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Welcome to the latest edition of Horizon your regular update of news, opportunities and information from across the field of audiology.

If you have any information that you would like to be included in a future edition of Horizon, please contact [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org). The next deadline for submissions is the **28th September 2017**.

### BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** President Michelle Booth has been blogging on her recent activities representing the BAA. Please follow the link below to get the latest news and views from Michelle in her blog: <http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.Wbv2Ba2ZOu4>
- **THERE'S STILL TIME! REMINDER** - An Opportunity to stand for BAA Board - Nominations to the BAA Board of Directors are now being received for Members to join the Board of Directors. We are aware that some of you may have considered standing in the past but are a little unsure about quite what is involved. Below are some 'frequently asked questions' which may help you to decide to stand in the forthcoming elections. Can anyone stand? The position of Board Director is open to all full members of the BAA. You need to be nominated and seconded by a full member. Do I have to be a Head of Department? No. However, being a member of the BAA board means that you will be asked to represent your profession. You will be asked to give your opinion on various professional matters and will be expected to work strategically within the team to develop professional standards now and into the future. For this reason the position of Board Director will probably be most appropriate to those who have a senior role within Audiology and who have managerial and other committee experience. However all members of the BAA are eligible to be nominated and if you feel that you would be able to contribute you are welcome to apply. How much time will it involve? There is an all-day Board meeting 4 times a year and the full Board also attends Conference where we have the Annual General Meeting. In addition to this there is work related to any BAA teams that you are involved with. You need to ensure that you are able to obtain leave from work commitments to allow you attend meetings. Will I get paid? No. The President position is financially covered on a part-time basis, the other Board Directors do not get paid for their work although reasonable travel expenses are covered. How long is a term of office? A term usually lasts for 3 years. What do Directors do? There are various teams that Board Directors either chair or participate in. Job descriptions for each of the Board roles can be found on the BAA website. Further to this, the Directors will be asked to review and comment on documents and policies that are both generated within the BAA and by external bodies. Board Directors may be involved in ad-hoc working groups, depending on their specific interests and talents. What is the benefit to being on the Board? The profession needs strong leaders to take it forward, so by being a Board Director you are able to influence the direction of your profession in the future. Board Directors are at the front line of information coming into the profession, this information is key to decision making within your own practice. If you would like to stand for election, please complete and return your nomination form which should have been received by email. **Please contact** [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org) if you haven't received your forms. **The closing date for receiving your nomination is 21st September 2017.**

### Other News:

- **RESEARCH SURVEY! Calling all Audiologists**  
La Trobe University, based in Melbourne, Australia, is carrying out some research on how audiologists view their ethical climate and we'd love to hear your views on the topic.

The survey should take 10-15 minutes of your time. No personal details are collected and responses remain confidential. If interested, please follow the link below to complete the survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/OmFc205H6rsrSPpu2>

Should you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact the student investigator: Janice Margo (email: [18100357@students.latrobe.edu.au](mailto:18100357@students.latrobe.edu.au))

This study was approved by La Trobe University's Human Research Ethics Committee (Ethics number S16-66). Many thanks for your time!

- **Study shows Audiology delivers the most cost-effective tinnitus therapies**  
A BTA funded team shows NHS provisions for tinnitus are cost-effective against the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence cost effectiveness thresholds.

The full paper is available here:

<https://bmchealthservres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12913-017-2527-2>

- **The Google Doodle does BSL**



As pupils went back to school and some leave school to go onto university, Google pay tribute to the birth of British Sign Language (BSL) in their well-recognised Doodle!

- **BTA consultations with professionals**  
The British Tinnitus Association are conducting a survey looking at the support provided during their Tinnitus Information Days.

The survey is open to all professionals and hopes to help shape future events and raise awareness of BTA so they educate people on their condition and help them manage it.

The link to the survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2BK9TQJ>

- **Doctor on your wrist**  
20th September 10am to 3pm, Life Science Hub, 3 Assembly Square, Cardiff CF 104PL

Wearable Wellbeing – Can technology make us healthier?

Enjoy talks by an array of guest speakers bringing healthcare and technology together focused on the use of wearable technology to improve patient care. The free half day event is open to healthcare practitioners, wearables specialists and academics.

Free lunch is available, and free tea and coffee will be available throughout.

Contact: [riddelln@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:riddelln@cardiff.ac.uk)

- **Invitation to apply for the role of health service representative or lay member of Technology Appraisal or Highly Specialised Technologies Appeal Panels**  
The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) is looking to appoint a number of people with the necessary experience and skills to fulfil the following roles:

**Health Service Representative** – up to 3 people  
**Lay Member** – 2 people

The appeal panel is responsible for hearing appeals against our draft final recommendations in the technology appraisal (new drugs and other technologies used in the NHS) and highly specialised technologies (the evaluation of technologies for treating patients with very rare diseases and very complex healthcare needs) programmes. When an appeal is submitted an appeal panel comprising five members is drawn from those appointed to hear NICE appeals. The health service representative must hold an active registration with the appropriate professional body (including for doctors, a licence to practise). The lay representative must be a patient or carer, or a member of an organisation that represents patients or carers.

Appointees will need to have an ability to draw out and articulate a balanced view on the issues arising from an appeal that are relevant to patients, carers and/or members of the public, and an ability to critique and weigh up competing arguments and make decisions (sometimes difficult ones) in meetings that are open to the public. Appeal panels are established infrequently and appointees may only need to sit on a panel two to three times a year.

