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Welcome to the latest 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 next deadline for submissions is the **17th August 2017**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** President Michelle Booth has been reporting on her recent activities representing the BAA. Please follow the link below to get the latest news and views from Michelle in her blog: <http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.WXHanmeWyM8>
- **An Opportunity to stand for BAA Board - Nominations to the BAA Board of Directors are now being received for Members to join the Board of Directors.**
We are aware that some of you may have considered standing in the past but are a little unsure about quite what is involved. Below are some 'frequently asked questions' which may help you to decide to stand in the forthcoming elections.

Can anyone stand? The position of Board Director is open to all full members of the BAA. You need to be nominated and seconded by a full member.

Do I have to be a Head of Department? No. However, being a member of the BAA board means that you will be asked to represent your profession. You will be asked to give your opinion on various professional matters and will be expected to work strategically within the team to develop professional standards now and into the future. For this reason the position of Board Director will probably be most appropriate to those who have a senior role within Audiology and who have managerial and other committee experience. However all members of the BAA are eligible to be nominated and if you feel that you would be able to contribute you are welcome to apply.

How much time will it involve? There is an all-day Board meeting 4 times a year and the full Board also attends Conference where we have the Annual General Meeting. In addition to this there is work related to any BAA teams that you are involved with. You need to ensure that you are able to obtain leave from work commitments to allow you attend meetings.

Will I get paid? No. The President position is financially covered on a part-time basis, the other Board Directors do not get paid for their work although reasonable travel expenses are covered.

How long is a term of office? A term usually lasts for 3 years.

What do Directors do? There are various teams that Board Directors either chair or participate in. Job descriptions for each of the Board roles can be found on the BAA website. Further to this, the Directors will be asked to review and comment on documents and policies that are both generated within the BAA and by external bodies. Board Directors may be involved in ad-hoc working groups, depending on their specific interests and talents.

What is the benefit to being on the Board? The profession needs strong leaders to take it forward, so by being a Board Director you are able to influence the direction of your profession in the future. Board Directors are at the front line of information coming into the profession, this information is key to decision making within your own practice.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete and return your nomination form which should have been received by email. **Please contact admin@baaudiology.org** if you haven't received your forms. **The closing date for receiving your nomination is 21st September 2017.**

- **BAA Higher Training Scheme** - As you may be aware the Higher Training Scheme is currently being reviewed. The purpose of this review is to ensure that the scheme continues to be sustainable, flexible and fit for purpose. It is anticipated that the structure will be adapted and streamlined for future candidates. However, we currently have a number of candidates at different stages in the process and we will continue to support these candidates to completion via the current pathway. In order to make the transition to the new structure as seamless as possible a decision has been taken to suspend any new applications from candidates wishing to undertake the scheme, or institutions seeking accreditation, with immediate effect. Any applications that have already been acknowledged/accepted will go forward on the present scheme. We are confident this review will make the scheme accessible and continue to offer an appropriate route to equivalence for our members. **We will keep membership updated throughout the process.** In the meantime, if you have any **further questions please email baa@fitwise.co.uk**
- **Scope of Practice** - The BAA first released the Scope of Practice document in November 2014 with a second version being published in November 2016.

The BAA Scope of Practice document was first released in November 2014 and the second version in November 2016. Feedback about the 2016 Scope of Practice document led to a review of the publication process followed in producing this document and it became apparent that BAA protocol had not been followed in this instance. BAA Board Directors have therefore taken the decision to withdraw the 2016 document whilst we review the documentation. In the meantime BAA will restore the weblink to the 2014 Scope of Practice document on our website.

This action now provides an additional opportunity to consult and review the Scope of Practice document.

Survey:

- **Speech Testing for Children Survey** - Please take 5 minutes to complete this short survey gathering information on speech testing in the paediatric population. **The link is: <https://opinio.ucl.ac.uk/s?s=50535>** **Any questions** about the research project should be sent to eleonor.davies@ucl.ac.uk
- **BTA NHS Hospital Survey 2017 - The British Tinnitus Association** are looking to update information about local tinnitus services. None of the contact details you provide will be shared; your name, email and telephone numbers will be kept in the office on our database so that we can keep in touch with you. The other details will help us provide information to tinnitus patients, and will also allow us to find out if we can help you better. There is one section in the survey about paediatric tinnitus services and your responses to that will be most appreciated. **Please take 15 minutes to complete this survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/btahosp17> by the 18th August.**

