

Welcome to the 50th edition of Horizon your regular update of news, opportunities 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 deadline for submissions is the 2nd March, 2017.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- You can **read BAA President, Michelle Booth's latest blog** on the BAA website by following this link: http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.WJlxQ_mLTIU
- **WORKING WELL WITH TRUSTS AND COMMISSIONERS - BLOGSPOT** - In Blog #2 this week, we're looking at **Understanding your Service**. Do you know where referrals come from, what you do with them and where they go? Do you know which elements of your service are profitable – or not? Where is your service placed in the market? Understanding these basics will mean that you are better prepared for a commissioning challenge. **Read the latest blog here:** <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=810#.WKYCZPmLTIU>
- **REMINDER!** An exciting opportunity to **join the BAA Accreditation of Academic Education committee**.
The remit of this committee is the accreditation of pre-registration Audiology programmes (both undergraduate and post graduate) on behalf of the RCCP and BAA. This committee consists of members with HEI backgrounds as well as NHS clinical staff supervising students, to ensure a good balance of clinical and/or higher education experience. We have a vacancy for a clinical member from the NHS on the committee and we invite applicants with experience of supervising students on undergraduate and postgraduate courses to apply. We would also welcome anyone with experience of successfully completing the BAA Higher Training Scheme.
The committee meets 3 (to 4) times a year at Aston University in Birmingham and the dates are usually set in advance.
An accreditation visit usually involves some time reviewing documents as well as a visit to the prospective course provider. It is typically done by a team of 2 or more members, so there will be support from an experienced team member.
The number of accreditation visits per year will depend on the range of requests from the RCCP and/or BAA. Travel expenses for meetings and accreditation visits will be reimbursed.
If you are interested in joining this committee please send a short email (no more than 250 words) detailing your interest and any relevant experience to BAA at admin@baaudiology.org.

Other News:

- **World Hearing Day. The 3rd March 2017** marks World hearing day. The theme for World Hearing Day 2017 "Action for hearing loss: make a sound investment" draws attention to the economic impact of hearing loss. Unaddressed hearing loss poses a high cost for the economy globally and has a significant impact on the lives of those affected. Interventions to address hearing loss are available and are cost-effective. World Hearing Day 2017 highlights actions which can be undertaken by decision-makers to address hearing loss.
The World Health Organisation (WHO) provide resources for **World Hearing Day at the following link:** <http://www.who.int/pbd/deafness/world-hearing-day/2017/en/> WHO will also undertake social media outreach through Twitter and Facebook etc. Dr Etienne Krug, Director of the Department for Management of Noncommunicable Diseases, Disability, Violence and Injury Prevention at WHO will start tweeting shortly on the World Hearing Day messages. **For regular updates on the Day's**

activities you can follow him at [@etiennekrug](#) and tweet using the hashtag [#WorldHearingDay](#) in order to create a global momentum on this issue.

- **The British and Irish Hearing Instrument Manufacturers Association (BIHIMA)** has announced its support for the campaign calling for state-funded hearing checks for everyone when they reach the age of 65. The full announcement can be found here: <http://www.bihima.com/news/bihima-comes-support-national-hearing-screening-programme/>
- **Tinnitus Awareness Week ran between the 6th & 12th February, 2017** and patients, audiologists, audiology services & individuals displayed their support 'together for tinnitus', across social media. **To recap** on the coverage search for [#TAW2017](#) on Facebook or Twitter.
- **REMINDER! There is still time to have your say - Accessible Information Standard Review**
The [Accessible Information Standard](#) sets out requirements for NHS and adult social care providers to identify, record, flag, share and meet the information and communication needs of people with a disability, impairment or sensory loss. NHS England is reviewing the Standard to assess impact and ensure it is 'fit for purpose' and is inviting views:
Survey for health and care professionals and organisations – [online](#) and [Word document](#)
[Survey for patients, service users, carers and parents](#) (also available as a [Word document](#), in [audio](#), braille, [British Sign Language video](#))
Survey for support, supplier and representative organisations – [online](#) and [Word document](#). **Please take the time to share your experiences and views before 10th March 2017.** Please send queries and requests for alternative formats to england.nhs.participation@nhs.net or patients / members of the public can **call 0300 311 22 33**.
- **RCCP 2017 Registration Renewals Notifications will be sent out in March** to all registrants to renew their registration with RCCP for the 2017/18 year. Ahead of this, registrants are asked to ensure their contact details are up to date. This can easily be done by logging into your online account <https://www.rccp.co.uk/registrants/>
- **The Royal Association for Deaf people (RAD)** is a charitable organisation that support deaf people in a project called 'Deaf Achieve 2'. This is a three year Big Lottery funded project; the aim of the project is to develop the skills of deaf people, reduce isolation and improve general wellbeing of the deaf community (aged 18-65) in London, Essex and Suffolk. RAD hope to achieve this through one to one support, workshops, monthly job clubs, health groups and travel groups, all delivered in British Sign Language (BSL). **If you are interested in more information** regarding this project **please contact** Lisa Pepper - Lisa.Pepper@royaldeaf.org.uk or visit their website: www.royaldeaf.org.uk

