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Welcome to this edition of BAA Horizon. This week's edition gives you news, opportunities, surveys, board updates and upcoming courses and events, all with useful links to the BAA website.

Please send any information you would like included in this newsletter to [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org)

### News:

- **BAA Board Elections - Nominations are open until 31st August 2015.** Read the info and download a nomination form here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/...31st-august-2015/>
- **BAA Student Quiz - A reminder that the August student quiz is still open** on the Student Section of the BAA Website <http://www.baaudiology.org/students/#.VdbTrLJViko> and the prize this month is £50 Love to Shop Vouchers.
- **NHS Jobs Website - NHS jobs have recently updated their terms and conditions on the website.** If you have not received any automatic alerts regarding new jobs matching your search criteria recently you may need to log in again <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/> and accept the new terms and conditions to receive further job alerts.
- **IQIPS Census Report – The final report from the April 2015 IQIPS Census is now available.** 95 organisations completed the census, covering 144 services over 583 sites. This report has taken on a shorter format and a number of tips on how to improve your results in your self-assessments are included. The report can be found on the IQIPS website <https://www.iqips.org.uk/> under the Quick Links on the left hand side of the page.
- **UNHS Updates - New qualification for Screeners - A new qualification is to be launched next year** and Health Education England (HEE) are working with Public Health England (PHE), Skills for Health and other clinical stakeholders. The qualification is for staff who undertake screening for either NHSP, DESP or AAA within the NHS screening programmes, who do not possess a professional registration. This qualification will replace the existing training programmes for NHSP screeners in the summer 2016 and will remain a national requirement as stipulated in the Section 7a Service Specifications. In the interim it is advised that local programmes flag this situation up, if not already done so, to their workforce managers and work alongside their Local Education and Training Board (LETB) to forecast numbers and cost accordingly. All new staff should continue to undertake the current NHSP training requirements until advised otherwise. Any changes will be communicated to programmes well in advance. For further information please contact the screening helpdesk: [Phe.screeninghelpdesk@nhs.net](mailto:Phe.screeninghelpdesk@nhs.net).
- **Keeping up to date with Screening news** - Since the website transition to GOV.UK and NHS Choices Information for healthcare professionals moved to GOV.UK and our PHE screening blogs now provide up-to-date information on all population screening programmes including Neonatal Hearing Screening. Please sign up to our PHE screening blogs to ensure you are kept informed with the latest screening news; <https://phescreening.blog.gov.uk/>
- **Academy of Healthcare Science - Higher Specialist Scientist Standards-** The Academy formally published the Standards of Proficiency for the Higher Specialist Scientist Register on 31 July 2015. Which can be found on their website: <http://www.ahcs.ac.uk/wordpress/wp->

[content/...ScientistStandardsOfProficiencyJul15.pdf](#)

- **2015: HSST Equivalence Early Implementer Programme.** The process underpinning the award of the Certificate of Equivalence (CoE) will be tested in an Early Implementation Programme. This will see a small number of experienced clinical scientists being assessed against the Standard of Proficiency by two trained assessors (one professional and one lay). The application process to join the Early Implementation Programme is expected to be published by the AHCS shortly. An open advert with further information and details of the process to apply to join this Early Implementer Programme will be posted on the Academy web site this week: <http://www.ahcs.ac.uk/>

## Surveys / Reminders:

- **Deadline Extended for National Adult Aural Rehabilitation Survey.** Across the UK, there are wide variations in adult aural rehabilitation practice offered by audiology services, both publicly and privately funded. Yet there is not a clear overview of what adult rehabilitation looks like in the UK today. The British Society of Audiology has partnered with the British Academy of Audiology and British Society of Hearing Aid Audiologists and we invite you, as a hearing healthcare professional, to complete this online survey. This survey will take about 15 minutes, and all responses will be anonymous. The deadline for submission is 30th September 2015. Take the survey here: <https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/national-adult-aural-rehabilitation-survey>.

## BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Conference Update** – Don't forget to **nominate** a colleague or team to receive an award at this year's conference as the submission deadline is quickly approaching on **Wednesday 9th September!** We always take the time to celebrate the achievements of our colleagues across the UK and, as always, the BAA will be presenting awards to those individuals who have been recognised for their achievements. Award submissions are now open! Make sure you nominate your colleagues for either **Team of the Year, Audiologist of the Year**, or for the **Lisa Bayliss Award** which recognises the student that performs best during their placement. This is your chance to shout about it and reward someone for all their hard work! Please visit: [www.baaudiology.org/conference/awards](http://www.baaudiology.org/conference/awards) and get nominating!! Please note that you can only nominate BAA members for an award.
- **Student Track** – Also at this year's conference in Harrogate there will be a specific track for Students to attend on **Friday 27th November 2015**. The BAA Student and Trainee Team has organised an exciting Student Track to focus on career options in Audiology. As well as presenting some of the latest student research, they have organised various speakers to outline their experiences in the different career sectors within audiology. This will allow you to consider and learn about new and exciting career pathways within Audiology and is sure to be an exciting and interesting session. Please can you circulate information on this track to your colleagues or anyone who may be interested in attending. Alternatively, please visit the conference website for more information and to register [www.baaudiology.org/conference](http://www.baaudiology.org/conference)
- **Assistants and Associates Workshop** – At this year's conference in Harrogate there will be a specific workshop held for **Assistants and Associates** from 10:00am - 4:00pm on **Thursday 26th November**. The theme of this year's workshop will be **Adult Audiovestibular Rehabilitation** and we would like to encourage managers to allow your assistant and associate audiologists to attend. The challenges of modern audiology departments have resulted in a wider role for assistant and associate audiologists. This workshop therefore aims to facilitate an overview and understanding of the main areas in audiology such as tinnitus, dizziness and hearing. This workshop will be led by members of the multidisciplinary team from the Regional Department of Neurotology at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. Also on offer is access to the largest audiology exhibition in the UK along with a considerable selection of posters, which provide important information and the invaluable opportunity to network and share ideas with like-minded colleagues. Please can you circulate information on this workshop to your colleagues or anyone who may be interested in attending. Alternatively, please visit the conference website for more information and to register [www.baaudiology.org/conference](http://www.baaudiology.org/conference)
- **Service Quality Committee - The BAA List of UK Audiology Quality Standards and Other Useful Signposting Documents is now available** for members to view on the SQC webpages on the BAA Website <http://www.baaudiology.org/teams/service-quality/#.Vdb99bJViko>. This is a living document, so if there are standards or documents that should be added, or if the links no longer work please email us

