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In this week's edition we bring you updates, opportunities, news, and information from across the field of audiology, including our new feature 'Ask Lizzy' where Lizanne Steenkamp, Board Director for Education, Accreditation and Registration posts answers to questions BAA are regularly asked.

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 **30th August 2018**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog. Sue Falkingham BAA President continues her blog on the BAA website.** You can follow Sue here: www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.Wr3-LIjwaUk
- **Timeline for BAA Board Nominations** - If you would like to stand for election look out for the call to apply which will be sent out later this month – further details can be found here: <https://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/nomination-baa-board-directors/>
- **BAA Magazine** – The BAA magazine editor is looking for content for the magazine. The Autumn edition is due out at the end of October and copy **deadline is the 18th September**. Send your submissions to: baamagazine@gmail.com
- **SQC Committee** – BAA's Service Quality Committee are updating the living document on our webpages, entitled 'List of UK Audiology Quality Standards and Other Useful Signposting Documents'. You will now find separate lists of quality related documents by topic, and some general guidance on how to use these. This should help anyone who is trying to assess/improve the quality of their service. Have a look at the lists in our SQC Documents Library (NB - not all topics are online yet). We will update them regularly, so if there are any important omissions from the lists, please email us via BAA@fitwise.co.uk
- **Publicity and Communications Team Request for help:** John Waters is helping the BAA create a short video as an introduction about what Audiology is for prospective early professionals. There are two aspects to this. If you have recent video clips of Audiology you'd be happy for us to use and think you can obtain release / update release forms for this new use from the people involved, please let him know! Equally, he is looking to create some of this content if it can't be sourced from existing footage and he is looking for a good-looking department who may wish to host some short filming sessions, either with patients or actors. If you've got children who might sit for some Play Audiometry or + 50 relative who'd like a hearing test then that'd be great too. A good vestibular testing room would also be great. **If you think you can help, please email john.waters@pah.nhs.uk**. He is happy to help your department create a small video you feel might be useful in exchange for any help.
- **An opportunity is available to join BAA Service Quality Committee from October 2018.** You will need to be a BAA member, have five years' experience in Audiology (NHS or independent) and be keen to participate in projects relating to service quality. We are particularly hoping to hear from Scottish members or those with an interest in IQIPS. **For more information about current SQC projects, see the SQC pages on the BAA website.**

Contact us via BAA@fitwise.co.uk by the end of August.

- **BAA Bursary scheme – Just a reminder that: BAA offer a bursary scheme to its members.** Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of British Academy of Audiology (BAA) and are primarily intended to enable BAA members of all levels to attend meetings of educational benefit (excluding BAA conference events). There is a particular emphasis towards individuals who have abstracts accepted for oral or poster presentation. It is intended to cover travel, accommodation, subsistence expenses and registration fees. **Further details are available here:** <https://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/baa-bursary-scheme/>
- **New Feature - Ask Lizzy** – Board's Lizanne Steenkamp will post popular questions that the BAA Education, Accreditation and Registration team get asked along with their response.

Question:

Does an Audiologist have to be registered with RCCP, AHCS or HCPC to work in the NHS?
Can the Audiologist just work on the basis of their qualification?'

Reply:

It depends on the nature of the qualification as courses in Audiology can be approved by the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) and/or accredited by the Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists (RCCP) and/or the National School for Healthcare Science (NSHCS). Courses accredited by the NSHCS allow eligibility to register with the Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS). Some courses in Audiology are only accredited by the RCCP or the NSHCS and some courses are accredited by both bodies. Applicants are advised to consult the individual accrediting body to determine which registration body to apply to (see the BAA guidance in the weblink below for more information).

HCPC registration applies to the use of protected titles such as clinical scientist and hearing aid dispenser. If those titles are used then HCPC registration is mandatory.