Job Adverts:

- **Pindrop Hearing – Full Time Clinical Audiologist & Hearing Aid Dispenser.** Based in North London Harley Street. **Start available from March 2017. For full details of this role please visit:** <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/#.WKbR6GdviM8> If you are interested **please send your CV** and covering letter to rony@pindrophearing.co.uk or visit www.pindrophearing.co.uk
- **The Harley Street ENT Clinic is seeking a full time audiologist** at least 3 years' experience in the NHS or private sectors. Salary negotiable according to experience. For the full job description **please visit:** <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/#.WKbR6GdviM8> Please send your CV and a covering letter in the first instance to cv@harleystreetent.com.
- **Kings Cross Hospital and Community Care Centre – Audiology Practitioner, Band 5, Salary Scale £22,218 - £28,746 PA.** 37.5 hours per week compressed over 4 longer days. **Informal enquiries to: Samantha Batty, Head of Service** on 01382 660111 ext 71065 or email Samantha.Batty@nhs.net **Please download the full application pack from** <http://bit.ly/2ep3FVt> or click on the following link: [NHS Tayside Health Science Services Jobs](#) **Please quote reference number - D/JM/139A/16. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms – Friday 3rd March 2017. Interviews are scheduled for: Wednesday 22nd March 2017.**
- **Kings Cross Hospital and Community Care Centre - Audiology Practitioner, Band 5, Salary Scale £22,218 - £28,746 Fixed Term Post / Secondment Opportunity for Internal Applicants covering maternity leave** for 8 months. 37.5 hours per week compressed over 4 longer days. Written approval

must be sought from your line manager prior to applying for this secondment. You will be required to bring this if shortlisted for interview. **Informal enquiries to: Samantha Batty**, Head of Service on 01382 660111 ext 71065 or email Samantha.Batty@nhs.net Please download the full application pack from <http://bit.ly/2ep3FVt> or click on the following link [NHS Tayside Health Science Services Jobs](http://www.nhs.uk/health-science-services/jobs) Please quote reference number - D/JM/139A/16. **Closing date for receipt of completed application forms – Friday 3rd March 2017 Interviews are scheduled for: Wednesday 22nd March 2017.**

- To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact advertising@baaudiology.org

Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **BAA Heads of Service Day 2017 - Wednesday 15th March**, Postgraduate Centre of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. Don't miss out on the spark talks taking place at this study day!
Topic areas include:
 - Getting your house in order and being proactive.
 - What are your barriers to taking action?
 - Preparing for Commissioner Meetings, what is relevant to them?**More information at:** <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-england-heads-service-day>
- **BAA North East Regional Study Day 2017 - Friday 17th March**, Durham County Cricket Club.
Programme Highlights for BAA North East Regional Study Day 2017:
 - Specialist Adult Rehab clinics - **Michael Thompson, Senior Audiologist, James Cook University Hospital Middlesbrough.**
 - 'Tackling D/deaf awareness on wards & beyond!' - **Darren Cordon, Deputy Manager Hearing Services, University Hospitals of Leicester.**This event is **free for members** and **only £50 for non-members** to attend.
Book now at: www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-north-east-regional-study-day-2017
- **British Society of Audiology Annual Conference 2017 - 29th and 30th June 2017**
Majestic Hotel, Harrogate - Join us in Harrogate in June for BSA Annual Conference 2017. The BSA Annual Conference continues to be the leading UK scientific forum to bring together clinicians and researchers who have an interest in hearing, tinnitus and balance.
This event promises to offer delegates the latest in audiology research, education and expertise, with inspiring speakers and informative sessions. **For more information and to register visit:** <https://fitwise.eventsair.com/bsa2017/homepage>
- For the above event information together with details of other Audiology events taking place **please visit:** www.baaudiology.org/events

Social Media:

- **The Facebook Group has discussed:**
 - Tinnitus awareness week
 - Transitioning from GHABP to COSI
 - PN user group

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