

Welcome to this week's edition of BAA Horizon, bringing you updates, opportunities, news, 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

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **Regional Group Leads** - BAA is looking to recruit new regional representatives for Greater London and the new Greater Anglia regions. The Regional Group volunteers are assisted by Fitwise and organise just one regional meeting per year for their areas. As a Regional Group Organiser you will benefit from event management experience, great networking opportunities and Continuing Professional Development, which can look great on your CV and Personal Development Plan. Regional Group organisers also gain a reduction in the attendance fee for the BAA Annual Conference. If you are interested in running a regional group please contact, Matt Murray mmurray@pcwerth.co.uk BAA Board Director for Regional Groups.
- **BAA Board Nominations** - All members should have received a nomination form for BAA Board in the post. **Nominations are required by 15th September**. If you are interested in standing for BAA Board and helping to lead your professional organisation for the benefit of members and to give the patients we all support a professional voice in these times of change please submit the form and stand for election.

Other News:

- **NHS England Chief Scientific Officer Information** - Leadership is an underlying theme in the Five Year Forward View and is a key NHS priority. To deliver the transformational changes the NHS seeks the CSO's office will now need to focus, with their partners, on making better use of technology, improving the quality of services and supporting innovation and adoption.

A critical priority for the Chief Scientific Officer team is to develop the professional capacity and capability of our workforce to deliver whole system change. One element of this will be the provision of local healthcare science leadership and advice by;

- Identifying Lead Healthcare Scientists in all provider organisations
- Developing a network of Lead Healthcare Scientists to share, develop and support learning
- Supporting scientific leadership and advice to the employing organisations and healthcare scientists within it
- Linking strong leadership, strategic direction and influence for healthcare science services across the local health and care system and to local, regional and national networks.

To allow the CSO office to do this they will be asking all provider organisations to identify a Lead Healthcare Scientist. They will be circulating a letter to all trust Medical Directors in early September for a return by 30 September for the local nominations. It will be important for Audiology to be aware of their local Lead and to perhaps influence their agendas. This information is a pre notice so members are aware of the new roles.

- Royal Society Industry Fellowship Scheme** - The Industry Fellowship scheme provides funding for both academic scientists who want to work on projects with industry and industrial scientists to work with an academic organisation. It aims to enhance knowledge transfer in science and technology between industry and academia in the UK. Applications are now open for this year.
Deadline: 29 September 2016 full details at: https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/industry-fellowship/?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4766
- Film – In Pursuit of Silence** - Later this year sees the release of a film which we believe will be of interest to all those interested in hearing, in the threats to the nation's hearing and in the importance of reducing unnecessary noise. The film - In Pursuit of Silence – which was shown at the prestigious Sheffield International Documentary Festival earlier this year – will be in cinemas and other venues in October and November. It looks and sounds beautiful, so it is worth the effort to see it in a cinema. The Huffington Post said “this film does more than just tell a story, it testifies to the sheer loveliness of anything — everything — when drenched in silence.” If you want to find out if the film is on near you go to <http://inpursuitofsilence.co.uk/> where you can also watch a trailer of the film. More venues are being booked all the time, but if there is no screening near you, the distributors will help you organise one – which is much easier than you think.

Job Adverts:

- South Tees Hospital - Paediatric Audiologist (band 7)** We are looking for a paediatric Audiologist to join our team working across rural North Yorkshire and the urban areas around Teesside. We are looking for someone who has a wide range of experience in paediatrics, so that they have the confidence to assess and manage more complex cases.

The role will involve a full range of paediatric work including ABR, diagnosis of hearing loss, habilitation and assessment. As the sole provider of paediatric Audiology in the area, we are kept busy and carry out over 3,800 paediatric appointments each year. Clinics include tier 2 community clinics, complex assessments at the main hospital base and clinics at special schools. Paediatric habilitation is provided to all ages from newborn babies through to transition to the adult service working closely with the Auditory Implant Service to provide Bone anchored devices, middle ear implants and cochlear implants. We are fortunate to have our clinics well equipped with all services being provided in soundproof facilities with AC / BC / insert VRA, and transient otoacoustic emissions as a minimum. We also have a range of more specialist equipment to include the HearLab aided cortical system and video VRA. We have a particular emphasis on quality and working as part of a large team has the advantage of a shared knowledge base and support to discuss cases.

There is also the opportunity to get involved in the management of the service working closely with the Clinical Lead, if this is an area of interest or might be of interest in the future. Full support can be given to develop management and leadership skills if required.

South Tees Audiology is a large service with over 60 staff, who are proud to deliver high quality, innovative and comprehensive NHS Audiology care. The main purpose-built department is located in The James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough with additional outreach services across North Yorkshire, Teesside and County Durham. The service as a whole has over 45,000 patient contacts each year. South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust runs The James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough and the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton, providing district general hospital services for the local population in addition to a range of specialist regional services to 1.5 million people.

