

Welcome to our new email newsletter, BAA Horizon. Over the past year, the Pub and Comms team have been working hard to streamline the way in which we share information with you, our members. We realise your time is precious and reading the same information in several different formats is not an efficient use of your time. BAA Horizon will be distributed fortnightly providing you with news, job opportunities and Board updates with useful links to the BAA website, Facebook and Twitter. We hope you like the new format, but let us know - we appreciate your feedback. Contact us via admin@baaudiology.org

News:

- North Staffordshire CCG Meeting propose to stop provision of hearing aids for those adults with a mild hearing loss solely defined by audiometric thresholds. Please visit <http://www.northstaffsccg.nhs.uk/boardpapers> for more details.
- The BAA has many new and exciting opportunities for networking and e-learning. To ensure you do not miss out on the action please check we have the most up to date contact details by visiting <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php/login/> Login and select 'my profile' to check your details.
- Sonova buys Hansaton, ditches Siemens as partner <http://www.audiology-worldnews.com/news/1269-hansaton-to-join-sonova-group>
- Early Day Motion on Hearing loss - Calling on the Government to request the NHS to commission NICE, to prioritise the immediate development of a hearing loss clinical guideline, to establish and maintain quality standards for patients suffering hearing loss. Please ask your local MP to support this motion for more information please visit <http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2014-15/772>
- WHO new document 'making listening safe' - advice on noise exposure and hearing loss recommending only one hour of listening to music through headphones a day. http://www.who.int/pbd/deafness/activities/MLS_Brochure_English_lowres_for_web.pdf
- Superstar DJ took to the decks in a secret set last week, helping raise awareness of tinnitus and the work of the British Tinnitus Association (BTA) <http://www.tinnitus.org.uk/bta-to-benefit-from-flipside-of-famous-djs>
- Since 2012, some patients in England with age-related hearing loss have been given the chance to choose their service provider under the 'any qualified provider' approach. Monitor have looked at what has happened since choice was introduced and launched the report presenting their findings on the 5th March 2015. Click on the link below to read about their findings: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/nhs-adult-hearing-services-in-england-how-any-qualified-provider-is-working-for-patients>

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **President - Alison Walsh:** Alison attended the AHCS Council for Professional Bodies meeting and the CSO Accreditation stakeholder meeting in February. There will be a push for accreditation over the next 12 months. Unfortunately, due to a family bereavement, Alison was unable to attend the BAA Heads of Service (England) meeting in Birmingham last week. The day was chaired by Will Brassington, assisted by Michelle Booth. Interesting presentations from Monitor, UKAS and ACHS prompted healthy discussion between delegates.

- **Education and Training:** The BAA CPD Committee have been adding to BAA's Facebook presence via the BAA events page on Facebook. All events accredited for CPD points will now be posted on here for easy access and up to date information on courses for our members.

The BAA Education Committee have been busy recently with Mock STP OSFA exams on 3rd February in London. These ran very successfully and the BAA Education and training team have maintained a high level of involvement in exam preparations and with BAA committee members as examiners. Good luck to all the trainees as they look towards their final exams later in the year.

Job Adverts:

- **Band 7 Paediatric Lead / New born hearing screening co-ordinator** – NHS Highland, Raigmore Hospital – Inverness – 37.5 hours per week.
http://baaudiology.org/files/1014/2564/7825/NHS_HIGHLAND.pdf
- **Band 6 Senior Audiologist** – NHS Highland, Raigmore Hospital – Inverness – 37.5 hours per week.
http://baaudiology.org/files/1014/2564/7825/NHS_HIGHLAND.pdf
- **Band 5 Audiologist** – Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital NHS Trust – Norwich - 37.5 hours per week Closing date: 22/03/2015 http://baaudiology.org/files/4014/2564/8005/Norfolk_and_Norwich.pdf
- **Boots Hearingcare.** Not your typical hearingcare provider. If you think a career with Boots Hearingcare isn't for you it might be time to think again. We're proud to be the high street company with a difference.
http://www.baaudiology.org/files/5914/2563/6652/Hearingcare_email_advert_Jan_2015.pdf
- **Specsavers Hearcare** continues to lead the way in scaling new heights in audiology. We are looking for experienced Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists who feel ready to take on the responsibility of running their own store as a Hearcare Joint Venture Partner. For details visit:
http://baaudiology.org/files/3114/2564/8475/SPREAD_YOUR_WINGS.pdf
- **Amplifon** are delighted to announce that we currently have opportunities throughout the UK for Trainee Hearing Audiologists to join us in September 2015. We seek commercially aware, sales oriented individuals with a keen focus on providing best in class customer care. Previous experience in a sales or customer care environment would be an advantage. http://baaudiology.org/files/7014/2565/3676/Amplifon_TRAINEE_HAA.pdf

Social Media Summary:

- **Jennifer Laidler @JLaidlerFitwise:** @BAAudiology stand set and ready to go at #BAAHOS2015 we look forward to welcoming all the Head of Service pic.twitter.com/MnSkEj1hVs
- **Cochrane ENT @CochraneENT:** MT @UKCochraneCentr: What should researchers ask next about #hearingloss? New blog: <http://ow.ly/JRz1g> @BSAudiology1 @BAAudiology
- **NDCS @NDCS UK:** Today is @WHO Make Listening Safe Day - look after your ears #DeafchildWW

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