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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:

- **Conference Update** – Please remember to take advantage of the reduced conference fee by registering before the **2nd October**. The programme entitled '**People in Audiology**' is available to view online and this year we are pleased to confirm that the programme has been awarded 9 CPD points from BAA and 11 CPD points from BSHAA. To find out more and to register visit www.baaudiology.org/conference
- **BAA CEO Post** - The recruitment advertisement for the BAA CEO post will be live this week. **Closing date is 24th August 2016**. The post will be advertised in the national press but is available on the BAA Vacancies page here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/#.V6QOUmWNTzI>
- **BAA Regional Groups** - The Regional Group Organisers for BAA met in Nottingham recently. The plans for 2017 dates are well underway in each area and they look forward to members and non-members input into agendas and the events themselves. There will be more detail available in the Autumn BAA Magazine.

Other News:

- **University Hospitals of North Midlands has decided not to continue its bid to provide a hearing aid assessment and aftercare service.** This decision has been made by the trust that does not feel able to compete with other AQP services at the tariff being offered. Staff and patients of the department are being informed. Other services provided by the audiology department continue in full. This decision limits patient choice in the area further and is a disappointing step for the staff and patients in the area. Their full statement is here: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/news/pages/Hearing-aid-assessment-and-aftercare-service.aspx>
- **Accessible Information Standard Update Summer 2016** - As you may be aware, all organisations that provide NHS care and / or adult social care are required to follow the Accessible Information Standard in full from 31st July 2016 onwards. Further information and e-learning modules on the standard are at www.england.nhs.uk/accessibleinfo – in a range of formats.
- **NICE Consultation is now open on the draft falls prevention quality standard.** We are pleased to announce that the draft falls prevention quality standard is now available on the NICE website for consultation. The consultation period finishes at **5pm on 25th August 2016**. The details of this consultation can be found by following this link: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/GID-QS10011/consultation/html-content-2>
- **Nice Consultation is now open on Transition from children's to adults' services.** Closing date for comments on this standard is **22nd August 2016** and the details can be found by following this link:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-gs10012/consultation/html-content-2>

- **Scottish Health Awards** - NHS Scotland is committed to delivering the highest quality healthcare services to the people of Scotland and we are looking to give recognition to those who work in and with NHS Scotland, especially staff who do an exceptional job and who are prepared to go that extra mile to deliver these services. Nominations are accepted in 16 categories until **1st September 2016**. Details are at http://www.7daysscotland.co.uk/sites/events/a_health_awards/
- **IQIPS Census report** - The results from the April 2016 IQIPS Census are now available on the IQIPS website. There is no need to log in to view them as the link is in the Quick Links menu on the website main page: <https://www.iqips.org.uk/Default.aspx>
- **IQIPS training** - IQIPS have linked some resource documents on the member's Home Page that members might find useful. These are key messages from an accredited audiology service, and an independent report on the challenges and benefits of achieving IQIPS accreditation from the National Deaf Children's Society. The next IQIPS Quality Improvement Training Day will be held on **Thursday 15 September at the RCP in London**. Services who are in the early stages of their IQIPS journey or who have been finding it a little hard to progress will find this day useful. To register one delegate per service please log in to the IQIPS website and click the 'Training Days' link at the top of the screen.

Job Adverts:

