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

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President's Introduction:

5 years from now: In the Chancellors budget he announced the £8 billion shortfall predicted for the NHS would be found. This made the headlines and meant we can all relax! Wrong! The shortfall will only be this amount if the productivity within the NHS increases by 3%. The NHS has only ever achieved a maximum of 1.5% growth, demand pressures are growing, chronic conditions costing more, costs are rising faster than investment, there are now almost 50% of NHS providers in deficit, this figure is always going to be difficult to achieve. It is predicted with zero growth in productivity the NHS will be £30 billion short by 2021 a sobering thought. In line with the 5 Year Forward view commissioners need to start looking at long term outcomes. The evidence is there to support the claim that people stay independent longer when their hearing loss is managed early but current commissioning decisions do not facilitate this. There needs to be a change in the way commissioning is carried out if the NHS is ever going to achieve 3% growth.

It is important that audiologists in all sectors continue to keep up to date with best practice and training in order to deliver in a changing health economy. Horizons aims are to give you updates from many organisations including BAA and we hope you find this edition beneficial too.

News:

- **BAA Bursaries are available for members** to attend and present at educational events and conferences. If you would like more details or to apply follow this link: <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/baa-are-pleased-announce-bursary-scheme-members/#.VbCW2mCWtUQ>
- **Science Council launches competition to find the UK's 100 leading practising scientists.** This year's competition is to showcase the tremendous diversity of roles, people and practice in science, including technicians, and to make a statement that a career in science is open to everyone. The closing date for nominations is Tuesday 1st September 2015 [submit nominations on the Science Council's website.](#)
- **ENT News is now Free to all UK Readers** If you don't receive your own copy of ENT News which includes the great Audiology Matters Section you can now subscribe here for free: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FREECOPY_ENTandAudiologyNews
- **Latest updates from National School of Healthcare Science including STP updates** are available here: <http://us7.campaign-archive1.com/?u=80722e388fc69437ef4f4d1f5&id=157967753c&e=8f5e1c6653>
- **Latest news from the Academy of Healthcare Science** includes how to get a free place at the NHS Health and Care Expo in Manchester in September – read the details here: <http://us7.campaign-archive1.com/?u=80722e388fc69437ef4f4d1f5&id=157967753c&e=8f5e1c6653>

- **Details of a conference aimed at those interested in Speech Processing Research** have been released the INSPIRE will take place in Groningen in Jan 2016 and details can be found here: <http://inspire-itn.eu/index.php/inspire-events/workshop-spin2016>
- **Tinnitus Trial TACTT3 is a clinical study evaluating a novel treatment for acute tinnitus** (onset within 6 months), an NMDA receptor antagonist administered via intratympanic injection. It is expected to complete recruitment by the end of the year. As audiologist or ENT-professional you may be interested in this research study. The study website - <http://www.tinnitus-study.info/uk-home> - is the portal which lists the sites involved and through which patients can contact the nearest site.

Surveys:

- **Referring people for cochlear implants and bone conduction hearing implants - views and experiences of audiologists** - The British Academy of Audiology (BAA), Cochlear and The Ear Foundation (TEF) are carrying out research to examine referrals for cochlear implants and bone conduction hearing implants (formerly known as BAHAs). As part of this, we would really like to hear about your views and experiences as a professional in the field of audiology. This survey explores how professionals working in the field of audiology refer people for a cochlear implant and bone conduction hearing implant, looking at their views and experiences of making referrals, the process of making referrals, and further needs. The survey will take about 5-10 minutes, and your answers will be anonymous and all responses will be safely stored. Please find more information and the survey link here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Referrals_CI_BCHI

Reminders:

- **James Lind Alliance Round two priority setting for mild to moderate hearing loss.** Have your say on what the priorities for research should be: survey open until 10th August 2015 Details and link are here: <http://www.hearinglink.org/jla-ppsp/survey>
- **Make sure your service is listed on the NHS Choices website** here <http://www.nhs.uk/service-search> If not full details of how to get listed are on the BAA Website: <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/action-represent-audiology-nhs-choices-website/>
- **National Adult Aural Rehabilitation survey** open until 31st August 2015 complete this important research survey here: <https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/national-adult-aural-rehabilitation-survey>

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Conference Update** – Closing date for submitting an abstract at this year's conference in Harrogate is next week! An integral part of the conference is always the free papers and posters as they provide the ideal opportunity for those working within the audiology field to share best practice, research and to network with colleagues. Submitting an abstract is an easy online process, just visit www.baaudiology.org/conference/abstracts to find out more however please remember to submit before **Monday 3rd August!**

Job Adverts:

- **No New Adverts** - To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact advertising@baaudiology.org

Upcoming Courses:

- **TJ Audiology** - Tracy James is a Clinical Scientist in Audiology and has over 10 years training experience. Tracy is a Professional Practice Committee member for the BSA and offers BSA accredited courses in Impression Taking (adults/over 5's and under 5's) and Audiology and Tympanometry. Courses include both practical and theory and can be undertaken either in-house at your place of work or at a venue in Berkshire or London. For further details please visit www.tjaudiology.com. To register, please contact Tracy James on info@tjaudiology.com. To view flyer : <http://www.baaudiology.org/files/4414/3688/3174/TJAudioTraining.pdf>
- **University of Southampton** - An Introduction to Auditory Implants, Friday 29th September 2015. This one day training course is aimed at Audiologists and other professionals who refer patients for auditory implants and who would like to find out more about the devices we offer and the patient experience. For more information see: http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php/download_file/view/1174/581/

For details of other Audiology events taking place, visit www.baaudiology.org/events

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