at [SQC@baaudiology.org](mailto:SQC@baaudiology.org) and we will update the document as necessary.

- Regional Groups - Upcoming Regional Meetings. All regional Meetings can be found on the events pages of the BAA website you must register but the meetings are free to attend. <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/regional/#.VcxYzmCWsyE>

22nd September Yorkshire Regional Meeting  
2nd October North East Regional Meeting  
7th October North West Regional Meeting  
15th October Trent Regional Meeting

## Job Adverts:

- **St Helena Government - Visiting Audiologist- 3 weeks FTC in November 2015.** Please submit a fully costed proposal plus CV to [shukrep@sthelenagov.com](mailto:shukrep@sthelenagov.com) or you may contact Kedell Worboys on 0203 818 7610. Further information can also be found at [www.sthelenacareers.com](http://www.sthelenacareers.com). CV's together with expressions of interest/proposals must be received by Thursday, 10th September 2015. Application url: <http://sthelenacareers.com/current-vacancies.php>
- **Phonak - Technical Support Audiologist** - This is an office based role, working as part of a small team within the larger customer service team. So if you have the relevant experience and qualification and would like the opportunity to work for a first class organisation then please apply for the role. The application is available on the following link with a full job description available. <http://live.solique.ch/microsites/sonova/microsite/...-b93575c7e6e9>
- **Gateshead Health NHS Trust - Head of Audiology** - For information please contact Mrs Denise Reay, Service Line Manager, for Planned Care, Clinical Support and Screening Business Unit. Telephone 0191 4456105 or e-mail [denise.reay@ghnt.nhs.uk](mailto:denise.reay@ghnt.nhs.uk). To apply for this position please go online to NHS jobs website <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/> and quote the reference number Ref: 297-506-15.
- **UKAS recruiting Assessors from Audiology** - As the IQIPS accreditation scheme continues to grow, we at UKAS are actively recruiting audiologists to be trained as assessors for the programme. Interested individuals should have more than 4 years senior audiology experience and possess a range of competencies from those listed on the attached keyword list. If you are interested in this position, please complete and submit an online UKAS assessor application by clicking the following link: <http://www.careers.ukas.com/home/.../how-to-apply-assessor/>

These are now on the website with the usual careers page link  
<http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment>

To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact [advertising@baaudiology.org](mailto:advertising@baaudiology.org)

## Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **University of Southampton - Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) Course**, 11th November, Auditory Implant Service, University of Southampton. To book a place on this course please go to the training section of our website <http://ais.southampton.ac.uk/> or contact Nikki Jassal/Coral Abraham on [AIS.Training@soton.ac.uk](mailto:AIS.Training@soton.ac.uk) for further information.
- **South Tees NHS Trust - Paediatric Assessment: A Refresher Course An Introduction / Update for Behavioural Testing in Paediatric Audiology** 3rd - 5th November, James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough. For a course flyer click: <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/...middlesbrough/#.VdZNK7JViko>
- **Hearing Link have released dates for their Self Management Programmes** in Edinburgh, Northern Ireland, Birmingham and Eastbourne. Patients can self refer but professionals can also refer and more details are available here: <http://hearinglink.org/self-management-programmes/...4958b1c49>.
- **Starkey Hearing Technologies are delighted to welcome Dr Jason Galster to the UK in November.** Jason will present 3 one day courses and 2 online lectures on Validation and Verification of

Hearing Instrument Fittings. The courses are free to attend but places must be booked in advance. Details are available on the BAA Website at: <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/validation-and-verification-hearing-instrument-fittings/?eID=448#.VdrVImCWtUQge:EN-GB;mso-bidi-language:AR-SA>>[www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment](http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment)

The above courses are linked to the events page of the BAA website [www.baaudiology.org/events](http://www.baaudiology.org/events)

- **Sense and Seashell Trust are pleased to announce registrations are now open for Interactions and Learning** - a conference designed to inspire your practice. The event which takes place on Tuesday 15th September will feature talks from Dr. Jan Van Dijk, leading practitioner in the field of deafblindness, Graham Firth, Director of the Intensive Interaction Institute, and Gail Deuce, specialist in CHARGE syndrome. Delegates will have the chance to participate in a range of workshops on topics such as wellbeing and complex needs, early interactions, employment, dysphagia, sensory integration, sleep, transition, and communication. For further information please see [www.sense.org.uk/learningandinteractions](http://www.sense.org.uk/learningandinteractions) or contact us on [conference&events@sense.org.uk](mailto:conference&events@sense.org.uk) or 0207 014 9305 (voice or text).

For details of other Audiology events taking place, visit [www.baaudiology.org/events](http://www.baaudiology.org/events)

## Social Media Summary:

- Twitter - Many people have shared an image of a dad in New Zealand who has had a cochlear implant tattoo to match his 6 year old daughters implant. Read about them here: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com...r&kvcommref=mostp>

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