For further information please see the NHS jobs website (www.jobs.nhs.uk). To discuss this post informally, please contact Helen Martin (Head of Audiology, Helen.Martin@tees.nhs.uk), or Trevor Foster, (Clinical Lead for paediatrics, Trevor.Foster@tees.nhs.uk) Tel. 01642 854 071. **Closing date Friday 16th September 2016.**

- **NHS Grampian - Audiology Department**, Woolmanhill Hospital, Aberdeen
Audiologist. Band 6 £26,565 - £35,577 per annum. Full-time 37.5 hours per week
An exciting opportunity has arisen for a well motivated Audiologist to work providing Audiology Services within the Grampian region. The postholder will be based in Aberdeen but may have to participate in peripheral clinics throughout Grampian.

The department has a friendly team of committed Audiologists with a wide range of responsibilities covering the entirety of Audiological provision to adults and children throughout Grampian. The clinical services provided include neonatal screening, paediatric assessment and rehabilitation, as well as adult assessment and rehabilitation. Other services provided include ALD clinics, BAHA services, Hearing Therapy Services, Tinnitus clinics and Vestibular Assessment and Rehabilitation clinics. The successful applicants will be expected to deliver effective care and would also have scope to develop skills and services, in areas that are of particular interest to them. The department also has various teaching commitments including regularly having Audiology Students on placements. Work is currently progressing to relocate the department to a modern Audiology facility within Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen.

The department would consider applications from newly qualified Audiology students with comprehensive training to develop experience in particular specialist Audiology areas being provided.

This area of Scotland is particularly rich in natural beauty with numerous opportunities for outdoor recreational activities. Aberdeen has excellent transport links to the rest of the UK and beyond.

For any queries regarding the job, **please contact** Gordon McHardy, Head of Audiology Services on 01224 555479 or **for an informal chat contact** Hannah Greenwood, Audiologist on 01224 555588. E-Mail gordonmchardy@nhs.net or hannah.greenwood2@nhs.net

To apply please visit www.nhsgrampian.org/jobs and search for Ref No PR14756. Closing date 14 September 2016.

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

Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **Conference Update** – We are pleased to invite many well know speakers to this year's conference in November. Our exciting keynote sessions begin on Thursday morning with **Professor Adrian Davis** himself presenting the inaugural Adrian Davis Lecture, which will be on 'Paradoxes in Audiology'. This will then be followed with a lecture from **Professor Kevin Munro** on 'The Up, Down and Upside Down of Puretone Audiometry.' An innovative keynote panel session will see **Dr Grant Searchfield** from the University of Auckland, **Ian Windmill**, President of AAA, **Dr Jagjit Sethi**, President of BAA and **Huw Cooper**, Immediate Past Chair of the BSA discuss the 'Future of Audiology across the World.' To view our exciting programme and to register visit www.baaudiology.org/conference
- **27th September BAA Trent Regional Study Day 2016** - Only 3 weeks left until BAA Trent Regional Study Day 2016! This free study day with the theme of 'Understanding & inspiring Leadership in Audiology' takes place on 27th September at the Nottingham Conference Centre. This study day has been awarded 5 CPD points by the British Academy of Audiology. Places are almost full so if you haven't registered yet, please do so to avoid disappointment.
Book now at www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-trent-regional-study-day
- **Ear Foundation Adult Hearing Loss in Europe 2016 Spend to Save**
Influencing hearing health care decisions & access to today's hearing technologies for adults: a European strategy Launch of our new European Report 26 September 2016 Kartaizer Center, Brussels
This conference addresses the impact of adult hearing loss, the real costs of adult hearing loss to Europe, and how by increasing access to today's technology across Europe we change lives and save money. **Registration: €120 To book your place please visit: www.earfoundation.org.uk/education**

- National Institute Hearing Research in Nottingham Celebrating 10 years Event**
 On **6th October**, NIHR organisations in the East Midlands will come together to hold an event to look back on key achievements and successes, coinciding with the NIHR@10 celebrations. This regional event will provide a fantastic opportunity to learn, collaborate and look forward to the next generation of research. We're very excited to let you know that **registration to attend the Celebrating NIHR@10EM event is now open**. For more information about the day and to register, please take a look at the official event website at: <https://sites.google.com/a/nihr.ac.uk/cnihr10em/home>

- Cochlear Europe Ltd - Implantable Hearing Technology course, 26 October 2016** - Implantable Hearing Technology is considered as an option when conventional hearing aids are no longer able to provide access to sounds for good speech understanding. Implantable hearing technology refers to hearing devices that require surgery, e.g. a Cochlear Implant (CI) Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (Baha) or Acoustic implant (AI) technologies. If you are currently seeing these patients and keen to learn more, **please register for this FREE** course at: <http://implantablehearingsolutionsnottingham.eventbrite.co.uk>

Venue: **The Ear Foundation, Nottingham**

Time 09:30 to 15:00

09:30-10:00 Arrival Registration tea/coffee
 10:00-10:15 Welcome
 10:15-11:00 Indications for Baha and Acoustic Implants
 11:00-11:45 Introducing the Baha and Acoustic portfolio
 11:45-12:00 tea/coffee break
 12:00-12:45 Indications for CI
 12:45-13:15 Sponsored Lunch
 13:15-14:00 Introducing the CI portfolio
 14:00-14:45 Outcomes with Implantable technology
 14:45-15:00 How to refer and where to
 15:00 Close

BAA CPD points will be awarded

This day is **sponsored by Cochlear Europe Ltd**.

