one, they can be found in the members section of the website. We have a great selection of speakers planned for future Tuesdays, so please keep an eye out for what is coming up and get yourself registered.

We really do hope it is clear that the Board is aiming to offer our members support for all aspects of your professional roles, wherever you work. As I keep mentioning, the focus of the government and the Department of Health and Social Care is on Audiology currently, and this attention is replicated in all four home countries. We need to ensure we are influencing these decision makers, getting involved, and representing our members appropriately. There are lots of opportunities for you to be involved in what we do, volunteering for different committees. Occasionally, it can feel as if the same voices are being heard during these times. This can make it feel like the same things are being heard. We must represent the Audiology community appropriately; the few don't assume they speak for everybody. So if you feel unheard, or that what is being reported doesn't reflect you, your ideas, your experiences, or you think something obvious is being missed – speak up, get in touch, volunteer and be part of the change that Audiology needs. We always welcome an extra pair of hands, a new voice and fresh eyes.

We continue to be more transparent about many aspects of our work on your behalf. To this end, we share some insight into the meetings in which we are invited to participate. If you scroll down the page, we also include overviews of our monthly Exec Board and quarterly Board meetings: <u>BAA Board Meetings</u>.

As always, you can contact me or any of our board directors here: admin@baaudiology.org

Take care

Claire

**BAA President** 

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