RCCP and AHCS registration as an audiologist is voluntary but BAA advises that all audiology professionals working in the NHS are registered appropriately in the interest of patient safety. NHS employers also require that all employees be registered appropriately as per HR guidance.

Please see [HERE](#) for guidance on registration options in Audiology.

- **Specialist Training for Audiologist Survey**
A survey has recently been sent out to all BAA members as part of the review of the BAA Higher Training Scheme, and aims to identify if there is still a need for qualified Audiologists to access specialist training. **If you haven't already submitted your response, please use the following link to access the survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KWQ3M87>

Other News:

- **NICE guideline topic advisor advert:** infant, children and young people's experience of healthcare – further details here - <https://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/nice-seeking-appoint-topic-adviser-its-infant-children-and-young-peoples-experience-healthcare-guideline-committee/>
- **Action on Hearing Loss Appoints New Chief Executive** – read more here: <https://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/action-hearing-loss-appoints-mark-atkinson-chief-executive/>
- **BHIMA half year data** – read more here: <https://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/bihima-half-year-data-shows-solid-growth-private-hearing-market/>
- **Apply now for a Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowship** – read more about them here: <https://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/apply-now-churchill-fellowship/>
- **Apprenticeship Standard Level 5 approved** – see here for further details: <https://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/apprenticeship-standard-level-5->

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Upcoming Courses / Events:



- **BAA Annual Conference 2018 – programme highlight:** Join us on the morning of Thursday 8th November for the session on “Vestibular assessment, diagnosis and management in children” presented by Dr Soumit Dasgupta and organised by the British Society of Audiology.

For more information and to view the full programme at www.baaudiology.org/conference

Please note early bird registration deadline date for students is Monday 29th October 2018

- **BSHAA Professional Development Day** - BSHAA has a packed day of learning and networking in central London on **Saturday 8th September – read more here:** <https://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/bshaa-professional-development-day/>
- **Calling all leaders in Audiology – Register for the Staying Ahead: Policy Update – 18th September 2018 at Aston University.** The BAA President and Board invite all senior Audiology professionals to our Policy update event. This event is aimed at Audiologists in senior positions within their organisations and will be a front led presentation of updates to policy, structure and initiatives in England that affect Audiology Services within the NHS. Free places are available to BAA members. Tickets are now available to purchase for non- BAA members. **Further details are available here:** www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/calling-all-leaders-audiology-register-staying-ahead-policy-update/
- **BAA Regional Meeting – South East meeting on 31st August hosted at Addenbrookes.** This meeting is sponsored by Otometrics and its main focus is balance. **If you would like to suggest a theme, be a speaker or contribute to a regional meeting in any way please contact BAA@fitwise.co.uk**
- **ANNE DAVIES AUDIOLOGY COURSES**
‘Steering a True Course: Leadership and Innovation in a Changing World’
Tue 29 - Thu 31 January 2019
Booking deadline: Wed 2 January 2019
For further information please follow link to the BAA website [here](#).
- **Masterclass: BPPV - 6 March 2019**
This one-day course on Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV) will be taught alongside trainee audiological scientists. This course will allow you to gain the specific knowledge and clinical skills to assess and treat one of the most common causes of dizziness.
For further information please follow link to the BAA website [here](#).
- **Assessment & Management of Balance Disorders in Children**
31 October – 2 November 2018
For further information please follow link to website [here](#).

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

Job Adverts:

- **Clinical Scientist/Advanced Paediatric Audiologist - Band 7**
UHCW NHS Trust
37.5 hours per week
Permanent
£33,222 - £43,041 per annum
To view this Job advert in full please follow link [here](#).
- **Ear Microsuction Practitioner**
The Southern ENT
Remuneration: £22.31 per hour
Hours: Dependant on availability
Job Type: Hours can be arranged to suit the applicant
To view this Job advert in full please follow link [here](#).
- **To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact advertising@baaudiology.org**
- **For more information on the above job descriptions please visit <https://www.baaudiology.org/careers>**

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