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Welcome to this weeks' 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](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org)

### News:

- **Removal of hearing aid provision in North Staffordshire BAA call upon its members to vote** on formally condemning the removal of provision of hearing instruments to the mild-moderately impaired adult population of North Staffordshire. Action On Hearing Loss, will give an update on the position and steps taken during the BAA AGM in November. Action On Hearing Loss have asked BAA members to vote on supporting the motion: 'We call on NHS England to intervene and overturn North Staffordshire CCG's hearing aid cuts, which are against professional opinion and clinical evidence, and will leave thousands of local people less able to communicate'. Please complete the quick online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BAA2015> to show your opinion.
- **World Health Organisation stakeholders consultation on safe listening** - Online registration for this meeting is now open. WHO estimates, 1.1bn young people worldwide may risk damaging their hearing through noise exposure, through listening to music through smartphones, and MP3 players. This consultation meeting aims to raise awareness and implement mechanisms to reduce this risk. Online registration and further details can be found at [http://www.who.int/pbd/deafness/news/safe\\_listening/en/](http://www.who.int/pbd/deafness/news/safe_listening/en/)
- **NHS Improvements publishes review of Scientific Services** - NHS improvements 2015 review shows that 87% of healthcare scientists would like to see access to more scientific services seven days per week. This review highlights the challenges and barriers towards implementation of service delivery. The full review can be found at <http://www.nhs.uk/news-events/news/review-of-scientific-services-in-the-nhs-published.aspx>
- **Apprenticeships** - In the summer budget, the chancellor announced the introduction of an apprenticeship levy. This levy is to be paid by large employers. A consultation document can be found at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/455101/bis-15-477-apprenticeships-levy-consultation.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/455101/bis-15-477-apprenticeships-levy-consultation.pdf)
- **Paediatric Tinnitus** - The BTA and BSA are looking for feedback, the Practice Guidance document for assessing and managing children with tinnitus was published earlier this year. Please complete this simple survey to let them know your thoughts on the document: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBH728Q>

## Other News:

- **ENT and Audiology News is now offering a Free Subscriptions for BAA Members** (UK only). This unique bi-monthly publication includes reviews of otolaryngology, audiology and related journals – in a high quality magazine. The magazine has continued to develop as an invaluable forum for the communication of news and information from every aspect of ENT and audiology. As well as forging further links between the ENT and audiology specialties, it combines first class articles, conference news, book reviews, journal reviews and information on the latest product and company developments. Click here: <http://www.entandaudiologynews.com/> to sign up for your free subscription.

The NewsRound section of the magazine will keep you upto date with the latest conference scene and find dates for your diary and is now in both digital and print format.

Sign up to NewsRound here: <http://www.entandaudiologynews.com/>

## Surveys / Reminders:

- **National Adult Aural Rehabilitation Survey** - BAA have been working with the British Society of Audiology (BSA) and British Society of Hearing Aid Audiologists (BSHAA) to develop a survey which will help to give an overview of what adult rehabilitation looks like in the UK today.

We would like to invite you to complete this online survey as we value your thoughts and opinions of an important part of the service UK Audiology offers: <https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/national-adult-aural-rehabilitation-survey>

The survey will take about 15 minutes, and all responses will be anonymous. The deadline for submission is the end of September. The results will be published in the BAA magazine and website.

## BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Conference Update – The nomination deadline for this year’s Lisa Bayliss Award has been extended until Wednesday 7th October 2015.** This award will be presented to a student who performs the best during their BSc placement in memory of Lisa Bayliss, a 20 year old audiology student who tragically lost her life on her way home from work in 1992. Lisa was a kind, caring individual who worked well with everyone she met. If you know of a student who shares these qualities, please **can you nominate** them for this award by visiting [www.baaudiology.org/conference/awards](http://www.baaudiology.org/conference/awards) by **Wednesday 7th October**. Please note that only BAA members can be nominated for this award. The winner of this award will be presented at the end of Day 1 at conference before the Gala Dinner.
- **The Service Quality Committee has released the following document for consultation with BAA members** please click [here](#) to view: Draft Guidance on Shared Care for Children, Young People and Adults using Audiology Services.

We would be grateful for your comments on the document and have linked [here](#) a feedback form for you to complete and return to us at [sgc@baaudiology.org](mailto:sgc@baaudiology.org) by Friday 2nd October 2015.

- **BAA Regional Study Days** - There are a number of regional study days taking place over the next few months.

**North East Branch - Friday 2nd October** at James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough.

**North West Branch - Wednesday 7th October** at Trafford General Hospital.

**Trent Branch Regional - Thursday 15th October** at the Nottingham Conference Centre. (SOLD out).

**Yorkshire Regional Branch - Tuesday 22nd November** at Sheffield Children’s Hospital.

- **BAA West Midlands Branch Conference 2015 has now launched** and takes place on **Thursday 10th December** at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham. This event is free to both members and non-members. To view the registration website visit [www.eventsforce.net/baabranches](http://www.eventsforce.net/baabranches)

For more information on upcoming events please visit <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/regional>

## Job Adverts:

- **Senior Audiologist - Queen's Hospital, Romford, NHS Barking Havering & Redbridge -** Are looking for **enthusiastic, innovative Audiologists** who have a **passion for delivering an excellent service** to the public, to join their team of Audiologists, Assistant Technical Officers and Clerical staff. Please click here to view the full job description: <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/#.VfqIv9JViko>

Please direct Informal Enquiries to Lynn Allison, Head of Audiology on 01708 435000 ext 2566 or Virginia Westlake Deputy Head of Department on 01708 455000 ext. 3563 or Yavinni Moodley Assistant Audiology Manager on 01708 455000 ext. 3566.

To apply online and for further information about the Trust, please visit <http://jobs.bhrhospitals.nhs.uk/> or contact Nichola Ceesay, Recruitment Advisor on 01708 435000 ext. 2286.

**Closing Date: 31st September 2015**

To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact [advertising@baaudiology.org](mailto:advertising@baaudiology.org)

## Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **GN Otometrics - Vestibular Neuritis: How to Identify Different Types - Free 30 min webinar from Otometrics, 30th September.** Join us for a discussion of how head impulse testing and VEMPs can be used to identify different types of vestibular neuritis and differentiate between superior, inferior, and total vestibular nerve neuritis.

Presenters: Kamran Barin, PhD, Assistant Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University, And Wendy Crumley-Welsh, MS, Product Manager, Balance Product, Otometrics.

To sign up or read more about this and other Otometrics webinars: [www.otometrics.com/webinar](http://www.otometrics.com/webinar)

- **UCL Ear Institute - Advances in Auditory Implants, 3rd - 5th November 2015**  
<http://www.baaudiology.org/files/4714/4224/0683/Flyer - UCL Ear Institute.pdf>
- **UCL Ear Institute - Rehabilitation for Adults with Acquired Hearing Loss, 2nd - 4th December 2015**  
<http://www.baaudiology.org/files/4714/4224/0683/Flyer - UCL Ear Institute.pdf>

Both courses are part of the UCL Ear Institute's CPD portfolio for audiology professionals 2015/16. Please refer to the course flyer for more details: [www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/courses](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/courses). The course flyer is also live within the events section of the BAA website [www.baaudiology.org/events](http://www.baaudiology.org/events)

The above courses are linked to the events page of the BAA website [www.baaudiology.org/events](http://www.baaudiology.org/events)

For details of other Audiology events taking place, visit [www.baaudiology.org/events](http://www.baaudiology.org/events)

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