We would welcome applicants from all interested parties. For further information on the role and how to apply please refer to the NICE website: <https://www.nice.org.uk/Get-Involved/join-a-committee>.

Alternatively you can **contact** Maria Pitan, Project Manager – Corporate Office by email: [maria.pitan@nice.org.uk](mailto:maria.pitan@nice.org.uk). The **deadline** for applications is **midnight on Monday 2 October 2017**.

## Job Adverts:

- **The Ear Wax Removal Clinic**  
**Looking for audiologists to join our expanding team. The Ear Wax Removal Clinic provides private microsuction ear wax removal to adults and children in locations across the South East of England.**

### About You

Aspires to giving a good patient experience and wishes to expand knowledge and develop friendly, warm and confident. Work within a small friendly team.

### About Us

Private Clinic also providing GP Services, CQC Regulated, Small and friendly team, we care about those working for us. Think outside the box philosophy. Flexible working to suit and family friendly.

Salary: £25 - £30 per hour (dependant on experience)

Hours: 10 – 30 per week (dependant on your availability)

Please send your cv to [enquiries@earwaxremovalclinic.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@earwaxremovalclinic.co.uk)

- **UHCW NHS Trust**  
**Advanced Paediatric Audiologist**  
**£31,696 - £41,787 per annum**  
**37.5 hours per week**

The Advanced Paediatric Audiologist will take a main role in the diagnosis and habilitation for children aged 0-18. Our paediatric service is UKAS accredited and led by the Principal Paediatric Audiologist responsible to the Consultant Clinical Scientist.

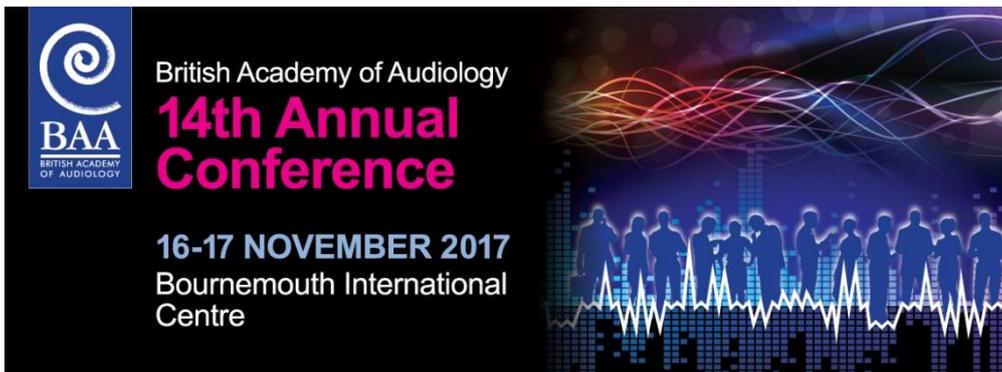
The Centre for Hearing and Balance Disorders is a combined Paediatric and Adult Service. Paediatric Services include NHSP, diagnostic services and hearing aid clinics. We have excellent links with education and community services alongside an excellent Children's Hearing Services Working Group.

We currently work 37.5 hours over a 4.5 day week or 9 days in 10. We also provide a monthly dedicated training session for all staff which includes case studies and external speakers. This provides excellent opportunities to ensure your CPD is maintained.

To apply for this position, please visit: <http://jobs.uhcw.nhs.uk/job/v787815>  
Closing date: 15 October 2017 23:59.

- To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact [advertising@baaudiology.org](mailto:advertising@baaudiology.org)
- For more information on the above job descriptions please visit [www.baaudiology.org/careers](http://www.baaudiology.org/careers)

### Upcoming Courses / Events:



- **BAA Annual Conference 2017** – nominations for the **Paul Doody Supervisor of the Year Award** has been extended to **Tuesday 26th September!** This award will recognise an Audiologist who stands out from the crowd with regards to supervising and supporting a student while on placement. We are looking for an individual who has gone above and beyond to provide a supportive learning environment on placement for students, providing leadership and guidance as well as inspiration. The award is focused on the mentoring of students and we particularly welcome testimonials and case studies from student, colleagues and university placement teams highlighting the reason a particular Audiologist should be nominated. To nominate someone for this away, please visit: [www.baaudiology.org/conference/awards](http://www.baaudiology.org/conference/awards)
- **UCL Ear Institute Paediatric Assessment**  
**Dates January 12 – February 9, 2018**  
**Course Organiser: Carolina Leal 2017/18**

This 5 day course aims to establish skills in behavioural and objective methods of hearing assessment in infants and children as the basis for appropriate audiological management. This course will be taught by Carolina Leal and external contributors to ensure a variety of interest. The course is five days in duration and will run on each Friday from 12th January to 9th February 2018. Delegates will be required to attend all 5 days of the course.

To book this course or for more information, please visit:  
<http://onlinestore.ucl.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/faculty-of-brain-sciences-c07/ucl-ear-%20institute-d06/d06-paediatric-assessment-advanced-audiology-masterclass-12th-january-2018>

- **For the above event information** together with details of other Audiology events taking place please visit [www.baaudiology.org/events](http://www.baaudiology.org/events)

### Social Media:

- **The Facebook Group has discussed**
  - Nasal impressions
  - BSL petition
  - 80's Tunes!

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