Other News:

- **NICE Tinnitus Guideline Committee** - There is an opening for a Clinical Lead on the NICE Tinnitus Guideline Committee. Information regarding the post can be **found here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/join-a-committee/clinical-lead-tinnitus-gc>** The committee are looking for a practicing senior healthcare professional with demonstrable relevant experience and clinical knowledge in the field of tinnitus. **The closing date is 5pm on 25th August 2017. Queries should go to Nancy Pursey at: Nancy.Pursey@rcplondon.ac.uk**

- **Hearing Times eNews - See the latest news from Hearing News:**
<http://www.hearingtimes.co.uk/News>
 - US Deaf camp celebrates 50 years see [here](#)
- **Liverpool John Moores University - An opportunity for NHS Audiologists to be involved in a research project ***NHS AUDIOLOGISTS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH PROJECT *****
 I am a deaf MSc Health Psychology student at Liverpool John Moores University. I am conducting a research project on the psychological impact of malfunctioning hearing aids on congenitally deaf individuals. We are interested in gaining insight from NHS audiologists to get their perspective on malfunctioning hearing aids. The interviews will take place over Skype (typing, not camera/microphone) and will take approx. 30 minutes. If you are interested, **please email** emma.l.richardson@2016.ljmu.ac.uk and I will send you more information!
- **Science Daily News Neurobiology: Use it or lose it** - A new study reveals that sound-evoked activity of neurons in the auditory system of the mouse increases the thickness of their myelin sheaths -- and enhances the speed of signal transmission -- both during development and in the adult brain. - <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/08/170802120639.htm>

Job Adverts:

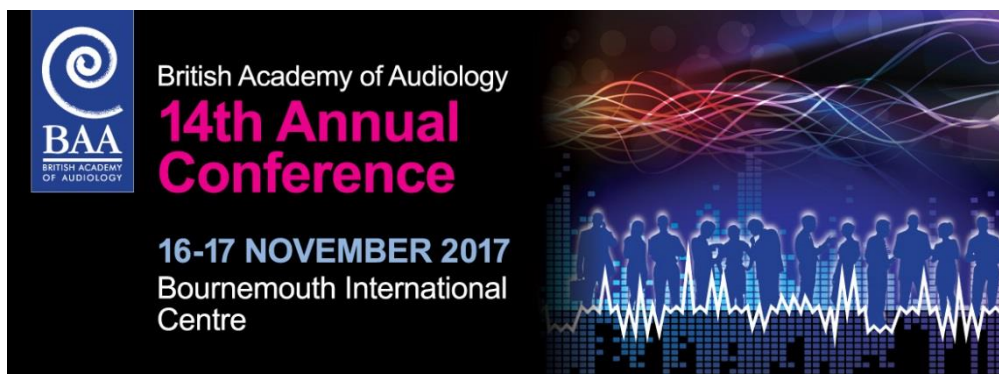
- **Mary Hare - Hearing Aid Dispenser**
 Salary: Highly competitive package commensurate with experience
 Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am -5pm
 Holidays: 21 days per year plus bank holidays
Please visit our website www.maryhare.org.uk/jobs for a full job description and application form. **Closing date for an application is Friday 18th August 2017**, interviews expected to be 23rd/24th August. **For further information** please contact s.donohoe@maryhare.org.uk
- **The Hearing Clinic is looking for an audiologist to join the team.**
 The Hearing Clinic provides private audiological (diagnostic and aural rehab) services to adults and children in Herfordshire.
We are looking for: An audiologist who is registered with the HCPC as a HAD
 Location: Radlett and sometimes Hitchin
 Salary: £32500 - £37500 pro rata + commission depending on experience
 Hours: 25-30 p/w, 1 Saturday per month
 Holiday: 20 days and 8 Bank Holidays pro rata
 CPD: 1 suitable conference per year fully paid
 Pension: Yes
 Probation: 3 months
Please send cv to hello@thehearingclinic.co.uk
Deadline: 31 August 2017
- **Island of Jersey** - Opportunity to specialise. Career progression. This is an exciting opportunity to come and work in **Audiology on the beautiful island of Jersey**. Do you have a BSc (or equivalent) or MSc in Audiology? Do you love working with people and love Audiology? Do you want to train further and specialise? Although this is initially being advertised as a four-year contract to Aug 2021 and a Civil Service Grade 7 £30,837 - £34,719 this post can adapt and there are huge opportunities for significant career progression within the four years. We anticipate that the post will be a long-term role, likely to be made permanent. **Closing date for Applications: 5pm on 23rd August 2017**. For further information regarding this post and to **apply online, please visit** www.gov.je. Click on 'jobs' and please see the Health & Social Care section or search for 'Audiologist'.
- **Costco Wholesale - Hearing Department:-** The position is at our Farnborough Warehouse, Templar Avenue, Farnborough, Hampshire GU14 6FE
Audiologist: - Full time (45 hours per week)
 Salary : - Dependent on experience plus Company Benefits
 Classification Service Clerk
General description - Provides Diagnostic Audiology and rehabilitation services to Consultant ENT surgeons, GP's, Hospitals, Law Firms and the general public. Upholds effective means of communication at all times. Manages information, including daily company