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

Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **Adult Deafness 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 Kartuizer Center, Brussels**. More details at: <http://www.earfoundation.org.uk/education/articles/831>
- **Ear Foundation Wednesday 12 October 2016** - Spend to Save: Increasing access to hearing technologies for adults to be held at Central Hall Westminster, London. This conference brings together the latest evidence to show that investing in hearing technologies, including cochlear implants, improves lives and saves money for the NHS. More details are available on the Ear Foundation website at: <http://www.earfoundation.org.uk/education/articles/83>
- **Audiology Planet - Paediatric Assessment in Audiology Clinics: 13th October to 14th October 2016 in London, UK** - CONFIRMED SPEAKERS: **Dr Josephine Marriage, Ph.D.**; **Dr Jay Jindal Au.D.** CONTACT INFORMATION: E: info@audiologyplanet.com P: 0330 2233 453 **BOOKING FORM AND DETAILS:** <http://goo.gl/YYbCRM> ****This course has been granted 14 CPD points by BAA and 12 CPD points by BSHAA**** This is a beginner to intermediate level paediatric assessment course for audiologists who are planning to do hearing assessment on children under 5 years of age. Course will cover topics in physiological and behavioural assessment (including VRA) with theory and practical workshop via video demonstration. **For more information, please visit:** <http://www.audiologyplanet.com/training-and-education/> **Early bird registration ends on 26.08.2016**. Please note seats are limited and are only available on first come first serve basis.
- **Paediatric Assessment: A Refresher Course - Tue 1st - Thu 3rd November 2016**
NEW VENUE: Phonak UK Ltd, Sonova House, Warrington
<http://www.phonakacademy.com/event/paediatric-assessment-a-refresher-course/>
This is an introductory course to Paediatric Assessment (Behavioural Testing). The course is for Audiologists who are beginning to work in Paediatric Testing, or those who would like an update on current test protocols. The course was set up and run by South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, from 2009 to 2015. The course is now a collaboration between Anne Davies and the Phonak

Academy, with a new speaker team. The faculty includes Greg Nassar, George Parry, Kath Lewis, Kath Woolley and Georgie Hill.

Course Flyer:

<http://www.phonakacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/FLYER-Paediatric-Course-Nov-2016.pdf>

Course Programme:

<http://www.phonakacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/PROGRAMME-Paediatric-Course-Nov-20161.pdf>

- **BAA Trent Regional Study Day 27th September 2016** - This FREE study day has been awarded 5 CPD points by the British Academy of Audiology. Programme highlights include Supportive Leadership: Dr Tony Zarola: How to be a change agent: Kate Pound. To secure a place at this free event please visit www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-trent-regional-study-day
- **Upcoming BSA Events - Joint Complex Adults and Complex Paediatric Learning Event with the BSA AGM** Monday 5th September 2016 Hugh Aston Building, De Montfort University, Richmond Street, Leicester, LE2 7ED
Paediatric Audiology Interest Group: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/paediatric-audiology-interest-group-not-just-little-ears/>
Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/adult-rehabilitation-interest-group-complex-matters-going-beyond-routine/>. There will also be a poster competition with prizes awarded on the day for the best innovation and the idea most likely to change your clinical practice. For more information visit: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/adult-rehab-competition-team-going-win/>
The BSA Annual General Meeting will also run that day and there will be more information on this to follow.

British Society of Audiology Balance Interest Group Conference Friday 16 September 2016

Ear Institute, Gray's Inn Road, London

For more information and to register please visit: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/british-society-audiology-balance-interest-group-conference/>

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

Social Media:

- **Facebook** - The second BAA Conference blog about travel around Glasgow with timings and cost saving tips is now live at: <https://baaconference.wordpress.com/inandaroundglasgow/>
A new set of headphones aimed at those with single sided deafness is discussed on the Facebook Group

Group members have been asking for advice on Risk Assessments for bench drills, the VRA discharge summary report, a theory about SNHL and altitude effects, distraction tests and some links to research papers.

- **Twitter** - Following the sad death of Dr Kate Granger her legacy and hashtag have been promoted on Twitter. Dr Granger was the driving force behind the [#hellomynameis](http://www.hellomynameis.org.uk) campaign you can read more about it at: www.hellomynameis.org.uk
Kate decided to start a campaign, primarily using social media initially, to encourage and remind healthcare staff about the importance of introductions in healthcare.

[@grahamsutton](#) has been sharing information on recent research published on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and OAES

[@CSOSue](#) is the account of NHS England Chief Scientific Officer Sue Hill, who has been tweeting about Healthcare Science being at the heart of the NHS

[@ALLIANCEscot](#) has been tweeting about Scottish Healthcare awards open until 1st September for nominations.

Accounts to follow

[@BSA_BIG](#) for balance information

[@C2HearOnline](#) online videos that improve success with hearing aids

[@FitzMP](#) the account of Jim Fitzpartick MP who is chair of the All Party Parliamentary Hearing Loss and Deafness Group

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