

Welcome to our 2nd Horizon email newsletter. We hope you like the new format as we aim to get news to you more speedily. This week's edition gives you news, job opportunities and Board updates with useful links to the BAA website, Facebook and Twitter. Please let us know your thoughts on this newsletter and any suggestions or ideas you may have for improvement - we appreciate your feedback. Contact us via admin@baaudiology.org

News:

- **Breaking News:** A new '[Action Plan on Hearing Loss](#)' to support services for deaf people and those with diminishing hearing has been produced by NHS England and the Department of Health. See the BAA website for further information and a response from BAA President, Alison Walsh: <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=148>
- **Science Council Policy Briefing** –Apprenticeships and the important role they may have in the future of health care sciences. To find out more about apprenticeships and how these could work within your department http://www.baaudiology.org/files/7114/2657/5327...March_2015_Apprenticeships-2.pdf
- **Healthcare Scientists Training Capacity Survey.** Health Education England (HEE) in conjunction with the Centre for Workforce Intelligence (CfWI) is conducting an online survey to identify and assess the opportunities for improvement in training capacity across healthcare science (HCS) training institutions. Please take a few minutes to look complete this. <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s.asp?i=141162tovag>
- **An open letter from Dawn Bramham**, Chair of the Audiology Supplies Group (ASG) to the Audiology community bringing the best possible technology to the NHS, available at the best global price. You can read the full article from the Supply Chain Website: <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=148>
- **Monitor report on NHS adult hearing services in England:** exploring how choice is working for patients. For the full report visit click on the following link, where you can also read the BAA's response to Monitor in light of the publication of the review. <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=148>
- **Alison Walsh, President of the BAA** has written a letter to Norman Lamb, Minister of State for Care and Support requesting urgent publication of the Action Plan on Hearing Loss in light of the recent commissioning decision by North Staffs and the imminent election. http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php/download_file/view/1016/148/
- **New opportunities for Healthcare Scientists:** The Manchester Academy for Healthcare Scientist Education (MAHSE) is currently developing a new funded career development programme, which will offer healthcare scientists in the North West region the opportunity to become further involved in research and innovation focused projects. They are looking for healthcare scientists who are currently involved in innovative research activities outside the remit of their normal day-to-day role to complete a short survey. <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2014729/MAHSE-Research-Innovation-Survey>

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Pub and Comms:** Michelle Booth, BAA Board director for Pub and Comms, attended the Healthcare Science Event on the 16th and 17th March 2015. Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England set out his vision for the NHS going forward based on the joint guidance document published by NHS England, Monitor, the NHS Trust Development Authority, the Care Quality Commission, Public Health England and Health Education, coordinating and establishing a firm foundation for longer term transformation of the NHS. Read more by visiting: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/forward-view-plning.pdf>

Audiologists were well represented at the event. Aarti Makan, Senior Audiologist, University College

Hospital and Darzi Fellow, Health Education North Central and East London highlighted her journey over the past few year and inspired others to 'develop their personal potential'. Jennifer Fahy, audiologist at Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust was a winner of the Rising Star award for Physiological Science for her work on deafness awareness in the Trust. Well done to both Aarti and Jennifer.

- **Conference 2015:** The conference planning team are delighted to announce that Christine DePlacido will be joining Cherilee Rutherford as Scientific Director for conference 2015 in Harrogate. Christine brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the team and we anticipate a fantastic programme. Several members of the team will be visiting Harrogate on the 23rd March for a site visit so watch this space for more information going forward.
- **Membership:** Members are reminded to check their details are up to date on the website. Visit <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php/login/> Login and select 'my profile' to check your details.

Job Adverts:

- **Assessment manager – IQIPS** – UK home based or West London based – Closing date 25th March. <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment>
- **Audiologist Band 5**, Health & Social Care, Northern Ireland, Northern Health and Social Care Trust. Closing date 1st April. For more information visit: <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment>

Courses:

- **Masterclass: Vestibular Rehabilitation** 22nd - 24th April 2015: The course is designed for all those clinicians who have a reasonable knowledge of vestibular assessment and rehabilitation but are looking to build on this foundation. For more information visit: <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/masterclass-vestibular-rehabilitation/?eID=338>

Social Media Summary:

- **Brit Acad Audiology @BAAudiology:** The student Team are representing BAA [@BigBangFair](https://twitter.com/BigBangFair) [@NHSCareers](https://twitter.com/NHSCareers) this week pic.twitter.com/RcNd8bS501
- **Evelina Hepp:** Early day motion 772 on hearing loss: See photo. My MP wasn't listed with contact details so I did it in my mother's constituency. Apparently copy/pasted emails are blocked so do change the text a little before sending. It certainly won't hurt to send and it doesn't take long! The links are: <http://www.parliament.uk/.../early-day-motions/edm-detail1/...>and <https://www.writetothem.com/>
- **Hearing Review @HearingReview:** Cochlear Implants Improve Brain Function in Older Adults. [#audpeeps](https://twitter.com/audpeeps) [#audiology](https://twitter.com/audiology) <http://ow.ly/Kt2d3>
- **NDCS @NDCS UK:** Live in England? Local Offers can help you find [#BSL](https://twitter.com/BSL) provision for [#deaf](https://twitter.com/deaf) children & their families in your area. <http://ow.ly/Khtny>

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