

Welcome to this week's edition of BAA Horizon, bringing you updates, opportunities, news, 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)

## BAA News:

- **Direct Referral Guidelines Consultation closes on 29th April**  
No apologies for repeating this one. Please take the multiple reminders and emails to be prompts for you to take part in the consultation on the new Direct Referral Guidelines as these are so important to the way we deal with service commissioners and our end service users.  
The Service Quality Committee has been working on drafting new guidance for Direct Referrals. The aim has been to produce updated guidance with a clearer evidence base. The decision has been made to create two separate documents, so that GPs will only need to familiarise themselves with the guidance which is relevant to them. We wanted to acknowledge and encourage the use of innovative audiology-led pathways, while making it clear which adults do require a medical opinion, and why. We welcome your comments on the criteria we have chosen and whether we have succeeded in writing documents which are applicable to your service.  
Have your say on the draft referral criteria by completing the feedback forms, guidelines and forms are available here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/comment-needed-new-direct-referral-criteria/>
- **Membership Details**  
Many members will have renewed their membership this month, please remember to log into the members section of the BAA website and click on the "My Profile" link under your name at the top of the page (your username is your membership number) and check your personal details are correct so that you can keep in touch with BAA.
- **Deaf Awareness Week 2nd – 8th May 2016**  
With Deaf Awareness Week coming up soon, 2nd - 8th May, posters are now available to be downloaded and printed for you to use from The Deaf Council <http://deafcouncil.org.uk/deaf-awareness-week/publicity-materials/>

Deaf Awareness Week is a unique campaign in that so many different organisations participate, each able to promote their own work within the broad spectrum of deafness. It is a fine example of so many organisations collaborating and working together in a joint campaign.  
The theme for the week: 'Connect and Communicate', which aims to highlight the positive outcomes of being deaf aware and how involvement, not only throughout Deaf Awareness Week, but on a daily basis, can continue to improve the understanding of all types of deafness together with the communications methods that can be used.
- **BAA Magazine**  
The spring issue of the BAA Magazine has gone to print and will be with you by the end of the month. We are filling the summer magazine as you read this so if you would like to submit an article now is the time.
- **BAA Board**  
BAA Board meet on Monday 18th April in London. The agenda includes topics each of the Board Members are working on including things such as: National Commissioning Framework, Malpractice Insurance for BAA Members, Joint working with other audiology organisations, the proposed RCCP / AHCS combined register, Student Conference and survey feedback, BAA Conference 2016 and 2018! Board meetings are always long days with an opportunity to discuss work each board member undertakes individually and agree what the BAA position is on the updates.
- **Hearing Times**  
It's possible to sign up for a weekly email including charity, community and technology news directly to your inbox from the Hearing Times – some of it might make useful posts for those of you starting to use social media to promote your services. To sign up [CLICK HERE](#).

## Events:

- **BAA Northern Ireland Regional Meeting, 17th May 2016**  
<http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-training-day-nireland-templeton-hotel-templepatrick/?eID=589#.VxCVWGM3fw8>
- **Hearing and Learning Disabilities Special Interest Group Re-Launch, 18th May 2016, BILD, Birmingham**  
<http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/hearing-and-learning-disabilities-special-interest-group-re-launch-wednesday-18th-may-2016-bild-birmingham/?eID=584#.VxCVKWM3fw8>
- **15th Audiology Cymru 'Looking Wider, Working Together', 8th July 2016, Glyndwr University Wrexham**
- **ReSound are delighted to announce that they will be hosting a series of Complex Needs educational events...**  
The events will be hosted by our product management and sales team. They will aim to broaden awareness in the hearing industry of key areas within 'Complex Needs' and how to support patients. The event is free and CPD points will be provided.

**We would like to invite you to attend an event at a location near you...**

Tue 21st June, Urban Village Resort Hotel, Glasgow  
Wed 22nd June, The Royal York Hotel, York  
Thur 23rd June, Rookery Hall and Spa Hotel, Nantwich, Cheshire  
Tue 28th June, Russell Hotel, London, Nr Euston & St Pancras  
Wed 29th June, Tortworth Court Hotel, Wotton-under-Edge, Nr Bristol

Time 9.30 –16.30  
Lunch will be included

Please book early to ensure your place and specify your preferred venue and location.  
For more information or to secure your place, email Claire Hird, Marketing  
Department: [chird@gnresound.com](mailto:chird@gnresound.com)

- **British Society of Audiology (BSA) Certificate Basic Audiometry and Tympanometry, 13th June 2016, PC Werth HQ, South London**  
3 days | £550 per person

Suitable for healthcare employees who are not qualified audiologists and are required undertake routine audiometry. Typical delegates include occupational health workers, assistant or associate audiologists, teachers of the deaf, GPs and nurses.

This 3-day BSA course will enable you to:

- Perform otoscopy reliably and according to BSA recommended procedure
- Undertake air conduction and bone conduction audiometry (without masking) and tympanometry and according to BSA recommended procedure
- Carry out Stage A checks and understand the requirements for calibration of equipment
- Operate a sound level meter and measure ambient noise levels
- Interpret results and findings, recording results
- Communicate results and findings to other professionals

A certificate will be awarded upon full attendance of the course, with successful completion of both the practical and written assessment on the day

Visit [www.tjaudiology.com](http://www.tjaudiology.com) for more details and information about Tracy James

[Click here](#) for courses flyer  
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## Social Media Updates:

- **Last week, the American Academy of Audiology held it's annual conference.** You can catch up with many posts from the conference on Twitter. The official hashtag is [#audiologynow2016](#) but other shorter tags are in use so also try [#AN16](#) and [#AN2016](#).
- **BAA Student Conference took place in early April and Twitter has some activity from there.** To view, search for the hashtag [#BAASStudentConf](#).

## Job Adverts:

- **Band 8a Audiologist Manchester Royal Infirmary. Balance and Diagnostics**  
A fantastic opportunity to lead the Central Manchester balance and diagnostic audiology service at Manchester Royal Infirmary in a new, purpose built centre with state of the art equipment including rotational chair and dynamic posturography. Our department is unique in providing all hearing, balance and implant services for adults and children under one management structure and within one hospital Trust. We are looking for a dynamic, experienced audiologist/healthcare scientist who has specialist training and experience in balance with a proven track record of service delivery and leading change. The department attracts complex cases from throughout the region and through our close working with ENT, neurology and physiotherapy. You will have the opportunity to use your advanced knowledge, experience and personal interests to lead in the specialist service within the department.

You should have a special interest in balance and diagnostics with high levels of experience and independent working with routine and complex patient groups.

The department has close educational and research links to Manchester University. Successful candidates should have an MSc in Audiology or Healthcare Science or equivalent and recognised higher level of training and experience in audiology.

For informal enquiries please contact Martin O'Driscoll on **0161 276 4417** or email [martin.odriscoll@cmft.nhs.uk](mailto:martin.odriscoll@cmft.nhs.uk). Apply through NHS Jobs: [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk). Reference 349-SUR-0307. Closing date **Friday 29th April**

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