

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 deadline for submissions is the 16th March, 2017.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **The BAA board are due to meet next month** but before then they are hard at work preparing for the **BAA Heads of Service Day 2017 in Birmingham on Wednesday, 15th March**. 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>
- 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 - IQIPS** At a time where budgets are being challenged and there are difficult decisions being made about tendering, rationing and sometimes decommissioning services, showing quality and value to Commissioners, Trust Managers and patients is important. A key tool to do this is IQIPS (Improving Quality in Physiological Services), which provides a peer-reviewed means of demonstrating that resources are being used wisely for the best patient outcomes and experience. In this blog, we overview the **IQIPS programme** and provide some practical tips from a number of services who have been through, or are going through, the process. **Read it here.** <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=810#.WLhLTPmLTIU>
- **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.
- **CSO Request for professional input - HCS Clinical Academic Careers**
Through Health Education England, the CSO have commissioned a piece of work to look at clinical academic careers for healthcare scientists. The review will provide an evaluation of the current landscape for healthcare scientists in terms of clinical academic careers and provide recommendations

as a next step to addressing the barriers and maximising opportunities.

A research team from Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Institute of Mental Health and University of Nottingham will be leading the review. To ensure your professional expertise and experience is captured we would value your input through the professional survey. If you have a managerial role and can provide workforce information your input into the workforce survey would also be greatly appreciated. Both surveys are short and there is an opportunity to provide your contact details for the research team to follow up with a more in depth conversation.

Professional Survey – please complete and circulate to healthcare science colleagues

https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/hcs_careers_survey

Workforce Survey – please complete if you have a managerial role within your service and are able to provide workforce information regarding clinical academic roles. Please also forward to workforce leads and service managers across your Trust.

<https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/healthcare-scientist-clinical-academic-careers-review-v4>

For further information please contact the review team lead Dr Louise Thomson, Head of Research Support and Evaluation Louise.Thomson@nottingham.ac.uk

Other News:

- **Clinical Leadership in Commissioning Recruitment is open for:** Clinical Reference Group Chair, Specialised Dermatology Clinical Reference Group Chair, Paediatric Medicine Clinical Reference Group Chair, Health and Justice Clinical Reference Group Clinical Members (see below) Commissioning through Evaluation Clinical Chair (Retinal Prosthesis) Commissioning through Evaluation Clinical Chair (Nephropathy). NHS England is responsible for the direct commissioning of specialised services. The role of the Clinical Reference Groups (CRGs) is to provide specialty-specific clinical advice and leadership for commissioning. CRGs lead the development of clinical commissioning policy, service specifications and quality dashboards; advise on service reviews; conduct horizon scanning and make recommendations on innovation; identify and explore opportunities to reduce clinical variation in healthcare and deliver value; and provide specialty-specific clinical advice where required. CRGs provide an opportunity for clinical leaders from medicine, nursing and allied health professions working in specialised services to drive forward vital transformational change in the NHS, ensure that quality outcomes are achieved within the resources available and gain experience of working across organisational boundaries. Applications are open for 3 CRG Chairs, for 15 Clinical Members and 2 Commissioning through Evaluation (CTE) Chairs. Members within each CRG have the opportunity to lead on one of the following four areas: Research priorities via the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR); Data, with NHS Digital, pricing and tariff with NHS Improvement; liaison with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE); and Commissioning for Value. The appointments are offered for a period of up to three years, with an annual review of progress. The Chair posts are offered as 1 PA equivalent. The Clinical Members are not remunerated. The Health and Justice Clinical Reference Group supports the service directly commissioned by NHS England. The chair will need to have knowledge and passion for the patient group in the criminal justice system. They will provide clinical leadership in driving forward the agenda and working in a partnership approach across the key stakeholders. They will be required to work with the other CRG members to develop and deliver through commissioning; the key interventions and ambitions that will change practice, increase quality, increase rehabilitation and reduce reoffending. The role of Commissioning through Evaluation Clinical Chair (2 PAs per month) is available for 2 new schemes; Second Sight Argus II Retinal Prosthesis and Rituximab as standard treatment for resistant idiopathic membranous nephropathy. CTE Clinical Chairs will typically oversee the establishment and delivery of a range of CTE schemes focussed on specialised care within a single specialty or subspecialty, in partnership with clinical colleagues, patient and carer representatives, industry, research partners and other stakeholders. CRG member vacancies: Specialised Colorectal Services (South) Specialised Blood Disorders (South) Specialised Mental Health (North) Specialised Immunology and Allergy (London) Spinal Services (North) Specialised Dermatology (All regions) Haemoglobinopathies (Midlands & East, South) **Please contact us for further information. CRG: Pavandeep.Johal@nhs.net | Health and Justice CRG: Kay.Evans4@nhs.net | CTE chair (Retinal Prosthesis): Nicola.Symes@nhs.net | CTE chair (Nephropathy): Jon.Gulliver@nhs.net**
Closing date: 17th March 2017.
- **World Hearing Day. The 3rd March 2017 marked World hearing day.** The theme for which was “Action for hearing loss: make a sound investment” which drew attention to the economic impact of hearing loss. **For a review of what happened on social media during this event, review the tweets of [@etiennekrug](https://twitter.com/etiennekrug) and review the hashtag [#WorldHearingDay](https://twitter.com/WorldHearingDay).**