reports and information technologies. Complies in line with company policies, procedures and current legislation at all times. Liaises with other healthcare professionals where necessary to ensure that all members are provided with best practices.

Contact:- Pam Broadhurst pbroadhurst@costco.co.uk HR Admin Assistant, Costco Wholesale UK Limited, UK Home Office, Hartspring Lane, Watford, Herts. WD25 8JS
Tel: 01923 830476 Fax: 01923 809314

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

Upcoming Courses / Events:



- **BAA Annual Conference 2017** – please consider nominating your colleagues, teams, or departments for one of seven categories that are available at this year's conference and help us celebrate the work that is going on around the country.
 1. Audiologist of the Year award in memory of Peggy Chalmers
 2. Team of the Year award
 3. Lisa Bayliss award
 4. Paul Doody Supervisor of the Year award
 5. Phonak Paediatric Audiology of the Year award **NEW**
 6. Oticon Student of the Year award **RE-LAUNCHED**
 7. The Jos Millar Shield

New last year was the Placement Supervisor of the Year award which will be available again. However, this year we have decided to acknowledge the work carried out by Paul Doody, an Audiologist from Scotland who sadly passed away last year and therefore, we have renamed this award to the Paul Doody Supervisor of the Year award as Paul exemplified many of the qualities attributed to this award.

Are you part of a team that work within an Audiology department, in education, in research, or in an organisational capacity? Then nominate your team for the Team of the Year award!

For more details on all our award categories, please visit the conference website www.baaudiology.org/conference and submit your nominations by **Monday 24th August**.

- **ADHEAR - A Revolution in Bone Conduction Technology**
Launch & Training Events. **Tuesday 19th September, Newcastle**
These events will take place in various locations, for a list of dates and locations **please visit:** <http://bit.ly/ADHEAR>
Who should attend? ENT Surgeons (adult & paediatric), Audiologists and Heads of Audiology, and BAHA leads. Registration Places are limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis, therefore we encourage early registration. **To register visit** <http://bit.ly/ADHEAR> or email conferences@medel.co.uk **This workshop is free to attend.** Learn more about ADHEAR and how easy this new hearing solution is **by visiting:** <http://www.medel.com/uk/adhear>
- **Introduction to Ear Care and Micro-Suctioning - Dates: September 15 – 16, 2017**

Course Directors: Dr Ghada Al-Malky and Mr Sherif Khalil

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/study/cpd-courses/coursepages/gir-earcare>

<http://onlinestore.ucl.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/faculty-of-brain-sciences-c07/ucl-ear-institute-d06/d06-introduction-to-ear-care-and-microsuctioning-2017>

This two-day course is designed to cover many aspects of aural care including theoretical knowledge and practical training in wax removal by micro-suctioning. It is designed to introduce practitioners with limited experience in aural care but who are interested in widening their scope of practice.

- **Management of Infants and Children with Hearing Loss with Jane Madell – 23rd October 2017.** Be part of this event at University College **London**. Fees are £150.00

Topics will include:

Behavioural evaluation of infants and young children

Selecting and monitoring technology

Using speech perception to monitor function and program technology

When is it time to move to a cochlear implant?

Helping families move ahead in developing listening

Contact The Ear Foundation: 0115 942 1985, info@earfoundation.org.uk

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

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