If you have any further questions, please email ukevents@cochlear.com

- Starkey Hearing Technologies BSA Accredited Otoscopy and Impression Taking Course Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th October 2016. Course fee £300**

For more details or **to register for this course please contact** Sarah Weir on 0800 042 0000 or email: sarah_weir@starkey.co.uk

As a leading earmould manufacturer Starkey Hearing Technologies are committed to supporting their customers to produce a perfect earmould fit every time. As part of this commitment to your trust, we understand that in many departments Assistant Audiologists also undertake impression taking; often without any formal training or certification. Starkey are pleased to offer an opportunity for Assistants and Associate Practitioners working in audiology settings to have a recognised certificate of training in impression taking for adult patients. Experienced trainers from the Starkey Training Team will ensure that all delegates are safe and competent to take impressions on adults and children over 5 years of age. In a fun and supportive environment skills will be developed and practice undertaken to produce competent impression takers who can then add that skill to their job role within their departments. If you already take impressions but have no way of proving your skills and competence this course is also relevant to you to gain the BSA Accredited Certificate. As part of our commitment to our customers, we also offer on going training for qualified audiologists in earmoulds and impression taking. **Please contact your Regional Account Manager** or email: sales@starkey.co.uk to arrange a department ear impression and earmould refresher training session.

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

Social Media:

- **Facebook** - On our Facebook group Tom Nubbart posted an update about NHSP User Group as below:

Dear all

Regrettably the NHSP User Group meeting scheduled for September has been cancelled. I have attached minutes for you to look through and if you have any concerns do please get in touch. Things are still moving forward with Smart4Hearing. I believe finalisation of training schedules and training guides are being vetted and leads for both screening and Audiology will hear soon about progress. Please note that the team working on Smart4Hearing are doing their best to make the transition from old to new as seamless as possible. We will inevitably have teething issues but they have a dedicated help desk who are there to support any concerns which arise once the new system is launched. If you do have concerns please can you let me know as soon as possible and I can try and voice these via e mail given the meeting has been delayed.

Below is some advice from the team in how to assist in making the transition of records to Smart4Hearing easier. Again any questions or concerns please do get in touch and let me know. Regional workshops will be held in advance and Team Leaders/Local Managers will be invited. At these events, all the resources to enable training in the new system will be demonstrated. Audiologists should work with their NHSP Local Manager to ensure all staff using S4H receive training. When Smart4Hearing goes live, users will also need to access eSP, which will remain active for the first 6 months, to allow them to complete most records for screening and audiological follow up in eSP before it is switched off. After this users will be able to search for a record in the eSP archive and view screening and audiological information but will not be able to update the record. There will be a process to enable the transfer of a historic record into Smart4Hearing (if for example a PCHI is identified later). When eSP is switched off not all records will be transferred into Smart4Hearing. The following is a list of the records that will be transferred:

1. Records where screening is not yet complete
2. All unilateral and bilateral PCHI records (active and inactive)
3. All mild unilateral and bilateral PCHI records (active and inactive)
4. Records with a patient status of active (immediate or targeted follow up) and date of birth on or after 01/04/2014

There is a need to minimise the number of active records that will require transfer into the new system. Each NHSP site has been provided with a preliminary list of active records that need updating. Their list shows the records in each of 4 groups above. NHSP sites have been advised to liaise with their audiology teams to update and (where appropriate) deactivate these records. Your help in reducing the number of active records will be greatly appreciated.

- **Twitter**

[@ENT_audsnews](#) has informed our Twitter followers that they will be bringing the Tunnocks Teacakes to BAA Conference this year.

[@hearingNIHR](#) have posted about a new article on working memory in speech in noise processing.

[@idainstitute](#) have shared lots of information this month about their work follow them for details.

[@TedTalks](#) shares links to great presentations including ones by Julian Treasure who talks on the meaning of sound, ways to listen better and sound health.

- **Blogs**

The **BAA Student Team** have shared their first blog on the BAA website with members, take a look at it here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/students/student-blog/>

The BAA Conference blog is regularly updated, the next blog will be published soon and asks the Programme and Conference Planning teams some very telling questions. You can read that blog here: <https://baaconference.wordpress.com>

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