- **LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!**

- **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**.

- **REMINDER! 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 British Tinnitus Association** are holding a tinnitus information day on 25th March in Brangwyn Hall, Swansea. More details can be found on the BTA Facebook page.
- **On Friday Action on Hearing Loss appointed Professor Adrian Davis OBE as its new Vice President.** More details here: <https://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/news-and-events/all-regions/press-releases/action-on-hearing-loss-appoints-new-vice-president.aspx>
- **Helping service users to live healthier lives – The University of Manchester need your views** We are interested in your views as a healthcare professional on advising service users about living healthier lives as part of your day-to-day practice. We are inviting participants to complete a short **online questionnaire**. This will take fewer than ten minutes to complete, unless you wish to add further comments. There is also an option for a follow-up semi-structured telephone interview should you wish to discuss any of the topics further. **Have your say - A link to the questionnaire is available here:** <https://apps.mhs.manchester.ac.uk/surveys//TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=922Hln9K>

Job Adverts:

- 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.**

BAA President, Michelle Booth will be **introducing the new BAA CEO, Wendy Farrington-Chadd** to everyone on this day. Wendy came from a background of Executive Board level within the NHS, which includes over 30 years of working across hospital providers and in commissioning within different healthcare landscapes.

Join us to learn more about our new CEO and hear what she has **planned for the future of the BAA**. **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:**

- Audiology for adults with learning disabilities - Dr Siobhan Brennan, Clinical Scientist/Lecturer, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals and University of Manchester
- Bone Anchored Hearing Aids - Denise Leese, Senior Audiologist, Newcastle Hospitals NHS

Foundation
Trust

- Specialist Adult Rehab clinics - Michael Thompson, Senior Audiologist, James Cook
University Hospital Middlesbrough.

This event is free for members and only £50 for non-members to attend.

More information at: www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-north-east-regional-study-day-2017

- **3rd Paediatric Audiology and Hearing Aid - Masterclass London 24th-25th April 2017**
A 2 day course consisting of instructional sessions and practical workshops, aimed at Paediatric Audiologists, Specialist Teachers, Physicians and those interested in Paediatric audiology. The course is run with international faculty including **Dr Marlene Bagatto, University of Western Ontario, Canada; Dr. Harvey Dillon (via video link), National Acoustics Laboratory, Australia; Professor Tony Wright, UCL Ear Institute, London; and Dr Doris-Eva Bamiou, Reader and Consultant in Audiovestibular Medicine, UCL Ear Institute, London.** This is the third iteration of previous courses organised by the West Kent Children's Hearing Service, Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust.
Course fee – Early bird (until 28th February 2017) – £425. Full fee – £475.
Single day - £250.
Contact details – rajnandi@nhs.net and frankholden@nhs.net
Please register your interest early as places will be limited.
Course Organiser – Dr Raj Nandi, Consultant Audiovestibular Physician.
Email – rajnandi@nhs.net
- **'Hearing Aids: The Inside Track' - Tue 20 - Thu 22 June 2017. NEW VENUE: Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh**
<http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/hearing-aids-inside-track1/?eID=696>
This course was set up and run at South Tees Hospitals NHS FT from 2012 to 2015. **The course is now a collaboration between Anne Davies and Queen Margaret University.** The course faculty includes Oticon, PC Werth, Sivantos, GN Resound and Phonak.
Booking deadline: Tuesday 23 May 2017
- **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:**
 - World Hearing Day
 - Hearing Aid Rationing
 - NDCS NHS Audiology Standards

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