



HAPPY 2018! The BAA wishes its members a prosperous and rewarding new year. In this week's edition we bring 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. The next deadline for submissions is the **18th January 2018**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** Sue Falkingham BAA President continues her blog on the BAA website. You can follow her blog here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.Wiq9899l82w>
- **Education, Accreditation and Registration Updates:**
- **Level 2 and 4 audiology apprenticeship providers.** The BAA released a guidance document for the apprentice framework in May 2017. It is available here <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php/news/news-home/baa-update-apprenticeshipframework/>

The implementation of the apprenticeship framework is employer driven and not driven by local HEI, Further Education (FE) College or professional bodies. It is up to the employer to contact their Apprenticeship Lead, local HEI and/or FE College to discuss future delivery with the available funding in mind. With this in mind, BAA intends to compile a list of providers as a resource for NHS departments and ask that NHS audiology departments inform BAA if they are offering a Level 2 and/or 4 audiology apprenticeship in collaboration with a local FE college. **Please send information to** admin@baaudiology.org

- **Updated BAA Guidance: Registration Options in Audiology.** The BAA guidance document on registration has been updated and the latest version is available here: http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php/download_file/2088/
- **Level 3 Apprenticeship Newborn Hearing screener** - From 1 April 2016, the Level 3 Diploma for Health Screeners qualification is a requirement for all new health screeners working in the following three areas:
 - Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
 - Diabetic Eye
 - Newborn Hearing (NB: for Newborn Hearing screeners the qualification will roll out in 2017).

This qualification is based on nationally agreed standards, which can be delivered locally for new staff embarking on their career. **More information is available on:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/newborn-hearing-screening-programme-nhsoperational-guidance>

- **Promoting professionalism, reforming regulation:** A paper for consultation. This consultation considers what reforms are needed across the UK healthcare regulatory system in order to support workforce development while maximising public protection in a more efficient way. The four UK governments want to take this opportunity to design a flexible model of professional regulation, which secures public trust, fosters professionalism and improved clinical practice, while also being able to adapt swiftly to future developments in health care.

BAA will be providing a response to this consultation as this is an opportunity to raise awareness for the need of statutory regulation of ALL audiology professionals.

The consultation document is available on

<https://consultations.dh.gov.uk/professionalregulation/regulatory-reform/> and is open to healthcare professional regulatory bodies, healthcare professionals and employers as well as healthcare users and carers.

Other News:

- **Tinnitus Week.** [#TinnitusWeek](#) is taking place from **5-11 February 2018** and as always, we would love you to get involved and show your support. **Find out more by visiting** www.tinnitus.org.uk
- **Advancing Healthcare Awards 2018.** Allied health professionals, healthcare scientists and those who work alongside them in support roles have **until 19 January 2018 to enter** the Advancing Healthcare Awards. **Further information may be found here:** <http://www.ahpandhsawards.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AHA-Awards-2018-LaunchBrochure.pdf>
- **National School of Healthcare Science Head of school blog.** The Head of School's new blog, where she will be sharing updates from the School and her thoughts and hopes for healthcare science may be found here: <http://www.nshcs.hee.nhs.uk/news/item/525-berne-sblog-december-2017>

Job Adverts:

- **NICE** is currently recruiting for additional members to join their **Quality Standards Advisory Committee (QSAC)** to support delivery of the library quality standards topics which can be found here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/standards-and-indicators/quality-standards-topic-library> NICE quality standards are a set of concise, prioritised statements and associated measures that focus on topics relevant to health and/or social care. Quality standards describe highpriority areas for quality improvement in a defined care or service area. More information on how to apply can be found at www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/join-a-committee and information on NICE quality standards at www.nice.org.uk/standards-and-indicators **The closing date for applications is 5pm Monday 15 January 2018.**
- **To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon** please contact advertising@baaudiology.org
- **For more information** on the above job descriptions please visit www.baaudiology.org/careers

Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **Towards a Connected Future – first joint event from BAA, BSA and BSHAA**

The first ever joint event to be co-hosted by the BAA, BSA and BSHAA on **7th February 2018** in Leeds will be called 'Towards a Connected Future'. **Registration is now OPEN for this ground-breaking audiology event.** Be part of this ground-breaking audiology event. Places are limited and cost £50 for members of BSHAA/BSA/BAA, £95 for non-members and £30 for students. Don't delay – online registration and the full programme is available at <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/towards-connected-future/?eID=961>

- **For the above event information** together with details of other Audiology events taking place please visit www.baaudiology.org/events

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